

Cabot Christmas Parade Rules

- **“NO SANTA CLAUS” CLAUSE:** The Cabot Christmas Parade Committee requires that NO ENTRIES ARE TO HAVE ANY “LIVE” PERSON IN A “SANTA SUIT” in their design/presentation. This is to alleviate any possible confusion to children. Please, do not contact Santa & ask him to ride on your entry; as we have a long-term “signed” contract with the jolly old elf. **SANTA CLAUS WILL BE OUR LAST ENTRY** in the Parade.
- **DEADLINE: Entries Must Be Received No Later Than Stated Date On Parade Entry Form.** Applicable Entry Fee must accompany each form submitted to parade committee officials.
- **LATE ENTRIES:** Entry Forms, received after stated deadline date, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- **ROUTE:** The Parade will travel WEST MAIN STREET, beginning at DAKOTA DRIVE & ending at designated “Finish/Disband” Area, on FIRST STREET in the CABOT MINI-MALL Parking Lot.
- **STAGING AREA & LINE-UP:** Parade Line-Up may begin at 3:00PM along the Driveway Behind HOME DEPOT. Entry into Line-Up area will be accessible ONLY by entering on GOING DRIVE (traffic signal at WENDY’S)!! Drivers should follow all directional signs for entering into the Line-Up. Parade officials will meet & direct you to Line-Up Spot. **NO ACCESS FROM DAKOTA DRIVE**, during staging of parade Line-Up. Vehicles will **only** be able to access the staging area from GOING DRIVE (aka Entrance to HOME DEPOT). Late arrivals will be positioned to end of the Parade Line-Up. **The Parade Will Start At 5:00PM.**
- **JUDGING:** Criteria = Adherence to Theme, Originality, Workmanship, Music. Judging will take place during the course of the Parade, specifically at the STAGE, located in the old Price Cutter Parking Lot (*on West Main Street*). **EXCEPTION:** “MAYOR’S CHOICE” (Overall Winner) judging will take place in the LINE-UP AREA, prior to beginning of the Parade. To be considered for this award, your entry must be in-place by 4:15PM.
- **AWARDS CEREMONY:** ALL Awards/Trophies will be presented at the JUDGES’ STAGE, located in the old Price Cutter Parking Lot immediately following The Parade. Please join us!
- **PARADE PARKING:** NO PARKING ALLOWED FOR VEHICLES OF NON-PARTICIPANTS IN THE “LINE-UP AREA”. Only parade participant’s vehicles will be allowed to remain in this area. “CARPOOLING” IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. Anyone dropping-off participants will be allowed to proceed thru “Line-Up Area”, but will be required to depart immediately, upon uniting participants with their parade entry. DRIVEWAY BEHIND HOME DEPOT will be a ONE WAY street.
- **BUSES:** Band buses may proceed thru “Line-Up Area” behind HOME DEPOT by entering onto GOING DRIVE. After unloading participants, buses must then proceed to the “RESERVED” parking area located at on FIRST STREET in the CABOT MINI-MALL Parking Lot, which will be the “Finish/Disband” & designated “pick-up” area for all participants. Cabot Police Will Greet You There & Direct You.
- **ANIMAL/EQUESTRIAN UNITS:** “COGGINS” VERIFIERS WILL BE EXAMINING YOUR CURRENT FORMS. DO NOT UNLOAD ANIMALS, UNTIL PAPERS ARE INSPECTED. Vehicles with horse/animal trailers may then proceed to Designated Area for Unloading. After unloading, proceed (with trailers) to FIRST STREET in the CABOT MINI-MALL Parking Lot, which will be the “Finish/Disband” & designated “pick-up” area for all participants. Cabot Police Will Greet You There & Direct You. **You MUST clean up any “droppings” this Area, from your animals. Thank you.**
- **THEME:** Entries should reflect the **“Theme”** of *The Christmas Parade* – interpreted in an acceptable & tasteful manner - mindful of the responsibility that goes along with a public presentation.
- **WALKERS/RIDERS/MARCHING UNITS:** Upon reaching parade “Finish” & designated pick-up area, individuals need to remain in area, until appropriate pre-arranged transportation-provider arrives.
- **ANY ENTRY WITH CHILDREN riding on a vehicle/float must provide ample adult supervision.** This is mandatory for all such entries. There must be at least 1 adult per entry, on which children are riding.
- **ALL FLOAT RIDERS will remain on their float at all times**, while float is on Parade route. Absolutely no participant will get on or off a float once it has started down the Parade route. Only in cases of emergency or float has reached designated “finish” area, will any participant be allowed to get on or off a float.

- All vehicular entries will be required to produce, upon request by parade officials, the name of that entry's driver, his/her's **valid driver's license, and current proof of liability insurance.**
- **"LOST & FOUND KIDS":** If any person/child becomes lost or separated from an entry, contact event staff for assistance -or- local authorities will also be on-duty.
- It is parents' responsibility, of children participating in the Parade, to make necessary arrangements to have their children met & picked-up from the designated "Finish/Disband" area, in a reasonable amount of time immediately following the completion of the Parade.
- **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE WAY TO ANY & ALL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL & VEHICLES.**
- **BREAKDOWNS:** Any motorized unit/vehicle, which becomes disabled & delays the Parade, will be removed from Parade route. All towing expenses will be at the participant's expense.
- **THROWING STUFF: No materials of any sort (i.e. candy, toys, etc.) will be THROWN from floats/entries, under any circumstances.** This is due to potential physical injury, danger, insurance and littering problems. **Distribution of material is allowed. Materials are to be handed out by walking units only, and not thrown from floats or vehicles. Candy must be in original wrappers! Violation of this rule will result in the immediate removal of that unit from parade, and violating group will not be allowed in next year's parade.**
- **Nudity and Obscene Displays or Actions Will Not Be Permitted.** Any violation of this rule, to the embarrassment of OUR COMMUNITY & the public-at-large, will result in the IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM PARADE LINE-UP & NOTIFICATION OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.
- **Alcoholic Beverages Are Prohibited** on any float, cab of truck, car: in the parade "staging- area", on the parade route or in the designated "pick-up area" following the parade. Any violation of this rule will result in IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM PARADE LINE-UP & NOTIFICATION OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.
- **Loaded Firearms & Explosive Devices Are Prohibited.** NO participants are to be in possession of any Loaded Firearms or Explosive Devices: before, during or after parade. Violation of this rule will result in IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM PARADE & NOTICE TO LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.
- **BE NICE:** ALL PARTICIPANTS in the Parade are expected to perform courteously toward others, in good taste, and with safety in mind at all times during the formation, execution and dismissal of the parade.
- **REMOVAL:** Parade Committee Officials **reserve the right to remove any person or unit** from parade "staging-area" or parade route, who, in their opinion, is offensive and/or a hindrance to the progress of the Parade, or places other participants or spectators in physical danger, or violates any of the rules & regulations set forth in this document.
- **QUALITY:** The primary focus for the "Cabot Christmas Parade" is to provide a safe, enjoyable & quality parade in/on the streets of downtown Cabot.
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** The Parade Committee cannot control the weather. If at any time leading up to or on parade day, the weather/street conditions are deemed unsafe, the parade will be postponed. If inclement weather, please call 501-920-2122 for info. A determination will be made, by 1:00PM. RAIN DATE: (in accordance with information on Entry Form).
- **Thank you for your participation in this year's parade. Any additional questions, please contact Parade Officials at 920-2122.**