

2011 Christmas Parade Entry Form
December 4, 2011
Theme: "Winter Wonderland"

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Group/Organization Name _____

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Please give a complete description of your intended entry and how it complies with the theme "**Winter Wonderland**" Include in your description and the expected number of participants.

I have read the qualifications and restrictions for entry into the Commerce Christmas Parade and agree to abide by those regulations.

Applicant and/or Organization Representative Signature

Deadline for entry is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2011. The Commerce Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to accept or deny all applications.

2011 Commerce Christmas Parade Guidelines and Policies

1. Maximum height of entry – 14 feet; maximum width of entry – 12 feet
2. Amplified sound other than appropriate holiday sounds will **NOT** be permitted
3. Entry should conform in some way to a holiday theme or the parade theme “Winter Wonderland”
4. No objects such as candy, etc. should be thrown or dropped from floats, vehicles or other entries by anyone other than adults
5. **Live Santas may NOT be used, in order to avoid duplication**
6. The use of appropriate holiday music on floats, etc. is encouraged
7. Units should carry or include identification easily readable from both sides to assist the judges. No other signs will be allowed
8. It is recommended that personnel on floats be dressed in a manner appropriate to the theme of the float and parade. All costume must be in keeping with the holiday season
9. All entries must portray a holiday message
10. **All entries are required to be at the staging areas by 2:00 p.m.**
11. “Special characters” entries must be in full costume and there should not be more than one (1) like character. Special characters are, but not limited to, Popeye, Puddles the Duck, McGruff the Crime Dog, Fire Pup, etc.
12. The parade committee will set the marching order of the parade
13. Each float must provide its own locomotion
14. **Units will move at a steady and continuous pace, entries that wish to perform shall contact the DDA office for more information about the performance area**
15. From the time of arrival until the parade is over, every individual associated with the unit will behave in an orderly manner
16. Walking units will be limited to those units whose nature of their performance requires that they march. These units should dress in a similar manner to promote the fact that they are a group.
17. Floats will be judged on the following criteria: originality, workmanship, interpretation of the theme prior to the start of the parade.
18. No individual go-carts, motor bikes, horses, etc. will be allowed. Only groups whose nature of their organization requires such transportation, such as riding groups
19. No sirens, loud horns or other loud noises are to be sounded near performing units
20. Any individual **under 18** that will be operating a motorized vehicle should include a copy of the driver’s license with the application
21. Parking for Walking Groups will be at the Commerce High School campus, parking for Riding Groups will be at Commerce Primary School campus.
22. Information concerning entries will be kept confidential with information provided only to the parade committee
23. All rules must be observed at all times for the safety and enjoyment of all.

The Commerce Christmas Parade Committee will review all applicants and approve or disapprove each according to the regulations explained herein.