

The 27th Annual Christmas Parade of the Ozarks Rules






"Winter Wonderland"

Saturday, November 25th at 6:00 pm

Parade Information & Rules

The 27th Annual Christmas Parade of the Ozarks, "Christmas on Emma Avenue," will be held on Saturday, November 25th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The parade will begin at Parsons Stadium and will conclude at Harris Street where the parade route will turn right (North) and disperse along Johnson Street. If you have any questions, please call the office at 479-756-0464.

Entry Preparation

-  All vetted entries will be given a number to display on the passenger's side.
-  There is only ONE Santa, and he is presented by last year's winning entry at the end of the parade. If the winner from the previous year does not provide a Santa, Rodeo staff will appoint one.
-  An entry may not include any flags, insignia, banners, images, or content that includes profanity, lewdness, illegal drugs, violence, obscenity, hate, racism, or that is vulgar or sexually explicit, insulting or offensive to any ethnic, religious, political or other identifiable group or individual, or that may incite violence or other disruptive behaviors not conducive to the celebratory theme as determined by Rodeo of the Ozarks Personnel.
-  Please try to incorporate the theme into your float/entry design
-  No floats over 14 feet tall


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 **All entries must have lights!**

 No performances which halt the parade's movement will be allowed. Walking units must be able to sustain the parade's tempo.


Judging/Line Up/Parade

 All entries must be on the grounds by 4:45 pm. This will allow enough time to get entries lined up in an orderly fashion and allow the parade to begin on time. The parade leaves the Rodeo grounds at 6:00 pm. A representative of your group, business or organization will need to come into the office the day of the parade to get your parade number if you plan to be judged.


 All floats will enter the grounds from the South entrance on Highway 265 and will form 3 lines in front of the office to depart from the Emma Street entrance.

 Car clubs will stage on the Rodeo Grounds (Please call the office at 479-756-0464). Children may be dropped off at the Rodeo Grounds entering from the Parking Lot Entrance on Highway 265. Do not enter the Main Entrance on Emma Street.

Judging


 Judging will take place during the parade route. Your float will need to be set up and ready by the start of the parade if you plan to be judged. There are no exceptions. Winners will be notified the next week following the parade.

 **Vehicles in the staging area may not be left unattended at any time!** An adult must be with the vehicle in the staging area in the event the vehicle must be moved.


 **ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING OF CANDY OR ANY OBJECTS!** This will not be tolerated, and your float or entry will be pulled from the parade. You can, however, have people walking beside your entry handing out wrapped candy to parade spectators viewing from the curb, but they will need to wear masks and gloves to be compliant with current health guidelines. All items that are passed out must be approved by Rodeo Personnel.

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 A distance of 2-3 car lengths should be maintained between parade units at all times. Vehicles should travel at approximately 2 miles per hour (walking speed). The adult in charge of the unit is responsible for keeping the unit moving along the parade route. No entry may stop the parade for performances of any kind-forward motion must be maintained.

 Open flames, such as campfires, are strictly prohibited.

 Please note Emma Avenue will be closed to all traffic beginning at 5:45.

 Equestrian Units-you cannot ride your horses back to the grounds. You need to stage your horse trailers along Johnson Street. **MUST HAVE PROOF OF NEGATIVE UTD (COGGINS).**

 If weather becomes a factor, we will make announcements on the radio and answering machine here at the stadium.

 Restroom facilities will be available