



## CLARKSDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Every entrant must complete a Parade Entrant application in order to participate. Floats should carry a theme consistent with the theme of the parade, which is *“Christmas Traditions”*.
2. The Christmas Parade Committee recommends that your float be constructed of fire resistant material as much as possible and should be motorized or pulled by a truck.
3. There shall be no live fires or simulated fires on the floats or any other entry in the parade. The fire marshal, before the parade begins, will be checking all entrants in the parade.
4. All entries shall display its organization’s title on the front, back, or sides of the entry and a banner shall precede the group with the entrant’s name displayed. Lettering should be no less than 8” in height.
5. NO PARADE PARTICIPANTS SHALL THROW OR ENCOURAGE THE THROWING OF ANY ITEMS TO THE PARADE VIEWERS, ESPECIALLY CANDY, TOYS, MONEY OR OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS. If you wish to hand out candy, etc., please have someone walk over to the crowd and do so. No throwing!
6. All entries in the float category shall not exceed 14’ in height from the ground or 12’ in width and 24’ in length.
7. Motorized vehicles which have less than 4 wheels can be in the parade only if they are secured to a properly decorated float that meets all of the requirements of a float.

8. Pickup trucks may be used. It is requested that pickup trucks be decorated as appropriately as possible. Standing in the bed or sitting on the sides are not allowed. All pickup trucks must have adult supervision walking alongside.

9. No entrant shall encourage any parade viewer to gather around or follow their entry in any fashion that may cause harm to other parade viewers.

10. No entry, with the exception of the final parade float, may have a live Santa Claus.

11. All participants must respect the authority of parade officials. Anyone not cooperating with officials or causing any disturbance will be immediately pulled from the parade by law enforcement and may be forbidden from future parade participation.

12. All entrants should monitor their spacing. Please remain in your designated position and maintain an appropriate distance from other parade participants. **Please do not linger and cause a large gap/delay in the procession of the parade.**

13. No obscene or foul language, signs, or video from any participant or participant's entry will be allowed! You will be removed from the lineup.

14. Entries will be judged for awards in the following categories:

- (a) best design and construction, creative use of materials, and originality
- (b) float that best follows parade theme. Award is not necessarily made on largest, or most expensive looking, but the one that displays spirit of the theme of this year's parade.
- (c) BEST OVERALL. Float is judged on originality, theme, special effects, adherence, animation, construction and design, costumes and live participation.