

2025 Willis Christmas Parade Entry Application

Theme: "Oh, What Fun!"

Saturday, December 13, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Line-up: 574 N Thomason St. ~ 8:30 a.m.

Complete this application, read the *Parade Safety Checklist* and sign the agreement.

Please return completed form by SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025.

IN PERSON: Willis City Hall - 200 N. Bell St. Willis, TX 77378

BY MAIL: Willis Christmas Parade, PO Box 498, Willis TX 77378

E-MAIL: willischristmasparade@gmail.com

If you have not received a confirmation phone call or email within a week of sending in your application, please call 936-524-4014 to confirm your entry.

Contact Information

Organization/Company _____

Contact Person - Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Parade Day Phone (if different) _____

Parade Entry Category

Type of entry: Please check the ONE that best applies

Float Equestrian Walking Group Marching Group (Band, JROTC, etc)

Single Vehicle Vehicle Club (Multiple)

REMEMBER: Santa closes the parade. No other units are permitted to have a "Santa Claus," however, Santa hats are okay. Use your creativity to come up with a unit/float that is a special reflection of the theme "Oh, What Fun!."

Please describe your entry: (for example: decorated pickup, singing carols)	
Number of vehicles: (if applicable)	
Approx. # of feet needed for lineup:	
Do you need parking for buses?	

Participants

Please check all that apply AND give the approximate number of participants for each age group

0 - 17 years old | How many # _____

18 years or older | How many # _____

Entry name (optional)

Does your entry have a name? Example: Twist & Shout Dance Team presents "Seeing is Believing"

Message to the Crowd

Parade Emcees announce every parade entry when they pass the judges' stand. Enter the message you want the crowd to hear, information about your group and your entry.

Agreement and Signature

I have read the attached Parade Safety Checklist and agree to abide by those guidelines for the Willis Christmas Parade. As the representative of this entry, I agree that the above entry is eligible as entered and to release and hold harmless the management & all entities involved in the parade from any loss, damage or injury resulting from participation of above entry, including City of Willis, Grace International Church, Inc., WISD and all owners of property in which the parade may utilize.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Parade Safety Checklist (revised by Willis PD - March 2012)

Please keep this list for reference.

- Parade Entry Number: All parade entries are to be approved by the parade organizer that is named in the permit
- In compliance with parade entry rules: all participants will abide by rules established for the parade by the parade organizer who is named in the permit
- Clothing and costumes appropriate: all clothing and costumes must be appropriate for family viewing and in good taste
- Driver's license, insurance, inspection, registration, lights, tow chains: all participants must comply with all city, county, state, and federal laws and regulations
- All entries must be able to safely navigate the parade route
- List of all drivers information: all drivers of floats and motor vehicle entries must be 18 years of age, and will provide their name, address, and driver's license number to the parade organizer before operating a motor vehicle in the parade, and the parade organizer will provide that information to the designated safety officer or chief of police before the parade begins
- Pedestrians at least in 1st grade: pedestrian entries must be at least in 1st grade
- Supervision of floats with under 6th grade with 1:10 ratio adults to children: all floats with children under the 6th grade will have 1 adult supervisor for every 10 children
- No candy, souvenirs, etc. thrown from float or vehicle: throwing of anything (including food, candy, mementos, souvenirs, etc.) to or from a parade participant is prohibited, except such items may be tossed to spectators by participants walking as far away from the centerline of the roadway as is possible
- Place for each rider, handhold for each standing participant: all riders on a float or vehicle must have either a seat or designated place to stand, for those standing, they will have a pole, strap, or rail to hold onto
- No holdovers/hangovers on float or vehicle: no part of the riders' bodies may protrude, hang over, or dangle from the side or back of a float or vehicle
- No roof or hood riders: no one may ride on the hood or the roof of a vehicle
- No freestanding participants: no free-standing dancers, or dancing or acrobatics, is permitted upon a float or on a vehicle, whether still or moving; -no parade participant or spectator may enter or exit a moving float or vehicle during the parade
- Fire extinguisher present in towing vehicle: all vehicles towing a float are requested, but not required, to have a fire extinguisher unless required to have one by law
- No fires, candles, or other open flame: no live fires or open flames are permitted on any float
- No live animals: no live animals are permitted in a vehicle towing a float, or on the float itself, or in single vehicle entries, except for service animals of government officials and handicapped individuals
- Horses, mules, etc. with diapers or cleaning crew: all equestrian/animal units in a parade must be diapered or have a clean-up crew to follow
- Visibility check: vehicle entries, including those towing floats, should provide the driver with 180 degree visibility from the driver's position, as well as visibility of both sides of the entry with use of mirrors, and if not, the vehicle shall be accompanied by one attendant on each side of the vehicle within the driver's sight for the entirety of the parade who can watch out for and give immediate warning of an unsafe condition
- Generator secure, no fuel cans on float, no bare wires: generators, if used, shall be securely attached to floats, with no bare, exposed, or loose wires present on the float
- Other - specify any rule or condition set by the chief of police as a condition for approval of the parade permit due to a special situation applicable to that parade.