

## Apex Rotary Christmas Parade information and Rules 2016

- All parade units must select one person to be the Parade Team Leader. This “Responsible Person” will be the contact person for your parade unit before and during the parade. Their primary job is to be the point of contact and make sure that ALL participants get ALL the information prior to December 3rd. The Team Leader will receive an email shortly after we receive your application confirming receipt. If you do not receive this confirmation email, please contact 919-303-8338 and we will send another promptly. This is to verify your email address for final instructions a week prior to the parade to share with your entire group.
- To insure the safety of all spectators NO items may be thrown, tossed or given away from any floats or vehicles. **Candy is absolutely prohibited to be thrown by any parade unit per order of the Apex Police Department.** The Apex Rotary Club has this covered for you. Failure to follow this rule will result in you not being allowed to return to the parade in the future. Items other than candy, such as literature or coupons must be approved by the Apex Police Department and Apex Rotary Club prior to the parade.
- Pre Decorated commercial floats are rented from a professional float company. Included in the cost are a driver and a banner with your business name hung from the float. With a Half float both businesses have a banner hung from the float. You only need to provide riders! The number of floats is limited and choice of floats is first come, first serve.
- For “Homemade Floats” - Your business or group provides one vehicle to ride in the parade. The vehicle must be decorated for the holiday season. You may hang a banner from your vehicle or float. As many riders that will safely fit in the vehicle are welcome to join. You may also have walkers walk along the side or behind the vehicle if you wish. Prior approval is needed for more than one vehicle due to space limitations in the staging area. **NO SANTAS** – he only rides on his sleigh at the end of the parade!
- All motorcycle, car and truck entries must be in safe, operational condition and must be operated in a safe manner at all times. No “Burn out, wheelies, donuts” or other unsafe driving acts are permitted. Failure to follow this rule will result in removal from this and future parades. The safety of our spectators is our prime concern
- Any animal units must provide their own accompanying clean up personnel with shovels/rakes.
- **All parade units must be in place by 4:30pm and must follow the map as to where to enter.** The parade starts promptly at 5pm. Traffic will get very congested and roads are closed by 3pm when line up starts. Please don't be late.
- Deadline to apply is Wed. November 23<sup>th</sup> or when the parade is full. If there is room any late entries will be added to the end of the parade. If you have questions please email us at [apexrotary@gmail.com](mailto:apexrotary@gmail.com) or call 919-303-8338.

**The Apex Christmas Parade goes on rain or shine.** There is no rain date.