

INVITATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARADE TIPS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the City of Dallas. The Christmas Parade Board and the Dallas Police Department want everyone attending this event to enjoy the day. It is our desire that the parade is organized and flows as smoothly as possible. The following items have been provided to give a clear understanding of the parade route and safety procedures. In order to make this event as enjoyable and safe as possible, we ask that parade participants and visitors follow these requests. Have a fun and safe day at the parade.

REGISTRATION

Registration is on Main Street between the entrances of Henderson's Collision & Patriot Pawn

STAGING / DROP OFF

Oasis Church is the staging area for Marching Bands & JROTC. L&M Supply is the staging area for Horses

IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS PROCESS SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT WE ASK THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police officers are there to keep you safe and the traffic flowing. Pay attention to their commands.
2. Stop only long enough to drop off people or supplies.
3. Do not park on the road or block traffic flow.
4. Do not park on Nathan Dean (SR 61) side of the roadway or on the bridge.
5. Check the parade map for parking, parade, and return routes.

PARTICIPANTS

1. Do not throw candy. Please utilize walkers to hand-out candy from the rope line, so that it will not be thrown.
2. Parade walkers protect your entry, and look out for Children who might run onto the roadway and could be hurt.
3. Walkers stay in your entry group before and during the parade, for safety and uniformity.
4. Keep the parade moving. Do not block the roadway.

VEHICLES / FLOAT DRIVERS

1. **BE AWARE OF CHILDREN • KEEP MOVING • THE PARADE WILL STOP IF YOU STOP**
2. **As you pass the church you will be instructed to turn off any copyrighted music playing on your float.**
3. **As you approach the Tin Bucket smile & wave to cameras, PC23 will be filming & broadcasting.**
4. Police officers will be there to assist and direct after the parade turns onto West Memorial Dr.
5. The parade turns onto South Johnson St. Watch for officers to direct you. Do not stop.
6. There is an area on S. Johnson St. for the bands and an area for the floats to stop for people to exit.
7. Follow the return routes on the parade map.

ATTENTION NEW POLICE POLICY IN EFFECT: Once the parade has completed and you exit South Bound on South Johnston Street there will be additional directions for trucks and floats with **CHILDREN** in the back of them to continue toward the **New Paulding County Court House / Annex Building parking lot**. This is the area you will need to coordinate with the parents to pick up their children. **Do not drive a vehicle carrying kids in the back of your truck or your float onto U.S. 278.** This will not be allowed and it is extremely reckless and dangerous. It is a violation of Georgia Law to have an underage person in the back of your truck as well as your float. **Anyone found doing this is subject to criminal charges being brought against them for each child found in violation.**

Again we ask that everyone attending this event be safe and enjoy the day.

VISITORS / SPECTATORS

1. Arrive early-limited parking and large crowds.
2. Parking areas on the parade map.
3. If you used to drop off areas for a parade participant, then you may want to park at the end of the parade route.
4. Pick a location to meet. This will save time, a long walk to the drop-off area, and traffic congestion.
5. Bring folding chairs.
6. On Main Street please stay behind yellow ropes. For safety do not let children on the roadway.
7. The horses will be at the end of the parade, with a police vehicle in front and one following. Do not walk on the roadway. Main Street and Hardee Street will not open to traffic before the horses and their escorts turn onto Academy Drive.