

2019 JFA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at 1:30pm

REGISTRATION FORM

ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT: _____ EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ ALT. PHONE: _____

Type of Entry: Dignitary Car Fire Truck Float School Band

Category for Judging: Commercial Civic Children

REGISTRATION FEES: \$250 (\$200 for Non-profit organizations), CAR RIDER \$50

Must be pre-registered to participate. Last day to register 11/19/19, no exceptions.

PAYMENT: Check - Payable to Jambalaya Festival Association

Credit Card - Name on Card _____

Credit Card Number _____

Exp Date _____ Sec Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

REQUIRED FLOAT INFORMATION (One float per registration form.)

What is the total length including the vehicle pulling the float? _____ FT _____ IN

What is the height of the float entry (highest point)? _____ FT _____ IN

YOU WILL NOT BE GIVEN A POSITION IN THE PARADE LINE-UP WITHOUT PROVIDING THESE MEASUREMENTS.

You must supply a minimum of four walkers for each entry, this includes marching groups. Your entry WILL NOT be allowed to roll the day of the parade without walkers. All walkers must wear an orange vest (Rule #5.) No golf carts will be allowed without advance permission from the parade committee. Failure to follow any rule will result in dismissal from the parade and forfeiture of paid registration fee.

The Jambalaya Festival Association, the City of Gonzales, and the Gonzales City Police Department are not responsible for any injuries or other liabilities that may arise as a result of participation in or viewing of the 2019 JFA Christmas Parade. I have read the Christmas Parade rules and agree to abide by them.

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE: _____ DATE: _____

Mail completed entry form along with registration fee to:

Jambalaya Festival Association, PO Box 1243, Gonzales, LA 70707

Phone (225)647-2937 ▪ www.jambalayafestival.net ▪ Email: gonzaleschristmasparade@yahoo.com



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THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED TO PARTICIPATE.

Please print legibly.

Individual or Group Name: _____

Description of Participant Group or Individual:

Driver's Name: _____ License #: _____

Title/Name of Float:

Description of Float:

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JFA CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES

1. No live Santa Clauses, other than the Jambalaya Festival Association's Santa, may appear in the parade. Pictures of Santa on floats are permitted.
2. Sign-in is required the day of the parade. A registration table will be set up at the KC Hall on Irma Boulevard. All walkers and float drivers are required to check-in upon arrival. A float number will be given to participants at this time.
3. This parade may be televised, therefore each entrant must complete and return an official Registration form and Information sheet on the group/float. The commentators will use the information provided for historical/descriptive verbiage during the broadcast.
4. Parade entries are limited to school marching groups, individual cars carrying dignitaries, and floats decorated in accordance with the parade theme. Vehicles such as motorcycles, go-carts, low-rider trucks, or mud trucks are not allowed to pull floats entered in the parade.
5. Each entry is required to provide a minimum of four walkers (adults – over 18 years of age) to help keep crowds away from the float/group. If you do not have designated walkers the day of the parade your entry WILL NOT be allowed to participate and no refunds will be given. Additionally, walkers are required to wear orange vests. Orange vests may be purchased from the JFA at the registration table for a nominal fee. This rule applies to all parade entrants including marching groups.
6. Parade entries that throw items, such as candy or trinkets, must supervise small children throwing to ensure items are thrown a safe distance from the float. No driver of any vehicle in the parade is allowed to throw to the crowd. Additionally, if a vehicle is pulling a float then no one in the vehicle may throw to a crowd. DO NOT hand items to parade goers. DO NOT throw items to the crowd in a manner that may cause injury.
7. The Jambalaya Festival Association reserves the right to remove any entry deemed inappropriate.
8. All entries are required to sign a waiver of liability in favor of the JFA and the City of Gonzales.
9. Entrants will receive information regarding the line-up procedure prior to the parade.
10. **Line-up begins at 8:00am, no sooner. All participants should be in place by 11:00am for judging.**
11. Entrants will be judged in four categories: Overall Appearance, Use of Theme, Creativity, and Effort.
12. The parade will begin promptly at 1:30pm.
13. Possession of alcohol or the consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited! (The Gonzales City Police Department will be conducting breathalyzer tests for each driver, with no legal consequences.)
14. Only Christmas music is to be played by parade participants. No music containing vulgar words, phrases, or references will be tolerated. This is a family-oriented parade and the JFA reserves the right to expel any participant not abiding to this guideline, with no refund given.
15. Only necessary vehicles will be allowed on the Civic Center grounds. If you are a group and would like to arrive via bus, please make arrangements with the JFA. If small children need to be escorted to their float/group, please plan to park in of the lots on the City Hall/library side of Irma Blvd and walk the child to his or her float/group. No vehicles will be allowed in the parade line-up area to drop off participants.