

Atchison Sights & Sounds of Christmas Parade

Theme "Parade of Lights"

Rules & Regulations 2017

Parade:

1. The parade will begin on Saturday, December 2nd promptly at 5:30 PM. This is a night time parade... all entries are encouraged to use lights on their unit. This includes floats, marching units and walking entries.
2. Each entry will maintain a space of no more than 25ft. behind the entry in front of them at all times during the parade.
3. Entries may only stop to perform periodically during the parade.
4. Music is encouraged for the entire length of the parade route for enjoyment of the spectators. Please have volume turned up high.
5. All entries with animals MUST provide for clean-up of the staging area along the parade route during and after the parade.
6. The parade route: Begins @ 8th & Commercial; left on 7th St. to Kansas Ave; right to 4th St; left on Commercial; end of parade by the Atchison YMCA.

Entries:

Floats

1. Each entry is required to conform to the theme of the parade.
2. No entries will be allowed in the parade with a LIVE Santa Claus.
3. All floats are to be in their assigned position by 4:15 PM on parade day and the float must be presented as it will appear in the parade. Judging will begin at 4:45
4. No float is to be higher than 14ft. above the ground.
5. No entries will be allowed which present a controversial message. The Parade Committee reserves the final decision on the determination of the "Controversial"; the Parade Committee's decisions are final.
6. Commercial entries must be crowd-pleasing.
7. Each entry is responsible for their own equipment.
8. A committee member may enter a float, but will not be eligible to be judged.
9. Questions regarding floats should be directed to the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce at 913-367-2427.

Bands & Drill Teams:

1. Bands and Drill Teams are to remain on their buses until instructed by a parade committee member to assemble in their position in the parade stage area.
2. Specialty music groups are to be in their position by 4:15 PM on parade day.
3. Questions regarding bands should be directed to the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce at 913-367-2427.

Parade Line-up:

The line-up area will be west on Commercial from 8th Street.

1. All entries be in their positions in the line-up area by 4:15 PM on parade day.
2. The only vehicles allowed in the line-up area will be those that are part of the parade entries
3. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the line-up area or during the parade. Violation of this rule will result in removal from the parade and disqualification from the judging contest.

Walkers/Marchers:

1. Walkers must carry an identification banner during the parade.
2. All walkers are encouraged to be dressed in the theme of the parade and **MUST WEAR LIGHTS.**

Others:

1. Each entry will receive by a phone call or e-mail after November 29th, 2017 their position in the parade along with a map describing their location in the line-up area. Line-up positions are subjected to change at any time; notification of change will be communicated through the parade committee.
2. The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse any applicant at any time. A written explanation will be provided upon request.
3. Horses will be staged in the designated area to be announced.
4. Candy thrown from the floats is not allowed; walking and handing out candy is suggested.