

## To all Parade participants:

Due to the ever increasing size of our annual Christmas Parade, the Parade Committee would like to tell you of a major change to one or our rules and to emphasize a couple very important rules. Your cooperation to make certain these rules are followed will help ensure a safer environment for our parade participants and crowd.

**Change to Rule #5** - Each entry is required to provide a minimum of **four** walkers (adults - over 18 years of age) to walk along side of floats/groups to help watch over the parade goers. This rule applies to ALL entries, including marching groups.

### Reminder – Rule #6 –

**DO NOT** hand items to individuals on the street! - This encourages the crowd to approach floats and is very unsafe.

**DO NOT** throw items to the crowd in a manner that may cause injury!

**NO DRIVER** of any vehicle in the parade is allowed to throw to the crowd!

**SMALL CHILDREN** must be supervised to ensure that items are thrown a safe distance from the float.

### Reminder – Rule #2- Sign-in is required the day of the parade.

A registration table will be set up in front of the E.A. High School office. All walkers and float drivers are required to check-in upon arrival. A float number will be given to each participant at this time.

**\*\* A complete list of all parade rules are listed on the second page of the parade registration packet. If you have any questions concerning any of these rules, please do not hesitate to call us.**



2009 Theme
"All I Want For Christmas..."
Sunday, December 13, 2009
at 2:00 P.M.
Sponsored By: EATEL

ENTRY FORM

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON(S) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ FAX # \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PAYMENT: VISA/MC/AMEX # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code# \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ENTRY: Please circle one: Dignitary Car Fire Truck Float School Band

\*\*\*REQUIRED FLOAT INFORMATION: (One float per registration form.)
What is the total length, including the vehicle pulling the float? \_\_\_\_\_
What is the overall height? \_\_\_\_\_
(YOUR ENTRY WILL NOT BE GIVEN A POSITION IN THE PARADE LINE-UP WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.)

Please Note: 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 (orange vest REQUIRED - refer to rule # 5). No refunds on registration day will be issued if this should occur. NO Golf carts will be allowed WITHOUT ADVANCE PERMISSION from the parade committee.

SCHOOL MARCHERS: How many people will be marching? \_\_\_\_\_
(This applies to school bands/dance squads/cheerleaders only.)

CATEGORY FOR JUDGING: (Circle one) Industrial Commercial Civic/Religious Child

REGISTRATION FEES: Chamber Member Business or Civic Organization - \$175.00
Non-Member Business - \$250.00

FEE CALCULATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Registration amount
+ \$ 50.00 Late Fee (If Entry Form is not received in our office by 11/25/09)
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Due

No Registrations taken after 12/02/09. Must be pre-registered to participate.

The Ascension Chamber of Commerce, 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 2009 Ascension Christmas Parade. I have read the Christmas Parade rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I do not provide a minimum of four walkers that my float or group will not roll and my registration fee will not be reimbursed.

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_
Mail this entry form along with your appropriate entry fee to:

The Ascension Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1204 Gonzales, LA 70707-1204
Phone: (225) 647-7487 FAX: (225) 647-5124

## CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES

1. No live Santa Clauses, other than the Chamber's Santa, may appear in the Parade. Pictures of Santa will be permitted.
2. Sign-in is required the day of the parade. A registration table will be set up in front of the E.A. High School office. All walkers and float drivers are required to check-in upon arrival. A float number will be given to each participant at this time.
3. This parade will be televised therefore each entrant must fill out and return the attached information sheet on the group/float no later than 12/02/09. The Commentators will use this for historical/descriptive verbiage during the broadcast. (See Attached Form)
4. Parade entries should be confined to school marching groups individual cars carrying dignitaries, and floats decorated in accordance with the parade theme. Vehicles such as motorcycles, go-carts and "low-rider" trucks, or "mud" trucks are not allowed to pull floats that are 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 walkers the day of the parade, your entry WILL NOT be allowed to roll. If this should occur, no refunds on registration will be issued. Additionally, walkers are required to wear orange vests, which may be purchased from the Chamber Office at a nominal fee. This rule applies to all entries, including marching groups
6. Parade entries that throw items such as candy or trinkets must supervise small children throwing to ensure that the 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 the crowd. DO NOT hand items to individuals on the street! DO NOT throw items to the crowd in a manner that may cause injury!
7. The Ascension Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to remove any entry deemed unacceptable.
8. All entries are required to sign a waiver of liability in favor of the Chamber and the City of Gonzales.
9. Entries will receive information regarding the line-up procedure prior to the day of the parade.
10. Line-up begins at 10:30 A.M. ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN PLACE BY 12:00 NOON FOR JUDGING.
11. Entries will be judged in four categories: Overall Appearance, Use of Theme, Creativity/Originality, and Effort.
12. The parade will roll at 2:00 P.M. promptly.
13. Any alcohol or the use of alcohol is strictly prohibited! (Breath tests will be conducted by the Gonzales City Police Department for each driver, with no legal consequences.)
14. Only Christmas music is to be played by any entry. No music containing vulgar words, phrases or references will be tolerated. The parade is family-oriented and the Chamber reserves the right to expel anyone not abiding to this guideline, with no refund given.
15. Only necessary vehicles will be allowed on the school grounds. If you are a group and would like to arrive via bus, please make arrangements with the Chamber office. If small children need to be escorted to their entry number, please plan to park in one of the lots on the City Hall side of Irma Blvd. and walk the child to his/her entry location. No vehicles will be allowed in the parade line up site area to drop off participants.

**INFORMATION SHEET**  
(To be used by the Commentator for broadcasting.)  
**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

• Individual or Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Description of Individual or Group:

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• Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Title of Float: *"2009 Theme – All I Want For Christmas..."*

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• Description of Float: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you have any comments or suggestions for the 2009 Christmas Parade?  
If you would like to share them, you may do so by mailing your written suggestions to:**

**The Ascension Christmas Parade  
P.O. Box 1204  
Gonzales, LA 70707-1204  
Phone: (225) 647-7487 FAX: (225) 647-5124  
E-mail: [info@ascensionchamber.com](mailto:info@ascensionchamber.com)**