

Allen Christmas Parade: Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get more information on the parade?

Visit www.allenchristmasparade.com or contact Stacy Polk at stacy.polk@iqh.com or by Phone at 469-342-3943.

The day of the parade if weather is bad how do we know what to do?

Please check for updates at www.allenchristmasparade.com which will have updates on the parade and any potential complications with weather. The Rotary Club makes the final decision to cancel only after gathering input from the Police and Fire Departments if the conditions are dangerous for participants and spectators.

Can I just fax my entry in?

No, entries MUST be dropped off in person and be accompanied by the money (CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS & CASH ONLY).

I'm not sure if my entry would be classified as 1 entry or 2.....How do I know what our entry will be classified?

Each entry/float can have a MAXIMUM of 2 components (cars, trucks, motorized apparatus, etc.)

EX: if you have a tractor a trailer and a car that would be 2 entries. If you have 2 cars, or a truck and a trailer that would be just 1 entry. Groups with different troop or club numbers will need to enter separately.

Can I have Santa on my float?

No...the ONLY float/entry with Santa will be the Rotary Club's entry at the end of the parade

Can we stop to perform during the parade route?

No, the parade has many entries and cannot allow anyone to stop once it has started.

I'm part of a group that will be riding or walking with live animals....how many animals count as an entry?

20 animals= 1 entry, anything over 20 animals= 2 entries

Are there any special rules with animal entries?

We must be made aware when you submit your entry that you will have animals, you are required to keep dogs on a leash and with an owner at all times, large animals MUST have a cleanup crew to go behind them.

We would like to hand out candy, is that ok?

Yes, candy can be given out; individually wrapped chocolate candies are recommended. No hard candy, no THROWING candy...it is against City Ordinance to throw ANYTHING into a crowd. If you chose to give out candy or any other items it must be given by handed out by walkers along the curbside.

What if our group wants to be close to another organization or group in the placement?

The Rotary Club does its best to group like organizations together both for ease and safety....we will not take requests for specific placements.

When will we be notified of our placement in the parade?

On Friday, December 3rd by 6pm an email will be sent out to all parade entries (make sure email address on entry form is the one best to communicate to your group). This email will reconfirm the start time and where to be as well as your placement in the parade. The parade lineup will also be posted on www.allenchristmasparade.com

Where do we park if we are in the parade?

Allen High School Parking lot is recommended

Where do we drop off parade participants and Where do I enter with my float?

The parade participants can be dropped off in 1 of three locations according to the placement of the float.

1. Exchange and N. Cedar. Participants are dropped off at the softball field parking lot. No one gets past this point other than floats or livestock entries. Parking is in the baseball field parking lot.
2. At the back of the high school near the tennis courts. Participants then cross the foot bridge and enter the staging area near the Cottonwood Creek Bridge.
3. If the float is at the beginning of the staging area, participants can be dropped off at the City of Allen Senior Activity Center. Vehicles must turn around and exit via Greenville Ave. and St. Mary.

Station Park Drive is the street that runs between N. Cedar and Rivercrest just south of the Allen Station baseball fields.

Allen Station Parkway is the street that runs between Exchange Parkway and Stacy Road.

STREET Closures:

Cedar between Exchange and St. Mary and Rivercrest and Station Park Dr at around 10AM.

The rest of the parade route closes at 1PM which includes Cedar to Main St, Main Street to Allen Dr, Allen Drive to St. Mary and St. Mary to Cedar.