



## **2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATION**

Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 15, 2022  
Parade Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

**Name of Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

There will be an award presented for the most unique Christmas Carol featured in an entry. Please list the Christmas Carol you will be featuring here \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of entry** (*please check one*):

- Float (size \_\_\_\_\_)     Vehicle (type \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Band                       Animal                       Walking Unit

### **Judging Info:**

If you would like your entry to be eligible for judging, please select the appropriate category below. Judging will begin promptly at 6pm. All entries being judged **MUST** be in place no later than 5:45pm. All entries not being judged **MUST** be in place no later than 6:30pm.

**Categories** (*please select one*)

- Small Business (businesses with 20 employees or less)  
 Medium Business (businesses with 21-50 employees)  
 Large Business (businesses with 51+ employees)  
 Non-Profit/Civic Organizations (non-profit/charitable organizations, clubs, civic groups)  
 Education (daycares/childcares, public/private schools, colleges/universities, school-funded programs)  
 Religious (churches, religious organizations)

### **The following awards will be presented:**

Overall Christmas Spirit Award, Runner-Up Christmas Spirit Award  
Most Unique Christmas Carol Selection Award  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awards for each of the above categories

If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (229) 377-3663.

## **2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE GUIDELINES**

**Please read carefully and distribute to each participant/parent in your group!**

- \* The parade will begin at the Chamber of Commerce, continue down Broad Street, and end at First United Methodist Church.
- \* All units **MUST** be decorated in the parade theme – **Merry Melodies of Christmas**. Entries may be historical, humorous, religious, or modern in design, as long as they are in good taste. Remember – a large part of the audience will be children.
- \* **NO SANTA IMPERSONATORS ARE ALLOWED!** Santa will be escorted in by the Cairo Fire Department.
- \* Parade entries must be lit and fully decorated for Christmas. This is a nighttime Christmas parade. You will need to be sure there is adequate lighting for your entry. Any entry not lit or decorated will be removed from the parade. No exceptions. Please note that only a limited number of vehicles will be accepted.
- \* For the safety of all, **NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN FROM A MOVING ENTRY!** This includes candy, flyers, literature, food, etc.
- \* Judges will evaluate the entry's interpretation of the parade theme. **All entries being judged must be in place no later than 5:45pm**. Judging will begin promptly at 6pm.
- \* Entries not being judged must be lined up by 6:30pm.
- \* **No hot-rodding or wheelies will be allowed during the parade.** This will be strictly enforced to ensure the safety of all spectators.
- \* All motorized vehicles, except for antique vehicles, must be decorated in the holiday spirit and support the parade theme.
- \* All units **MUST** display the name/sponsor of their entry.
- \* All groups using animals of any type in the parade are required to have a clean-up crew following the unit. Participants will be responsible for cleaning up after their animals in the staging and disembarked areas.
- \* Currently serving elected officials may be invited to ride in the parade. They may not campaign for re-election, nor may they display any electioneering materials in the parade.
- \* Parade information (entry number, staging instructions & official times) will be emailed to the email address noted on the parade application prior to the parade. All entries **MUST** have a completed parade package on file at the Chamber of Commerce.
- \* The parade will move at a walking pace. **No stopping during the parade.** Any entry having difficulty should move out of the parade route. The Chamber of Commerce is NOT responsible for children getting on or off floats. Please make sure arrangements are made for children to be picked up by a responsible adult at the end of the parade.
- \* The parade will end at First United Methodist Church. Please remember to pull as far away from Broad Street as possible to disassemble.

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**2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

**Please read carefully and distribute to each participant/parent in your group!**

**Name of Organization**\_\_\_\_\_

**GUIDELINES AGREEMENT**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Guidelines associated with being a parade entry for the 2022 Cairo Christmas Parade and have thereby informed all entry participants of the guidelines. I agree that all participants in the entry will adhere to these guidelines. I understand that the designated Parade Marshals have the authority to seek the removal of any person or units from the parade if these guidelines are being violated. Police, Security, Parade Chairperson, and/or the Parade Coordinator will be contacted immediately should this circumstance occur.

**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

On behalf of the above-named organization, I hereby waive and refuse all rights and claims for damages against the Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce, its' sponsors, agents, officers, and members. I have read and understand all guidelines set forth by the Parade Coordinator and have retained a copy for my records. I further acknowledge that failure to abide by these rules could result in my inability to participate in the parade. I understand that the Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cairo are not responsible for the loss or damage of property, as well as injuries sustained to any parade participant. Additionally, I voluntarily consent to use of all participant photographs, names, images, and likeness (recordings), waive and release the Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce from all claims, causes, damages, liabilities and/or actions arising from and/or relating to provided said use shall be for non-commercial purposes in connection with advertising, administrative, programmatic, and promotional activities, and materials.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant Authorized Individual)

Authorized Individual's Printed Name\_\_\_\_\_

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**2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTICIPANT COMMENTARY**

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**Name of Organization**\_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM COMMENTARY**

Please give a brief description of your parade entry for use by the announcer and/or television commentator. Please limit your commentary to describe your merits, accomplishments, etc. Please note this commentary will be limited to 15-20 seconds. Therefore, if necessary, the information will be edited by the Parade Coordinator.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Participant Authorized Individual)

Authorized Individual's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Christmas Carol Ideas

1. All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth
2. Angels From the Realms of Glory
3. Angels We Have Heard On High
4. Away in a Manger
5. Candlelight Carol
6. Carol of the Bells
7. Children, Go Where I Send Thee
8. Come All Ye Faithful
9. Come on, ring those bells
10. Come, O Come Emmanuel
11. Coventry Carol
12. Deck the Halls
13. Ding dong merrily on high
14. Ding Dong! Merrily on High
15. Do You Hear What I Hear?
16. Frosty the Snowman
17. Gabriel's Message
18. Gaudete
19. Go Tell It On The Mountain
20. God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
21. Good King Wenceslas
22. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
23. Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
24. Holy Night
25. I saw three ships come sailing in
26. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
27. In Dulci Jubilo
28. In the Bleak Mid-Winter
29. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
30. Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
31. Jingle Bell Rock
32. Jingle Bells
33. Jolly old St. Nicholas, Lean your ear this way!
34. Joy to the World
35. Let It Snow!
36. Little Drummer Boy
37. O Christmas Tree
38. O Little Town of Bethlehem
39. Once in Royal David's City
40. Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
41. Santa Claus is coming to town
42. See Amid the Winter's Snow
43. Shepherd's Pipe Carol
44. Silent Night
45. Silver bells, silver bells
46. Sussex Carol
47. The 12 Days of Christmas
48. The First Noel
49. The First Nowell
50. The Holly and the Ivy
51. The holly and the ivy
52. The Three Kings
53. We Three Kings Of Orient Are
54. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
55. What Sweeter Music