



2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATION

Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 17, 2023
Parade Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

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 5:45pm. All entries being judged **MUST** be in place no later than 5:30pm. 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
1st & 2nd Place Awards for each of the above categories

If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (299) 377-3663.

2023 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 – **Santa’s Workshop**. 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 5:30pm.** Judging will begin promptly at 5:45pm.
- * 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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2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

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GUIDELINES AGREEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Guidelines associated with being a parade entry for the 2023 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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2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTICIPANT COMMENTARY

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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.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Participant/Authorized Individual)

Authorized Individual's Printed Name _____

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