$10.00 Entry Fee

Los Banos Chamber of Commerce

2026 Annual Christmas Parade

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Parade Theme:



Event Sponsor:

Sutter Health

Saturday, December 5th, 2026- Parade Starts at 6 p.m.

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

Take entry form into the Chamber office at 932 6th St. / Downtown to receive float entry number.

Organization/Business: _____
Applicants Name:_____
Address: _____
Email:_____Phone:_____
Description of Entry (Car/Truck/Flatbed/Trailer/Walking/Animals/etc.):_____
_____

Please attach any additional information (60 words Max. –Typed) about your entry to this form or email in to be read at announcing stands. If nothing is attached, just your business/organization and contact name will be announced.

Vendors / Float Entries 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. All amplified music must be cleared with Chamber office and kept at an appropriate level and must not conflict with other event performances. Vendor is not allowed to leave the event before the end time of event or will be asked to pay for deposit on next participating event or will not be invited back. Vendor must also check in with Check-In area before event. To avoid cleaning deposits no trash, debris or any items should be left behind in vendor designated area. Cancelling attending event forfeits payment and no funds may be transferred to another event. Any rude, disruptive behavior from vendor or vendor helpers, volunteers or persons will be asked to leave event without refund. Chamber of Commerce has right to ask Vendor to leave without refund if not complying with Chamber rules and guidelines.

Applicants Signature: _____Date:_____

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!

Payment: Payments can be made via cash, check, or credit card. Please note that a $3.00 processing fee applies to all credit card transactions.

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.*

Gingerbread 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 crowds 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*

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Theme:

Lights, Camera, Christmas!



Christmas Parade Rules

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

Report to the staging area by 5pm - (See Next Page Staging Area location Info)

1.) We have to keep the parade moving so please no demonstrations are 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.

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 60 or more entries. Please place your entry number, given to you by the Chamber office, on the **front** of your float/entry. Entry number must be visible to parade announcers at all times.

6.) Pay attention to parade marshals in yellow vests at all times-they are in charge.

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

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

9.) 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**

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.

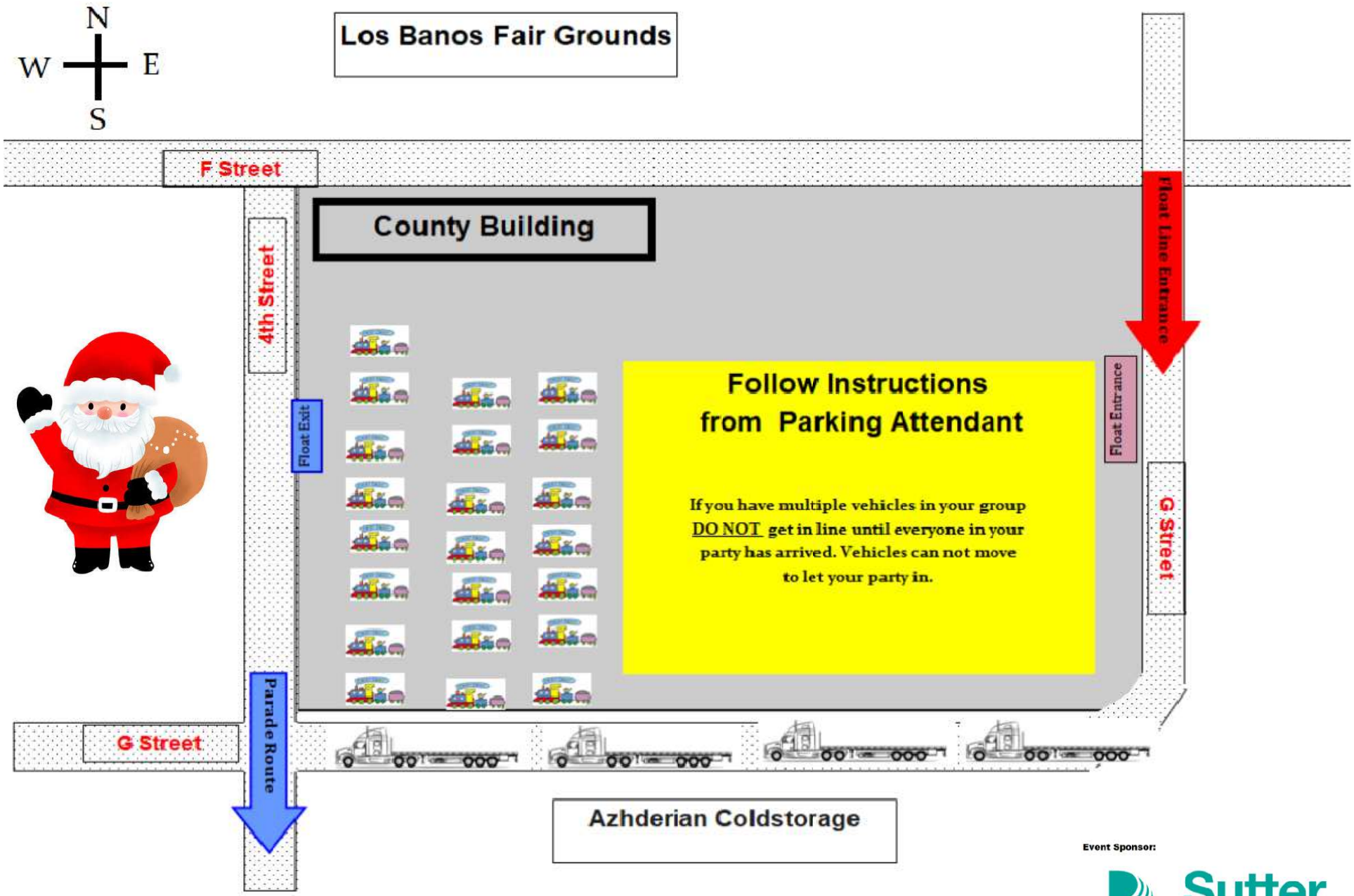
12.) Please follow parade route ALL the way to the end unloading only at the 7th Street crosswalk. (Pull your vehicle all the way to 7th Street intersection) This prevents the parade from backing up on 6th St.

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)

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