

Los Banos Chamber of Commerce

2017 DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sponsored By:



Parade Theme: *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

December 1st 2017- Parade Starts @ 6:00pm

**Awards will be presented following the parade in Henry Miller Plaza
Join us as we welcome carolers and light the community Christmas tree.**

Please read the parade rules on the second page of this application. It is important that every entrant understand and comply with the rules. If you have any questions please contact Michelle at the chamber office 209-826-2495 or event chairperson Gene Lieb 209-704-3831

Take entry form into the Chamber office at 932 6th Street by 11/17/2017 to receive staging area number.

Applicants Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City & State _____

Email: _____

Description of Entry & Names of Participants: _____

Applicants Signature: _____

Please attach any additional information about your entry to this form to be read at announcing stands. See additional pages for more information.

The 2017 Let There Be Peace On Earth Parade Sponsored By:



Christmas Parade Rules

Parade begins at 4th and G Street streets at 6pm
Report to the staging areas between 4:30 and 5pm
(See Next Page Staging Area locations)

- 1.) Please fill out application completely including information and full description of your entry (Maximum of 60 words) **The Information You Provide Will Be Read By Parade Announcers**
- 2.) **All entries are encouraged to decorate their entry for the parade**
- 3.) Any and all signage must be relevant to your holiday message or advertising your business or organization. Any signage deemed inappropriate will be subject to removal. Failure to remove signs may result in your entries removal from the parade.
- 4.) Share these rules with your participants and be sure to advise parents of children writing on floats, trucks, trailers of dangers of moving while the vehicle is in motion. The Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for the safety of your participants- you are! Take it seriously and provide monitors to watch children at all times.

Judging will take place at the intersection of 6th and J streets. Please stop on white line and perform for judges. *One Minute Performance Max!

During The Parade:

- 1.) Please be patient during staging we will have over 50 or more in trees. **You must bring your entry number and tape to the driver side windshield and vehicle or for non vehicle entries the number should be shown to the announcers. (See next page for staging areas)**
- 2.) Pay attention to parade marshals at all times-they are in charge. They will be wearing blue Chamber vests.
- 3.) Absolutely no handling, throwing or otherwise passing candy or other materials from parade vehicles to the crowd.
- 4.) No getting off or on moving vehicles. Children must be supervised during the parade. Please keep kids safe.
- 5.) We have to keep the parade moving so please no demonstrations or routines other than at the announcing stand at 6th and J Street. **No entry should include Santa.** Santa will be riding on the last entry in the parade.
- 6.) Do not crowd the entry in front of you and try to maintain the distance the parade marshal shows you at the start.
- 7.) No excessive noise from sound systems or motor vehicles allowed. Motorcycle engines do not need to be revved up continuously. Your fellow participants and spectators do not appreciate a lot of noise during the parade.
- 8.) Please follow parade route ALL the way to the end unloading only at the 7th Street crosswalk. (Pull your vehicle all the way to 7th Street intersection) This prevents the parade from backing up on 6th St.
- 9.) If possible turn headlights off on your vehicle during the parade.
- 10.) You can walk with your entry and hand material to the crowd. **NO CANDY OR FOOD (per Merced County Health Department)**

Do not attempt to drive up 4th St. at H Street to drop people off who will be on the floats as the roads will be closed. Drop people off at 5th and F or 3rd and F and have them walk or escort young ones to their floats.

There will be three staging areas as seen on the map. You will receive your staging area number (1,2 or 3) from the chamber office when you submit your entry form **along with your entry number**. Display your entry numbers on each side of your vehicle. Please report to staging area between 4:30pm and no later than 5:30 p.m. **You do not need to be in any particular order.**

If you forgot your staging area or entry number someone will be at 4th and G Street to answer your questions. The parade starts at 6 rain or shine. **Only parade Vehicles will be allowed to enter staging area!**



In attempt to keep the parade moving, we need all entries to limit their performances at the judging area to a

Maximum Of 1 Minute!

After one minute you will be asked to proceed on the parade route. It's important that everyone abide by this rule in order to avoid extended gaps in the parade.

Thank you for your participation and let's have a safe and enjoyable parade this year!

Gather at Henry Miller Plaza following the parade for presentation of winning plaques, the lighting of the Christmas tree and music by the high school choir!

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Awards will be presented in these categories-Please Check 1 Box Per Entry

- Chamber President's Award:** This award will be awarded to overall entry presenting and illustrating the parade theme "Let There Be Peace On Earth"
- Parade Sponsors Award:** This award is intended to recognize the best float weather motorized or animal-drawn entry and that portrays the theme "Let There Be Peace On Earth"
- Arts Council Award:** This award will be given to the entry that best portrays the parade theme "Let There Be Peace On Earth" from an artistic standpoint
- Mayor's Award:** The award will be presented to the best musical entry including bands, carolers, and instrumentalists
- Spirit Award:** Given to the entry that has the most enthusiasm during the parade
- Gingerbread Award:** Top entry by a Civic group
- I believe in Christmas Award:** Best walking entry
- Christmas Elves Award:** Best youth entry
- Spirit of Christmas Award:** Top entry with a spirit of Christmas emphasis
- Christmas Present Award:** The entry with the best humor / funniest entry