

2021 Willis Christmas Parade Entry Application

WILLIS, TX ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th @ 11:00 A.M.

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

Please return completed form to: Willis City Hall - 200 N. Bell St. Willis, TX 77378
by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021.**

MAIL TO: Willis Christmas Parade, PO Box 498, Willis TX 77378 or **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

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| 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 "Superhero Christmas."

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| Please describe your entry: <i>(for example: decorated pickup, singing carols)</i> | |
| 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 - 5 years old | How many # _____
 6 - 11 years old | How many # _____
 12 - 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.

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

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, and 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 free standing 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.

Agreement and Signature

I have read the *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 & 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, WISD and all owners of property in which the parade may utilize.

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| Name (printed) | |
| Signature | |
| Date | |