



Los Banos Chamber of Commerce 2022 Annual Christmas Parade Parade Theme:

Christmas Lights, Winter Nights

Saturday, December 3rd, 2021- Parade Starts at 6 p.m.

**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 **- \$10 Entry Fee**

Take entry form into the Chamber office at 932 6th Street by 11/29/2022 to receive staging area number.

Applicants Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Description of Entry & Names of Participants: _____

Please attach any additional information (60 words Max. -Typed) about your entry to this form to be read at announcing stands.

Vendors participating in this event agree to hold the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce harmless from, to defend the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce against, and to indemnify the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce from all claims, demands, and suits made against the Los Banos Chamber, its officers, or its employees, including attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce arising from any act or omission on the part of the recipient, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, guests, invitees, or those entities participating in the event operations.

Applicants Signature: _____

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!

Awards will be presented in these categories

- Chamber President's Award:** The award will be presented to the best musical based entry. This includes bands, carolers, and instrumentalists. Not for electronically produced music.
- Parade Sponsors Award:** Awarded to the best float, whether it is motorized or an animal drawn entry and that portrays the theme.
- Arts Council Award:** Awarded to the entry that best portrays the current year's theme.
- Mayor's Award:** The mayor selects the best entry overall considering the factors such as the most crowd pleasing and the best theme portrayal. This category does not include the 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 entry on foot.
- 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

Christmas Parade Rules

Parade begins at 4th and G Street streets at 6pm

Report to the staging areas by 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.) **This is a night parade, all entries need to be decorated WITH LIGHTS! Turn off vehicle headlights.**

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 riding 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:

5.) Please be patient during staging we will have over 50 or more entries. **Please place your entry number, given to you by the Chamber office, on BOTH SIDES of your float/entry. Entry number must be visible to parade announcers at all times.**

6.) Pay attention to parade marshals at all times-they are in charge. They will be wearing yellow Chamber vests.

7.) Absolutely no handing out, throwing or otherwise passing out candy or other materials from the entry itself,

8.) No getting off or on moving vehicles. Children must be supervised during the parade. Please keep children safe.

9.) 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.** Float will not be allowed to go through if Santa is on float. Chamber Santa will be riding on the last entry in the parade.

10.) Do not crowd the entry in front of you and try to maintain the distance the parade marshal shows you at the start.

11.) 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.

12.) 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.

13.) Turn headlights off on your vehicle during the parade.

14.) 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 Fourth St. at H St. to drop people off who will be on floats as the road will be closed. Drop people off at Fifth and F or Third 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 you entry number. Display your entry numbers on each side of your vehicle. Please report to your staging area between 4:30 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 Fourth and G to answer your questions. The parade starts at 6 p.m. rain or shine. ONLY PARADE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER STAGING AREA!

Staging Area 2 - ENTER OFF OF SECOND ST.
Begins at Fourth and G and run up to Third and F St.
ALL SEMI TRUCKS NEED TO STAGE ON F STREET between Third and Fourth St.

FLOAT RIDERS WILL NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF AND WALK TO THEIR FLOATS!

