

2017 Lyons Parade of Light Rules & Guidelines

A. Theme for the Parade: *Peace on Earth*

1. Themes should conform to the spirit of the event.

B. Rules & Guidelines for all Participants:

1. Due to safety requirements, no items such as candy, toys, etc. should be thrown from vehicles, floats, horses, etc., to the spectators. Escorts should walk alongside your entry to hand out such items. It will be dark out and difficult for spectators to see any items being thrown from floats and vehicles.

2. No group or entry, except that of the event sponsor (Town of Lyons), will be permitted to include a Santa Claus on its float or in its theme.

3. The decorations of floats and vehicles, and the attire of the participants are intended to correspond to the theme of the parade. However, each year we do have several participants that enter the parade with other creative and acceptable entries. Float and vehicle decorations and the attire of the participants must be thoroughly **illuminated** and decorated in the spirit of the event. **Entries will not be accepted without lighting and should be thoroughly illuminated.** Floats should be no larger than 20 feet wide, 55 feet long and 15 feet tall. Please construct floats safely keeping in mind fire safety, weight of riders, wiring, materials used, etc.

4. All entries must maintain a safe space of approximately 20 feet from the entry ahead of them while in the parade route. **Please keep pace and avoid any gaps, stalling or spaces as this will adversely affect the parade and take away from spectator enjoyment.** If any entry stalls or stops, the parade will move around it. Any entry not completing the route as a complete unit will not be judged. The determination of entry placement and category is governed by the parade director and is final.

5. Signs identifying each entry are **required**. Numbers will be provided at the registration tent.

6. All four-wheel vehicles entries must be clean, decorated and **illuminated** in the spirit of the event. It is encouraged that these entries be associated with a club, group, association or business. Individuals with antique cars, hot rods or tractors may also participate. Participants may want to have individuals handing out candy or other items along each side of the vehicle to prevent children/pedestrians from darting under and add to the spirit of the event (this is recommended for additional safety, it is not mandatory to have walkers on either side of vehicle).

7. Semi or large tractor-trailer trucks will not be allowed in the parade without special advanced permission from the sponsor. Please call if you have any questions concerning your entry.

8. Entries will be assigned 1 day prior to the event on December 1, 2017. Entry numbers and parade line-up maps can be picked up prior to the event at the registration tent located at the intersection of 3rd Ave. and Railroad Ave. Entries received on or before November 27, 2017 will not have to pay a registration fee. All entries received following the November 27th deadline will incur a \$15.00 late entry fee and will be located at the rear of the parade. Spaces will be assigned on December 1, 2017. Be sure to pick up your number and line-up map on parade day at the registration tent. Officials will guide you to your position beginning at 5:00 pm. Entries must be present by and in position by 5:45 pm. Line up will start at 5:00 pm.

9. This is a holiday parade and children are especially encouraged to participate, as individuals or as a group. We welcome commercial floats, and tasteful advertising is allowed within reason. Bands and choirs are welcome from local youth groups, churches, high schools, etc. Call with any questions about your group.

10. Any entry violating the rules governing the parade will be immediately removed from the parade and will be subject to disqualification from future parade participation.

C. Route: The parade will start at the intersection of Second Avenue and Highway 66 next to the former Valley Bank (same as last year). Entrants will travel west on Highway 66 to Main Street and then to Fifth Avenue, turn south on Fifth to Broadway, and then east on Broadway, exiting south to Third Avenue (in front of the Lyons Fire Station).

D. Trophies: Awards will be given at the conclusion of the fireworks at approximately 8:00 p.m. on the Raul Vasquez Community Stage in Sandstone Park. Please make every effort to attend the awards ceremony. Entertainment will be provided while the judges tabulate the parade results. Trophies not claimed at the awards presentation must be picked up at the Lyons Town Hall located at 432 5th Ave.

