



81st Annual Christmas Parade Registration Forms

“A CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES”

December 9, 2023 🎄 6 PM 🎄 Downtown San Benito, Sam Houston Blvd.

Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Length of Float (If Applicable): _____ Sponsored By: _____

Type of Entry (Check One) & Registration Fees

_____ Marching Band	\$50	_____ Horse Club	\$50
		MUST PROVIDE NEGATIVE EIA TEST & CLEAN UP CREW	
		(*Limit: 10 Horses)	
_____ Float/Flatbed/Train/Golf Cart	\$50	_____ Car/Truck/Motorcycle Club (*Limit: 4/club)	\$50
(Limit 10 carts)		_____ Dance Group	\$50
_____ Car/Truck/Van (1 Vehicle)	\$50	_____ Cheer Group	\$50
_____ Walking Group	\$50	*Additional vehicles/horses: \$15 each	

Select one of the following categories: **Non-Profit Organization** **Religious** **Local Business**
Corporate Organization **School** **Club/Group**

Do you want your entry to be judged? Yes No

All entries are encouraged to decorate in accordance with the theme.

Judging will be based on utilization/interpretation of the designated theme, originality, creativity, materials used, lighting enhancement and animation/mechanical displays. Awards presentation will be at a City Commission meeting. Location and date to be determined.

Schools will be awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall.

Additionally, there will be one overall winner in the following categories:

- Non-Profit Organization
- Religious Organization
- Local Business
- Corporate Organization
- Club/Group

Description of your entry: This information will be provided to the judges for evaluation of your entry, and will be read by the Parade announcer as you appear at the judging platform. _____

Will you use trailer? Yes No What type of trailer? _____

Make checks/money orders payable to: CITY OF SAN BENITO/CHRISTMAS PARADE

Submit applications in-person with payment (Cash/Credit Card/Check) to: Parks & Recreation Dept.,
705 N. Bowie St. San Benito, TX 78586 by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023

***\$30 fee will be assessed on any returned checks (payable in cash only)**



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Rules & Regulations

RULES GOVERNING PARADE ENTRIES: NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED

- Entry forms must be turned into the San Benito Parks and Recreation, 705 N. Bowie St., San Benito, TX 78586, no later than 4:00pm, Wednesday, November 29, 2023. **Please note that offices will be closed Nov. 23 - 24**
- No entry can include a Santa Claus likeness, due to the “Official Santa” arriving at the closing of the Christmas Parade.
- **No objects, including candy or toys, can be thrown from vehicles or from anyone in a walking dance/cheer group.**
- Handing out candy or objects to the crowd is permitted by walkers only; however, two walkers must always accompany floats, one on each side of the street.
- **Performances are limited to 30 seconds.** No group or individual will be allowed to stop to perform outside of judging area.
- All Participants riding on floats **MUST REMAIN ON THE FLOAT** for the entire parade route. Everyone is required to stay on the float until the end is reached and the float or car/truck has come to a complete stop.
- Numbers will be distributed Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, from 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the San Benito Parks and Recreation, 705 N. Bowie St.
- **Parade line-up begins at 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 9, 2023.** Participants are required to be in line according to their assigned number by 5:00 p.m. Failure to do so will cause you to forfeit your number and your entry to be placed at the end of the parade.
- For all vehicles: Assigned numbers must be placed inside the drivers’ window, facing the Judges’ Platform (to be located near Capital One Bank Drive-Thru Windows).
- For walking/marching/dance/cheer/horse groups: The number issued must be held by or affixed to a person on left side of the group, facing the judging stand.
- Failure to have your number on your Parade entry will be cause for disqualification and/or elimination
- For floats: Name of sponsor or organization needs to be on each side of float.
- For horse groups: Equine that participate must provide current proof of negative EIA test within the last 12 months.
- Judging will be in front of the Judges’ Platform on the night of the parade. Decisions of the Judging Officials are final.
- Walking entries must walk at a marching pace. If a child is not able to walk long distances, for their own safety, he/she should not be in the group.
- If an entrant is approached by a parade official with specific instructions, the entrant must follow said instructions or be disqualified from participation in the parade the coming year.
- Electioneering will be prohibited for all entries.
- No loud noise such as, auto horns, trailer horns, air horn...etc.
- Note to Car and Motorcycle clubs: No stunts, no burning tires, no revving of engine. Violation will result in being removed from the parade. No exceptions. No second chances.
- No indecent/offensive language, attire or visible decorations allowed in Parade.
- Drivers must have a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance at the time of the application.
Parade officials have the right to disqualify & remove any entry from the Parade for improper behavior, indecent/offensive language, attire or visible decorations as so determined by the City of San Benito.



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WAIVER & RELEASE OF CLAIMS

(Must be signed by all entrants)

This Waiver and Release of Claims executed on _____, 2023 by _____ Participant, Releases the City of San Benito, and their agents, from any and all claims arising from participation in the Event known as the San Benito Christmas Parade (or Event).

In consideration for the right to participate in the Event, Participant hereby waives, Releases and discharges any and all claims for injuries to person, including death, or damage to property that Participant may incur as a result of participation in the Event. The City of San Benito, and any other promoters, sponsors, clubs, officials or any other municipality and other public entity and their respective agents and employees (“others”) associated with the Event, from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way to the Event, even if any liability may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the released parties.

Participant understands and acknowledges that injuries can occur during these activities. Knowing such risks, Participant hereby assumes any and all risks and holds harmless from liability the City of San Benito and their agents.

Participant hereby grants full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of the Events.

Participant further agrees to abide by all instructions given by The City of San Benito coordinators, officials, Police Officers or Event personnel, and by all written rules and regulations provided with the application. Judges’ decisions are final.

Participant expressly agrees that all persons signing this form must be 21 years of age or older.

Parent or Guardian of a minor participating in Event

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____