2026 Annual Chico Parade of Lights
Celebrating our Community in the Spirit of Christmas!

Saturday, December 5, 6pm

Entry deadline is Tuesday, Nov 24, 2026

There is an additional $25 late fee for entries submitted or postmarked after November 24, 2026.

The 2026 33rd annual Chico Parade of Lights theme "Celebrating Our Community in the Spirit of Christmas!" invites you to celebrate everything great about our community and the Christmas season! Entries can highlight people, places, events, and anything else that we love about the holiday season.

Please mail or bring your application, signed waiver, and rules page with your fee to: Chico Parade of Lights, c/o Azads Martial Arts Center, 313 Walnut St. #150, Chico CA 95928.

IMPORTANT: **Each entry from EVERY category (including vehicles, equestrian, pedestrians, etc) MUST ASSIGN a banner person to WALK in front of their entry, holding a banner or sign with their number attached (you provide the sign/banner, we provide the 8.5x11 number). This will help regulate the pace of the parade, and allow our judges to easily identify your entry. Failure to do so will disqualify your entry.**

Name of Your Organization___ __Entry Fee $

Category (*see last page): Parade Categories*

Contact Person_____

Mailing Address_____

City___ State__ Zip__

Telephone: Daytime ____ vening___ ell_____

E-Mail _____

How does your entry fit in with this year's theme (Celebrating Our Town)?_____

Entry has sound: N___ Ye___ Please note details below (live or recorded music, horns, etc):

Will you be handing out objects on the parade route? No ___ Ye___ (spec:_____)
(Please note: NO CANDY is allowed, and you may NOT throw anything to the spectators!)

Special considerations regarding your placement in the parade lineup (please note that there are only a few "first" positions, so please understand that only very special considerations are given to these spots):

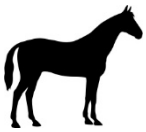
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Please circle the type of entry below (one vehicle per entry except car clubs):


Pedestrian


Bicycle(s)

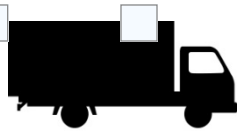

Equestrian


Car or car club


Pickup truck


Flatbed truck


Pickup truck and trailer


Truck w/Cargo


Bus

Other (please describe):_____

Approximate length of entry (in feet) _____ Approx height:_____

Please note: only one vehicle per entry except horses, bikes and car clubs.

Large vehicles & large trucks please note: The city of Chico extended some of the sidewalks to accommodate outside dining for various restaurants. Some of the intersections are now a bit narrower near the corners. Concerns are for the larger truck type vehicles with trailers making right turns. **Please review these intersections prior to bringing large vehicles** to ensure your entry can negotiate the right turns on the parade route without difficulty**. Turns of concern begin with the right turn from 3rd onto Main St., Main St. onto 6th St, and 6th St onto Broadway.**

Required: Type or print neatly below the information you would like the parade announcer to read to the parade audience. Your copy will be edited to fit in the time allotted for the announcers. You may add an additional page if necessary. ***150 words max.***

Examples*: name of driver(s), name of banner person(s), officer(s), or other significant personnel, description of entry, background information, names of riders and characters they portray, decoration, etc.*

Waiver:

In consideration of accepting my/our voluntary participation in the 2025 Chico Parade of Lights, I/we do so at my/our own risk and I/we, the undersigned intend to be legally bound for myself/ourselves, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release and discharge Chico Parade of Lights, their officers, the parade committee and/or Board of Directors, and any sponsors of this parade for any and all liability arising out of any injury of any kind that may be sustained by my/our participation in this parade or traveling to and from this parade. ***Alcohol and/or drug use by any parade participant will not be tolerated.***

Contact Person_____ _____ _____

Signature required Date

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Separate entry forms must be completed for each entry. **Entry fees must accompany application.** *Entries will be limited to the first 60 paid entries.*

Make Checks payable to: Bright Futures for Kids Foundation
Fees are non-refundable after acceptance of entry.
Mail to: Chico Parade of Lights, c/o 313 Walnut St. #150, Chico, CA 95928
For questions about your entry, contact sekrug57@gmail.com.

