



No. \_\_\_\_\_

**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL  
LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE 2016**  
Saturday, December 10, 2016



**ENTRY APPLICATION**

**Theme: "South Texas Style Christmas"**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants in the group: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Float/Entry in feet (Please include the length of the vehicle pulling the float) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK CATEGORY OF YOUR ENTRY**

**(Check ONE Only) Fee Required**

\_\_\_\_\_ Float/Golf Cart Unit (1-10 carts)

[Only Category Eligible for Trophies  
& Cash Prizes]

\_\_\_\_\_ Marching/Walking Unit

[including Drill Teams, Cheerleaders  
& Bands]

\_\_\_\_\_ Car/Truck/Motorcycle  
(Clubs limited to ten (10) vehicles)

\_\_\_\_\_ Horse Unit  
(Limit of 6 horses)

\_\_\_\_\_ Military Units

\_\_\_\_\_ Thematic  
(Clowns, cyclists, etc.)

**EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE AN APPLICATION COMPLETED**

To enter, the application must be completed and returned to City of La Feria by 4:30 P.M., **Monday, November 28, 2016.**

**ENTRY FEE \$15.00**

**ENTRY FEE NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION**

I hereby enter the Parade at my/our own risk and agree to do so subject to all parade official rules and guidelines. I further agree that if any damage is occasioned, or loss or damage from any cause to the horse exhibited, vehicle, or art I may use or exhibit, I will hold the City of La Feria harmless. I will make no claims against the City of La Feria or any of its volunteers, nor instigate any legal proceedings for personal injuries or property damage arising from accident by any employee or volunteer of the City of La Feria. **I understand that violations(s) of rules and guidelines will forfeit my/our participation during this and future parades. . I understand that there are NO REFUNDS after 30 Days from the due date of registration and that REFUNDS are NOT given for non-attendance of the Christmas Parade.**

**No POLITICAL SIGNS of any kind will be allowed within the parade.**

**Your cooperation is much appreciated.**

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail/Return Applications To:

Christmas Parade 2016  
Attn: Tabitha M. Outlaw  
115 East Commercial Avenue  
La Feria, Texas 78559

Late Fee of \$5 applied to entries received after Monday, November 28, 2016. Late registration deadline is Friday, December 2, 2016.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Application Received on \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS/FOLLOW-UP ACTION NEEDED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL - (956) 797-2261**

# LA FERIA CHRISTMAS PARADE 2016 OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

*Coordinated for the benefit of the La Feria Community*

THEME: **“South Texas Style Christmas”**



DAY/DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2016

START TIME: 5:30 P.M. (Line up starts at 4:30 P.M.)

## GOAL

To plan and produce a successful, professional, and memorable 2016 Christmas Parade, a La Feria Community Celebration.

## GENERAL RULES

**Line Up** – The parade will form at Central Avenue and travel north on Main Street, and the final destination will be the La Feria High School parking lot. The parade route length is approximately one 1 mile long.

**NOTHING MAY BE THROWN TO THE AUDIENCE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO CANDY AND COSTUME JEWELRY.**

**HANDING OUT CANDY OR OBJECTS TO THE CROWD IS PERMITTED BY WALKERS ONLY; HOWEVER, TWO WALKERS MUST ACCOMPANY THE FLOAT/ENTRY, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE STREET.**

## FLOATS

Floats must be decorated and may be pulled by vehicle, car, or truck. The vehicle pulling the float will not be judged. If sound/music is included in the theme, and a sound system is not included within the float itself, a vehicle with a sound system will be allowed to precede the float.

Fire extinguishers are required to be on every float for safety reasons. **There must be an adult on floats where there are children.** No one will get on or off a float or entry once it has started down the parade route.

Entry numbers will be placed on all entries (with the exception of the walkers) by the designated parade official during the parade line-up.

## AWARDS

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR FLOATS AND CHRISTMAS/COMMUNITY SPIRIT DECORATIONS THAT HAVE**

**THE “South Texas Style Christmas” THEME.**

**JUDGING OF ALL THE ENTRIES WILL BE HELD BY A PANEL OF JUDGES, WHO WILL BE STATIONED ON THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET AND INDUSTRIAL WAY.**

**IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL ENTRIES BE ON TIME.**

## TROPHY & CASH PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners at the end of the parade.

Only the “FLOAT” entries will be eligible for **cash prizes as listed below:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$200.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$125.00**

## GUIDELINES

**1. SCHOOL/SCHOOL RELATED CLUBS**

In order to improve the safety of all participants including children, Teachers and Sponsors need to inform their students the exact location number for the Parade Line up.

**2. MARCHING BANDS**

Bands are expected to provide music and showmanship during the parade. All participating bands must participate according to the official lineup.

**3. DRILL TEAM/DANCE GROUPS/CHEERLEADERS**

All dance and drill teams, cheerleaders, or baton twirlers should march as a team, with a band, or ride on a float. **Those riding on a float will not be permitted to get off to perform along the parade route.** The vehicle pulling the float will not be judged. If sound/music is necessary for a team marching without a band or riding on the float, a vehicle with a sound system will be allowed to precede the group.

## **GUIDELINES (Cont'd)**

4. **THEMATIC GROUPS**

Thematic groups (clown cyclist, etc.) should perform along the parade route. If sound/music is necessary to convey the theme, a vehicle with a sound system will be allowed to precede the group.

5. **CAR CLUB/MOTORCYCLE CLUBS**

A maximum of ten (10) vehicles may be included per club. Motorcycle riders will not be allowed to “pop wheels” or otherwise endanger themselves or other parade attendees and audience. **Cars or Motorcycles may not “peel-out”** during the parade. Rules will be strictly enforced (No exceptions please).

6. **HORSE GROUPS**

Horses will be at the final segment of the parade. A maximum of six (6) horses with riders per group is permitted.

7. **DISTANCE**

In order to have a successful parade for our community, each participant needs to cooperate to make the parade as organized as possible. Each participant needs to maintain a distance of fifteen (15) feet between each entry. **Large gaps must be avoided.**

8. **POLITICAL SIGNS**

**No political signs of any kind will be allowed within the parade.**

9. **DISBANDING**

Floats with children under the age of 17 and student marching/units will be directed to disband behind the High School next to the Stadium and will be escorted by Teachers to their designated pick up area inside the Winter Festival at the La Feria High School West Parking Lot. The floats and any other vehicles will travel behind the La Feria High School and park or they may exit onto Canal Street and travel South to Business 83. Parents may pick up the children from the designated areas inside the Winter Festival.

**Please note that no one will be able to drive out of the La Feria High School parking lot until the parade has completely disbanded.** Our goal is to ensure safety to all who attend the parade and everyone’s cooperation is appreciated.

10. **WINTER FESTIVAL**

The Winter Festival will be in progress at the Lion Stadium west parking lot. Please make plans to enjoy the festivities.

**YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS YEAR’S EVENT  
SAFE, ENJOYABLE, AND FUN FILLED!**

