



2026 Holidays in the Vue Parade Rules

Rule #1 - We Have One Official “Santa.” The Parade’s official “Santa” will be at the end of the Parade. No other Santa or Santa-likeness is allowed in the Parade, so to not confuse the children. This means no Santa beards or Santa suits can be worn. Holidays in the Vue reserves the right to provide Santa.

Get Your Entry Approved and Fee Submitted. All Parade entries must submit a Parade Entry Application Form with signed Waiver by Monday, Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. – keep in mind space is limited and we won’t

be able to accept all applications. Therefore, it is important that you provide us with a summary of your entry in the application. Community connection, visual/entertainment value, and holiday spirit will be among the factors considered. Past participation or sponsorship does not guarantee acceptance. Approved Parade entries will be contacted by email acknowledging your approval and a link will be provided to you for Entry Fee payment (if applicable). Payment must be received by the required Participant Orientation Meeting. Failure to meet this deadline will result in forfeiting your acceptance as a parade entrant. Additional participation information shall be given via email, including details about the mandatory Parade Participant Orientation Meeting, prior to the Parade date. No unapproved entries of any type will be allowed in the Parade.

Entry Types, Entry Participant Limits and Adult/Child Ratios. Entry types include a float, vehicle or walking group/performance. The Parade website has suggestions, ideas and resources for your entry. Except for Marching Bands, each entry is limited to a maximum of 30 people and must meet adult/child ratios based on your entry type (float, vehicle, walking group) as outlined below. No children under the age of 5 permitted in the Parade. One entry per school, organization, or company, and schools/PTOs should join as one entry. Vehicle drivers must be 21 years of age and have a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance, with a copy of the license and insurance submitted.

- **Vehicles – Cars/Trucks** – Cars: Children under 12 should sit securely in back seat. Trucks: All riders must be seated in the truck bed. No sitting on the sides/edges. No more than 8 riders in truck bed. Children ages 5-17 must be accompanied by 1 adult for every 10 children.
- **Floats** – All riders must be seated and within one foot from each side of the float. No sitting on the sides, edges, railings of the float, and absolutely no dangling arms or legs over the sides. No more than 15 riders on a float. Children ages 5-17 must be accompanied by 1 adult for every 10 children.
- **Walking Group** – Recommend formation in rows. A minimum of 1 adult per 10 children must accompany the unit during the entire parade route. Marching Bands are exempt from this requirement.

Vehicles Must Meet Standards. Floats must be safely constructed and no wider than 12’ and no taller than 14’. Trailers are required to have solid floors and functioning taillights and be securely attached to the motorized vehicle which pulls it. Entries not meeting the agreed upon standards, as determined by the staging personnel, will be pulled prior to the Parade. No bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, strollers or wagons permitted.

Parade Participant Orientation Meeting Attendance Is MANDATORY. All entries MUST have a representative at one of the Parade Orientation Meetings held at James Lawson High School on Saturday, November 14 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. We will give out entry time and location for the staging area and instructions for the day of the Parade. Participants must be present at the meeting to pick up your entry packet or you will forfeit your registration! Vehicle drivers must provide a copy of a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance. Your entry fee must also be received by this date.

It’s a Winter Holiday Parade – Decoration Required; Music Encouraged. Your entry MUST be consistent and supportive of a winter holidays theme and spirit in all respects. Floats and vehicles MUST have at least 50% surface coverage with seasonal decorations, unless a specialty vehicle (show/antique car, heavy vehicle). Festive and appropriate music is encouraged and creates a festive entry – participants are responsible for providing their own speakers for any music.

Do not display or use any inappropriate or controversial signage, images, language, music or likeness that

detracts from a peaceful, festive, holiday environment for everyone. The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse entry by anyone or anything deemed inappropriate for this Parade.

Showcase Your Entry - All entries should display the name of your business, school or organization (banner, shirts, hat, or signage), so the crowd knows who you are and you get amazing visibility as a participant in the Parade.

Go Big for the Prize! Judging will be during the Parade. Units will be judged as they pass a judges' area, so any performances should be done while walking. No stopping to perform. Awards will be announced on the Parade website by 7 p.m. on the day of the Parade. Award trophies will be given for Best Performance, Most Creative, Most Festive, School Spirit, Judges' Choice, Holidays in the Vue Committee Choice and Best of Show.

