



"Santa Claus is coming to town"

Well, not quite yet, but the Rome Christmas Parade Committee of volunteers and friends are already busy at work planning this year's parade. Our goal is to create a wonderful memory for those children and adults who participate and view our parade. This tradition, which was begun so many years ago, continues to be one of our favorite events of the year. Please read all of the guidelines below to make sure our parade is both special and safe.

Date and time of Parade: Tuesday November 28, 2023 at
6:30 PM (Rain Date Thursday, November 30, 2023)

Rules and Regulations

1. Every Entry must depict the theme of the parade through decorations and dress of the participants.
2. Music must be Christmas music.
3. No candy or materials may be handed out during the parade by entrants or walkers.
4. Motorcycles, bikes and all vehicles must observe safe conduct before and during the parade.
5. Bands, drill teams and marching units will not be allowed to perform routines that would delay or stop the parade.
6. Due to the increased length of the parade, no car clubs will be allowed entry. Individuals may drive their antique cars in the parade as an individual entry and registration. Only cars made prior to 1960 may be registered as an antique.
7. Horses will not be allowed in the parade unless they are wearing a "diaper".
8. No life impersonation of Santa Clause or live depiction of Christ on the cross will be permitted.
9. All entries must be approved by the Parade Committee.
10. All applicants must submitted to the committee by November 15th. A late fee of \$50 along with the \$100 application fee must accompany applications after this date for a total of \$150.
11. Judging: All units who wish to be judged must be in place by 5:30. (All other units MUST be in place by 6:00 PM). All judging takes place before the parade begins. An identical entry cannot win two years in a row. Judging will be based on consideration of theme, eye appeal, participants and costumes.
12. Fee: A fee of \$100 per entry must be submitted with the application. No application will be processed unless accompanied by the \$100 fee (or \$150 after the November 15th deadline). Applications must be downloaded from this website and either emailed in with a payment on Paypal or mailed to the address indicated on the application with a check. (School bands are exempt from the application fee).
13. All entries must be at the parade route by 6:00 PM regardless of whether or not they are being judged. Entries arriving after 6:00 PM may be placed at the end of the parade route.

If you have any questions please contact us at
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