



San Benito Special Events Board & City of San Benito Presents:

# 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade

December 8, 2018 6PM-8PM

Downtown San Benito, Sam Houston Blvd.

This Year's Theme:

## “Totally Christmas”

**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.,  
143 S. Reagan St. San Benito, TX 78586 by 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 30, 2018

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (check one) and Registration Fees

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|--|------|--|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band                 | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Clubs (4 per club)    | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty Float/Flatbed/Train   | \$50 | each additional car                                | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Float/Flatbed/Train | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group Limited to: | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car/Truck/Van (1 Car)         | \$50 | School district groups                             |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Club/10 horses          | \$50 | Non-profit groups                                  |      |
| each additional horse per group                        | \$15 | National organizations                             |      |

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 located at the Municipal Building Meeting Hall, 401 N. Sam Houston, date is to be announced.

Do you want your entry to be judged?  Yes  No

Description of your entry: (Please use back if necessary.) 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?

\_\_\_\_\_

- I have read and understand all Rules for the Christmas Parade.  
 I have read, understand and signed the Waiver Release form presented to me by the San Benito Special Events Board.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade Rules

Floats: Awards in Two Divisions - Religious & Novelty

<u>1st Place</u>	\$300 cash & Plaque
<u>2nd Place</u>	\$200 cash & Plaque
<u>3rd Place</u>	\$100 cash & Plaque

## **RULES GOVERNING PARADE ENTRIES: NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED**

- Entry forms must be turned into the San Benito Parks and Recreation, 143 S. Reagan St, San Benito, TX 78586, no later than 4:00pm, Friday, November 30, 2018. A map with the charted route will be given at that time.
- No entry can include a Santa Claus likeness.
- No objects, including candy or toys, can be thrown from vehicles or anyone in a walking dance/cheer group.
- No group or individual will be allowed to stop to perform during the parade.
- 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. 6, 2018, from 8a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the San Benito Parks and Recreation, 143 S. Reagan St.
- Parade line-up begins at 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2018. 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/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.
- 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 San Benito Special Events Board.**



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**WAIVER & RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

(Must be signed by all entrants)

This Waiver and Release of Claims executed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 by \_\_\_\_\_ Participant, Releases the City of San Benito and the San Benito Special Events Board, 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, the San Benito Special Events Board 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 the San Benito Special Events Board 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 San Benito Special Events Board coordinators, City 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 \_\_\_\_\_