For more information about the parade, contact Susan Krug 530-588-2558, or find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/chicoparadeoflights.

RULES

Failure to comply with the following rules may result in disqualification and/or ejection from the parade.

1. **Parade check-in will be at 3rd and Salem starting at 4:30 pm and no later than 5:15pm.**
2. Business/Organization/Group names must be large and visible on the entry banner so our judges can score the correct entries.
3. ****Each entry from EVERY category (including vehicles, equestrians, pedestrians, etc) MUST ASSIGN a banner person to WALK in front of their entry, holding a banner or sign with their number attached (you provide the sign/banner, we provide the 8.5x11 number). This will help regulate the pace of the parade, and allow our judges to easily identify your entry. Failure to do so will disqualify your entry.****
4. **One vehicle** allowed per entry, except for bikes, equestrian, or car clubs. Please limit width to one lane wide to keep safe distance from spectators.
5. Vehicle height limited to 14' due to trees and power lines. It is your responsibility to make sure your entry clears trees and the hanging lights on the parade route PRIOR to the parade.
6. **No objects may be thrown from your entry along the parade route, but members of your entry may walk along the sidelines and distribute handouts.**
   NO CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS WITH WRAPPERS.
7. Chico Parade of Lights reserves the right to reject any entry considered unsafe or in poor taste. All participants must be appropriately attired and appropriate language used in the floats.
8. Any person or group may enter the parade subject to limit of space and must be approved by the Chico Parade of Lights Committee.
9. No alcohol consumption or drug use is allowed at any time.
10. Judging will be stationed at various points along the parade route. The entire parade route will be your performance area. Entries must keep moving during the parade to prevent back-ups and uneven spacing of the entries along the route. All entries must keep a forward motion at all times. No stopping to entertain.
11. Entry fees must be submitted with the entry form. Entries received or postmarked after Tuesday, November 24, 2026 will have an **additional $25 late fee** and will be placed at the end of the parade line-up. Send or bring all applications to Chico Parade of Lights, 313 Walnut St. #150, Chico, CA 95928.
12. Final instructions will be sent via email to each entry.
13. All floats must be made of fireproof materials. All fire safety rules must be followed and will be made available to applicants. If fireproofing is needed, it is the responsibility of the applicant.
14. **Every float must carry a working water-based fire extinguisher.**
15. Due to intense glare, all headlights must be covered with colored cellophane.
16. Chico Parade of Lights (CPoL) reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken at the parade or pre-parade events, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video. CPoL may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by CPol including but not limited to brochures, websites, newspapers, magazines, television, social media, etc.

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17. First place will be awarded for each **category** (see page 4 for categories), and for each of the following: **appearance**, **theme**, **lights, and best overall**.

I have read these rules and agree to abide by them.

_____ _____

Signature Date

PARADE CATEGORIES & FEES

1. Youth and K-12 Schools:	
Float	$49
Equestrian	$49
Vehicles	$49
Pedestrians	$49
2. College/University	
Float	$49
Equestrian	$49
Vehicles	$49
Pedestrians	$49
3. Community & Non-Profit Orgs	
Float	$49
Equestrian	$49
Vehicles	$49
Pedestrians	$49
Car Clubs *(10 max, $5 per addtn'l car)*	$49
Food Trucks	$49
4. Active Military	
Float	$49
Equestrian	$49
Vehicles	$49
Pedestrians	$49
5. Commercial	
Float	$49
Equestrian	$49
Vehicles	$49
Pedestrians	$49
6. Political	
Float	$49
Equestrian	$49
Vehicles	$49
Pedestrians	$49

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Entries will be judged within the category they are entered, and for each of the following: appearance, theme, and lights. Winners receive a certificate, and recognition on Social Media.

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All entries must have lights!

SUBMIT YOUR PARADE APPLICATION

Complete all fields on the preceding pages, including typed signatures. Save a copy for your records. Click the button below to attempt email submission in a compatible PDF reader (Adobe Acrobat recommended).

SUBMIT APPLICATION

If your PDF reader does not support submission, save the completed PDF and attach it manually to an email addressed to susan_buddy@att.net. Entry fees must be paid separately according to the application instructions.