PARADE STARTS AT 10 AM. Rain or shine!

Be on Time and Follow Instructions! Follow the Parade instructions you will receive regarding arrival time, location, Parade route, order of march, and Parade release / dispersal area. All entries MUST be in place at their designated staging area no later than 9:15 a.m. Parade participants should be dressed and ready and all vehicles and floats must be completed by 9:30 am sharp on the day of the Parade. Obey the instructions from the Parade Marshals and the Law Enforcement / Security personnel.

Only Approved Parade Vehicles Are Allowed Inside the Staging Area. Vehicles not part of the Parade will not be allowed to enter the Parade Staging Area. This is to keep the congestion to a minimum inside the Staging Area for everyone's safety. NO pre waiting of vehicles in the lineup area – participants should be dropped, proceed to staging area and stay with entry until Parade begins. There will be NO driving up to the float to drop off supplies – please make arrangements to carry them on your float.

Safety Is the #1 Priority. Ensure that all Parade float or vehicle drivers and participants are aware that despite a law enforcement presence, or certain persons directing traffic and pedestrians, this does not negate their responsibility to observe traffic, obey traffic regulations, and be alert for hazards even when law enforcement is present. NO texting, taking photos while driving. Absolutely NO riding on any side, edge, railing of any float or vehicle in the Parade; and absolutely NO dangling arms or legs over the sides. NO children under the age of 5 are permitted as Parade participants, including on floats or walking/marching.

Move with the Parade. Once the Parade starts, keep moving and marching at the pace of the Parade to avoid creating gaps or delays in the line of march. An approximate speed of 3 MPH – comfortable walking speed – throughout the parade to maintain groups and avoid gaps. Please keep approximately 4 car lengths between units. The overall Parade must start and end on time to avoid conflicts with normal vehicular traffic.

Don't Throw Candy; But You May Hand It Out. Throwing or tossing of candy or any other item is NOT allowed due to the risk of a child running to grab the candy and being hit by a vehicle or trailer. Walking participants may hand out candy and other items at the sidewalk only, if this does not cause a safety risk or slow down the Parade's progress.

Generators Must Be a Silent/Low Volume Version to not distract from the Parade and maintain appropriate noise levels.

No Animals. The only animal entries allowed are with First Responders, who must provide diapers or pail & shovel. They are the sole responsibility of the entrant and waste must be disposed of immediately.

No Alcoholic Beverages, Smoking or illegal drugs allowed. This includes while participating in the Parade, in staging / step off area or at the Parade release area.

Props and Devices for Special Effects Are Limited. NO use of antique cannons or firearms, starter pistols, smoke, pyrotechnics, loud noisemakers, or similar devices.

No Leaving Vehicles or Floats Unattended – This Is Strictly Prohibited.

No Street Vendors or Food Sales. Street Vendors and Food Sales are not permitted during this Parade event on Metro / Public property, roads, or sidewalks on or immediately adjacent to the Parade Staging Area or Route.

Holidays in the Vue Parade Is NOT Liable for any injuries, death or property loss, incurred before, during or after the Parade. Participation in the 2026 Holidays in the Vue Parade involves various risks, dangers and hazards, which all Participants (adults and minors) assume by their willing participation. Each participant accepts and fully assumes all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, bodily injury, death, and property loss resulting from participation and all related parade activities and thus indemnify and hold Holidays in the Vue harmless for any liability, claim, loss, or expense (including attorney's fees).

Holidays in the Vue reserves all rights to refuse entry to any parade applicant, at any time, for any reason, and to limit the number of participants in any single entry and/or entry category. General information and rules are subject to change. You will be notified of any changes. Noncompliance with parade rules may restrict current and future participation. Furthermore, the Parade will not be used to represent any specific cause or special interest, no matter how worthy.

No individual or organization has the right to waive any of these established rules and guidelines.

**If you see something suspicious or threatening, tell a nearby
Law Enforcement Officer.**

Call 911 in an emergency.

**For additional questions, please reach out to Holidays in the Vue Parade at
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