2026 Christmas Parade Information

The 2026 annual Christmas parade is scheduled for **Saturday, December 5, 2026**. The theme is **"Story Time".** We encourage your family/church/business/organization to decorate a float/trailer/truck/car in a way that represents the miracle of Christmas. Remember, lights and music make a float more exciting, so feel free to let your Christmas Spirit shine! Call the Chamber at 903-886-3950 if you have any questions. **IF YOU HAVE A LARGE TRUCK OR AN EXTRA-LONG TRAILER, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ALL THE TURNS.**

FLOAT & PARADE GUIDELINES

- All floats should have lights. This is not mandatory, but it makes it easier to see your entry.
- Floats should travel slowly; however, do not stop during the parade unless directed.
- Please **DO NOT** drive with your headlights on! They are blinding to the entries in front of you and lessen the effect of everyone's beautifully lit entries.
- Keep your music speakers aimed at your own float/vehicle.
- Try to only leave two car lengths between entries. It is very important to avoid gaps due to parade timing.
- As children of all ages know, there is **ONLY ONE SANTA,** and he will be at the end of the parade. Santa has requested that no other Santas be present. Your entry will be disqualified from judging if you have a Santa on your float. Elves, Grinches, Snowmen, Reindeer, and other Christmas characters are welcome and encouraged!
- Due to safety issues, do **NOT** throw candy! Santa will be the one to throw candy, but he is at the very end of the parade.
- ALL participants **MUST** sign waivers. Feel free to make additional waiver forms. Submit your waiver(s) at the check-in area before the start of the parade or drop them by the Chamber office.
- Pay attention to the people directing the parade and others along the parade route. Follow their direction to slow down or move along faster.
- Keep and share this information with everyone participating in your float.
- Check-in is at the City Park.

Entry Form:
Please make sure that your entry form is signed and completed in its entirety and then returned to the Chamber of Commerce **by December 4th** at 1114 Main. You can also fax it to (903) 886-8012, or mail it to PO Box 290, Commerce, TX 75429. You can also email the form to Karen@Commerce-Chamber.com.
Feel free to make copies of the entry form to share with others. We would love to have as many participants as possible!

Lineup:
The parade lineup will begin at 4:00 pm at the City Park! Judging begins at 4:30 pm, and awards will be handed out directly afterward. The parade will depart no later than 5:00 pm.

We reserve the right to adjust your placement on parade day. Our volunteers will be easy to spot and will be there to help make the lineup go as smoothly as possible.

For everyone's safety at the Park, all participants must be on their float or in the grass at all times. The roadway must be kept clear. We also appreciate everyone remaining on or beside their own floats during the lineup. Thank you!

Proof of Coggins Test is required for ALL equestrian entries. NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you wish to donate candy for Santa, please contact the Chamber office.