

**2025 BAKER COUNTY
CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Theme: Lanterns on the Oregon Trail

December 6, 2025

5:00 p.m

All entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations or be barred from the parade. The Baker County Chamber & Visitor Center reserve the right to remove from the parade, either prior to assembly, at assembly, or at any time during the parade, any entrant who is not conforming to the rules and regulations, is not safe, out of control and endangers other entries or the public, or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials. The following is a list of general rules and regulations.

1. Entries may be historical, modern, or humorous, and uniquely decorated in design, as long as it is in good taste. Those planning entries need to remember a large part of the audience is children.
2. All lighting materials and decorative supplies must be flame or fireproof. Flammable lighting and fixtures will not be permitted (i.e. gasoline, kerosene, or open flame lighting).
3. Nothing may be handed or thrown out in the line-up zone but may be handed out along the parade route.
4. Horse entries will be allowed in this parade. Dog entries will also be allowed in this parade, but entrants must strictly adhere to the Baker City leash law. Otherwise, no livestock, domestic animals, birds, or reptiles, are acceptable as entries without written approval of the Chamber of Commerce. Equestrian units are encouraged to provide "pollution control" crews to clean up behind their entries during the parade – pooper scoopers can wear a costume, make a float, be silly - HAVE FUN!
All equestrian units are required to clean up their parking area after the parade, especially the ones using private parking lots. Let's be a good neighbor – YOU PACK IT IN - YOU PACK IT OUT!
5. Use of any political sign, social or political material, or improper use of the American flag is not permitted. "Proper use" of the flag is based upon U.S. Flag policy set forth in the U.S. Code. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce office.
6. Parade entries must follow the directions of parade officials. Parade participants **must keep pace** with the line of the march.
7. The Baker County Chamber & Visitor Center does NOT provide personal insurance for parade participants. We encourage all entries to check with their insurance agent to ensure they are covered while in the parade.
8. Participants must take and keep places assigned to them in the formation of the parade, while en route, and to its official termination.
9. All parade participants may disband at any point beyond the intersection of Auburn and First.

BAKER CITY, OREGON

SECTION 24, ORDINANCE #2404

No candy or objects will be thrown from a moving vehicle during the parade. No air gun or weapon which acts by force of gunpowder or other explosive, or by the use of jet rocket propulsion shall be fired or discharged within the city during this parade.

Check in Time: 3:45 p.m.

Parade Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

Check in Location: Intersection of First St. and Madison St.

FLOAT REQUIREMENTS

Each float must be of sound construction.

The basic dimensions for floats are as follows and will be strictly enforced for maneuvering purposes:

Maximum height: 14 feet

Maximum length: 60 feet

Maximum width: 15 feet

A float can be self-propelled, a towed trailer or flatbed truck and must be decorated.

Floats are required to have the following for safety purposes:

- for self-propelled floats, towing hitches in front and rear, easily accessible and of sufficient strength to tow the float at any time;
- a rapid escape exit for the driver in case of emergency, other than through the top of the float;
- float operator must have a valid driver's license, and be a competent operator; good brakes on the float;
- all floats must be designed to provide full, clear vision for the driver.

To ensure the safety of participants, riders should be seated or stand grasping a securely fastened object.

Please include a description of your float with the entry form. Parade day entries must conform to the submitted description.

JUDGING CRITERIA AND DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS Floats are judged on theme execution, originality, character/costume, design and construction.

Float awards available:

Grand Prize- design & construction

Runner-Up- design & construction

ENTRY FEE: \$25

**2025 BAKER COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY
FORM THEME: Lanterns on the Oregon Trail**

Name of Float					
Business Name					
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Contact Person		E-Mail			
Phone		Fax			
No. of People		Length of Entry			

Description of Entry (as you would like it announced during parade). Complete below or provide separate attachment.

Category of Entry (Mark Only One)

Float		Emergency Vehicle	
Band		Marching Unit	
Military		Equestrian:	

My organization/business intends to enter the 2025 Baker County Christmas Parade sponsored by the Baker County Chamber & Visitor Center. We have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them. We do hereby release the Baker County Chamber & Visitor Center, the City of Baker City, the County of Baker and/or any and all sponsors of this event, their successors, representatives and assignees of any injury or damages while participating in the 2024 Baker County Christmas Parade.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Please return registration, with \$25 entry fee to Baker County Chamber & Visitor Center, 490 Campbell Street, Baker City, OR 97814

Check enclosed _____ VISA/Master Card # _____ Expiration _____

Credit card signature _____

For questions, you may contact: Baker County Chamber & Visitor Center 541- 523-5855

2025 Baker City Christmas Parade

Parent/Guardian Release for minor children I give permission for my minor child/children to participate in the 2025 Baker City Christmas Parade. I will not hold Baker County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau for any injuries or liabilities.

Name of Child/Children _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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