

San Benito Special Events Board

75th Annual Christmas Parade
December 10, 2016



This Year's Theme:
"A Red, White & Blue Christmas"
A Tribute to our Heroes: Military, Police, Fire & EMS Personnel
Entry Fee Waived for Organized Groups of
Veterans, Police & Fire Departments

Entry forms must be submitted by 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2016

Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____ Email _____
Sponsored By: _____

Type of Entry (check one) and Registration Fees

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band - NO CHARGE NC | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Club/12 horses \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty Float/Flatbed/Train \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Each additional horse \$ 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Float/Flatbed/Train \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Club \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car/Truck/Van | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group Limited to: \$25 |
| | School District Groups |
| | Non-profit Groups |
| | National Organizations |

All entries are encouraged to decorate in accordance with the theme.

Judging will be based on utilization/interpretation of the designated theme, originality, creativity, materials used, lighting enhancement and animation/mechanical displays. Awards presentation will be at the City of San Benito Christmas Open House on December 15 at 12 noon at the Municipal Building Meeting Hall, 401 N. Sam Houston.

Do you want your entry to be judged? Yes No

Description of your entry: (Please use back if necessary.) This information will be provided to the judges for evaluation of your entry, and will be read by the Parade announcer as you appear at the judging platform.

- I have read and understand all Rules for the Christmas Parade.
 I have read, understand and signed the Waiver Release form presented to me by the San Benito Special Events Board.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Floats: One Division Combined to include Religious & Novelty.

1st Place

Trophy & \$300 cash

2nd Place

Trophy & 200 cash

3rd Place

Trophy & \$100 cash



RULES GOVERNING PARADE ENTRIES: NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED

- Entry forms must be turned into the San Benito City Hall, 485 N. Sam Houston, San Benito, TX 78586, no later than 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 5, 2016. A map with the charted route will be given at that time.
- No entry can include a Santa Claus likeness.
- No objects, including candy or toys, can be thrown from vehicles or anyone in a walking dance/cheer/skateboard-styled group.
- Walking groups shall consist of persons 12-years of age or older and fall under the categories of drill teams, marching bands, color guard/ROTC and cheerleaders.
- No group or individual will be allowed to stop to perform during the parade.
- All Participants riding on floats **MUST REMAIN ON THE FLOAT** for the entire parade route. Children too young to make the entire route should not be included for safety reasons. Everyone is required to stay on the float until the end is reached and the float or car/truck has come to a complete stop.
- Numbers will be distributed Friday, December 9, 2016, from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston Street. If you are not able to pick up your number, you must call 956-361-3800 before 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2016 to make arrangements to pick it up after hours.
- Parade line-up begins at 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 10, 2016. Participants are required to be in line according to their assigned number by 5:00 p.m. Failure to do so will cause you to forfeit your number and your entry to be placed at the end of the parade.
- Failure to have your number on your Parade entry will be cause for disqualification and/or elimination.
- For all vehicles: Assigned numbers must be placed inside the drivers' window, facing the Judges' Platform (to be located near Capital One Bank Drive-Thru Windows).
- For walking/marching/horse groups: The issued number issued must be held by or affixed to a person on left side of the group, facing the judging stand.
- For floats: Name of sponsor organization needs to be on each side of float.
- Judging will be in front of the Judges' Platform on the night of the parade. Decisions of the Judging Officials are final.
- Walking entries must walk at a marching pace. If a child is not able to walk long distances, for their own safety, he/she should not be in the group. If an entrant is approached by a parade official with specific instructions, the entrant must follow said instructions or be disqualified from participation in the parade the coming year.
- Electioneering will be prohibited for all entries.
- No loud noise such as, car radios, music, horns blowing, yelling...etc.
- Note to Car and Motorcycle clubs: No stunts, no burning tires, no revving of engine. Violation will result in being removed from the parade. No exceptions. No second chances.
- No indecent/offensive language, attire or visible decorations allowed in Parade.

Parade officials have the right to disqualify & remove any entry from the Parade for improper behavior, indecent/offensive language, attire or visible decorations as so determined by the San Benito Special Events Board.



San Benito Special Events Board 75th Annual Christmas Parade **WAIVER & RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

(Must be signed by all entrants)

This Waiver and Release of Claims executed on _____, 2016 by: _____ Participant, Releases the City of San Benito and the San Benito Special Events Board, and their agents, from any and all claims arising from participation in the Event known as the San Benito Christmas Parade (or Event).

In consideration for the right to participate in the Event, Participant hereby waives, Releases and discharges any and all claims for injuries to person, including death, or damage to property that Participant may incur as a result of participation in the Event. The City of San Benito, the San Benito Special Events Board and any other promoters, sponsors, clubs, officials or any other municipality and other public entity and their respective agents and employees (“others”) associated with the Event, from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way to the Event, even if any liability may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the released parties.

Participant understands and acknowledges that injuries can occur during these activities. Knowing such risks, Participant hereby assumes any and all risks and holds harmless from liability the City of San Benito and the San Benito Special Events Board and their agents.

Participant hereby grants full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of the Events.

Participant further agrees to abide by all instructions given by San Benito Special Events Board coordinators, City officials, Police Officers or Event personnel, and by all written rules and regulations provided with the application. Judges’ decisions are final.

Participant expressly agrees that all persons signing this form must be 21 years of age or older.

Parent or Guardian of a minor participating in Event

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell _____ email _____