



Dear Parade Participants:

The City of Roanoke Rapids Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank you for participating in the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. Your support and participation in this special event are sincerely appreciated by our community. We have provided some general information below that will be of great use to you and to the smooth success of our parade:

- The parade will start at 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 3, 2023, **Rain, snow, or shine!! NO RAIN DATE!**
- All participants are asked to be at their designated staging area between 11:00am and no later than 1:00pm.
- All entries enter at 10th St. and Henry St. Follow to 11th St. and signs will guide you to the check in station.

There will be a drop off spot. Vehicles may drive down line-up street drop off, then TURN RIGHT at Franklin Street, go over the RR tracks and exit. There is no entrance/exit for drop off at 13th and Roanoke Ave.

Bands

Staging area is located on 13th St. and Roanoke Ave. Parking is available at Kirkwood Adams Comm. Ctr.

Note: BANDS ARE ASKED TO PLAY ONLY CHRISTMAS MUSIC. Please keep pace with the parade and only do exhibitions in front of the Judging area. **BE SURE TO PLAY CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN FRONT OF THE JUDGING AREA.** We know that your school will be proud that you are representing them!

Other Participants

Once your participation has been confirmed, you will be contacted by a member of the Parks & Rec. staff the week prior to the parade.

Fire and Rescue

Please enter on Hinson Street, right on Franklin St., cross over RR tracks onto Vance St./13th St. and go into the parking lot. We will need a representative to check in at the check in station.

For information concerning the Christmas Parade:

email Kelly Daughtry at kelly@roanokerapidsnc.com or call (252) 533-2847 ext 3

APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 17, 2023 by 5:00pm

Rules and Safety Guidelines

1. ONLY the entry will be issued a number at check in and may proceed to line up. Entries need to line up in numerical order. NOBODY may hold a spot. (Please coordinate your arrival time with others in your group.)
2. There must be an adult for each float or entry and this person shall remain with the entry during the entire parade whether children are on it or not.
3. All vehicles are to be driven by licensed drivers who have VALID liability insurance.
4. ATVs, Go-Karts, Motorcycles and the like will not be allowed to be driven in the parade except the paid Shriner groups provided by the parade organizers
5. THERE IS A LIMIT OF 12 VEHICLES PER CAR CLUB/GROUP/ORGANIZATION. Car Clubs will be lined up in 2 lines to shorten the length of your entry. Classic cars are the only cars allowed in the parade. Every car must have been manufactured in **1992 or before**. For the safety of all, there will be **NO SWERVING** from side to side. If this occurs you will be asked to exit the parade procession immediately.
6. The parade organizer will be the final authority if unusual questions or situations arise.
7. The parade organizer reserves the right for final approval of all entries.
8. There will be ONE Santa in the parade. He will ride on the official Santa float. No one else is allowed to dress as Santa or Ms. Claus.
9. ALL entries MUST depict a Christmas theme. (Bows, wreaths, streamers, etc..) And the riders are expected to wear festive attire. No exceptions. Playing Christmas music is MOST appreciated and will be the only type of music allowed.
10. All entries must be identified. Please put a neat legible sign, preferably on the front or right side of the vehicle, identifying who you represent. Your number will be issued to you when you arrive and check in. The judges (ON YOUR RIGHT) must be able to see both of these.
11. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN, candy **CAN NOT** be thrown from the entry. HOWEVER, you may have someone walk alongside (both sides of entry) and toss candy toward the curb. FOR THEIR SAFETY, WE DO NOT WANT CHILDREN DARTING INTO THE STREET. The only exception to this rule is Santa tossing treats at the end of the parade.
12. For their safety, all young children must be seated on/in the entry during the parade. They should NEVER walk around, swing from, or hang off of or out of an entry.
13. Parade organizer, the RR Parks and Recreation Department, is not responsible for lost items.
14. All floats restricted to 13.5 ft high to avoid contact with power lines.
15. Remember, children are everywhere! Be VERY careful driving before, during, and after the parade.
16. No vulgar or inappropriate actions or words or inappropriate music will be tolerated.

2023 Roanoke Rapids
**Christmas
 Parade**
 DECEMBER 3, 2023
 2 PM
 ROANOKE AVENUE



OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Entry: _____

Amount Pd: _____

Receipt #: _____

Computer: _____

Letter mailed: _____

Participant Application

Check in: 11am - 1pm, Line- Up 11am - 1:15pm, starts AT 2:00pm

What type of entry: _____

Name of Group: _____ Contact Person: _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IMPORTANT: (As per rules). Entries must have Christmas theme attached or represented on entry. You will be issued a number at the check-in station the day of the parade. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to approve or deny participation.

To enter the parade, **Commercial entries such as businesses \$20.00 entry fee** and **Non-commercial entries such as civic groups, non-profits, churches \$10.00 entry fee** - due with your application and **2 canned goods are due at Check in on the day of the parade**. Other donations are gladly accepted to ensure a successful parade. **High School Bands and Fire/Rescue are exempt** from the \$10 fee, but are encouraged to bring the canned goods to check in.

The application and fee can be brought in person to TJ Davis Recreation Center, 400 East 6th Street, Roanoke Rapids or mailed to Parade, RR Parks and Recreation, PO Box 38, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870.

Please contact Kelly Daughtry 252-533-2847 ext 3 if there are any questions.

Statement of Responsibility & Liability Release

I have read the rules and agree to abide by them. I do hereby release the City of Roanoke Rapids, support staff, and volunteers from any and all liability of any kind for any loss or damage to any property during my participation (to include anyone in my group) in the Roanoke Rapids Community Christmas Parade. I further agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify, the same listed above, against any and all claims, losses, damages, or liability of any kind out of my participation (or anyone in my group) in the Roanoke Rapids Community Christmas Parade.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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