



# GREENWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sunday, December 6  
2:30 p.m.



## 2009 THEME INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

The 2009 Greenwood Christmas Parade Theme is: *"Christmas Through The Eyes Of A Child"*

- **ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE DECORATED ACCORDING TO THE THEME.**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Adaptation of Theme is one criteria upon which each float is judged and for which points are awarded. Therefore, floats not decorated according to the 2009 Greenwood Christmas Parade Theme, *"Christmas Through The Eyes Of A Child"*, will be at a disadvantage in the overall scoring for each category and for Best of Show and Best Adaptation of Theme.

### GENERAL RULES

- No entry may feature a live or life-size Santa Claus. Santa will be making a special appearance on the anchor float in the parade.
- All participants including unit members, escorts, and staff must be in some type of uniform, holiday dress *or* color coordinated attire.
- Bicycle and skateboard groups and/or organizations must build a float.
- Alcoholic beverages and/or *controlled* substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol/drugs prior to or during the parade will be removed from the line-up, subject to arrest, and *will* not be allowed to participant in any future parades. No refunds will be given.
- No commercial or private vehicles will be allowed unless they are being used to carry dignitaries or beauty queens or being used as a tow vehicle for a float.
- It is unlawful to throw ANYTHING from any moving entry. This rule must and will be enforced for the safety of small children who might be tempted to run out into the street. Any participant caught throwing anything from their entry will be immediately removed from the parade.
- No one is allowed on or off moving floats. Staff or escort changes should only be made when the float has come to a complete stop. (*Exception: Emergency*)
- All units must remain in their assigned position throughout the parade.

### PARADE LINE-UP

- Position numbers and parade maps will be mailed the week of November 19th.
- Entries may begin lining up at 12:00 p.m. All participants (float riders, escorts, staff, walking units, band members, etc.) with your entry must arrive and be in place before 2:00 p.m. No one will be admitted to the staging area after 2:00 p.m. This will be strictly enforced.

### VEHICLES

- No commercial or private vehicles will be allowed unless they are being used as a tow vehicle for a float or used to carry beauty queens or dignitaries. All tow vehicles must be decorated and incorporated into the individual float theme which should be in accordance with the overall parade theme. The parade organizers encourage businesses and organizations to explore sponsoring and/or partnering with civic organizations that may need assistance with their parade entry.
- Flatbed trucks may be used in place of a trailer. The bed of the truck should be decorated according to float decorating specifications (*see FLOATS*).

- The blowing of sirens or vehicle horns at any time during the line-up phase or during the parade is prohibited.
- Beauty queens must be *15 years old or older to ride in a vehicle.*
- Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

## **BANDS, PERFORMING GROUPS, WALKERS & MARCHING UNITS**

- All walkers must be in uniform, holiday dress or color coordinated attire. Dress for walkers (staff and/or escorts) escorting floats should coordinate with the individual float theme which should be in accordance with the overall parade theme.
- Staff or escort changes should only be made when the float has come to a complete stop. No one is allowed on or off moving floats.
- Walking units not associated with a float must carry a sign/banner with their organization name at the front of their unit.
- No entries, in the performance of drills or other display shall cause any delay in the parade. Performances are limited to two minutes. Major disruption in the parade flow will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.

## **FLOATS**

- Floats must be a fully decorated trailer, flat bed truck, or other platform on wheels that is self-propelled or pulled by a tow vehicle. All floats **MUST INCLUDE** skirting and be decorated in accordance with the overall theme of the parade.
- Floats must not exceed a height of 14 feet.
- All floats must display a sign/banner with their organization name on **BOTH** sides of the entry.
- Adult supervision is required for any riders under 13 years of age.
- No rider is allowed on or off moving floats. Staff or escort changes should only be made when the float has come to a complete stop. (*Exception: Emergency*)

## **AWARDS**

A cash prize of \$250 and a trophy will be awarded to:

**Best of Show**

**Best Adaptation of Theme**

Trophies will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Industry/Commercial
- Non-Profit
- Religious
- Government
- Education
  - *Pre-School – Elementary School*
  - *Middle School - High School*
  - *College & Adult Education*
- Performing Groups
- Marching Bands



*Don't have a trailer or a flatbed truck? Be creative! A decorated golf cart makes a great entry. Wagons can also be decorated and pulled for a simple parade entry or to carry candy for float escorts to hand out.*

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