

Trenton Santa Claus Parade

Policies & Regulations

Sunday November 26, 2023 @ 4:30pm (Rain, Snow or Shine)

NOTE: The Santa Claus Parade Committee does not wish to place many restrictions on parade participants. The following policies are established as the minimum regulations for enjoyment and safety reasons. We require your cooperation in observing them. Parade participants are responsible for their own safety and the parade committee will not be held responsible for any accidents.

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

1. Only 1 Santa. No other Santa Claus or anybody (real or fake) portraying Santa are allowed except for the one at the end of the parade. Inflatable Santa's are permitted as children can recognize this is not the 'real' life Santa.
2. Entries must be entertaining to a family audience, especially for children. We encourage Christmas themed decorations, music, float design and/or costumes. Please ensure vehicles towing floats are decorated as well. If your float/vehicle is not decorated you will be asked to not participate.
3. All participants must complete a Parade Entry Form.
4. Parade participants shall not consume alcohol and will refrain from smoking during their participation in the parade.
5. **For safety reasons, throwing of candy or any objects is not allowed.** If caught, you will be removed from the parade. Walkers who are with a float and handing out items must be a minimum of 14 years of age.
6. There will be no premature exiting of the parade route.
7. Initial building/assembly of float must be completed prior to entering the park. **AUTOMOBILES for commercial advertising ARE NOT acceptable as a float entry. You must decorate all vehicles.** ** Exceptions only for Specialty and Vintage **
8. If you are performing or dancing, do so while in motion. Stopping will create unnecessary gaps in the parade.
9. Animal Entries: All entries are required to clean up behind their animals along the route. Please be courteous to the other participants.

10. If it is cold outside and animals are not properly attired, they will be asked not to participate.
11. No entry shall exceed 14 feet in height.
12. We encourage floats with generators or other possible fire hazards to have suitable fire extinguishing equipment on their floats.
13. Any floats with small children must have at least one (1) adult present for supervision.
14. Ensure that children have coats or blankets to keep them warm.
15. We ask that all floats arrive no later than 3:30pm. This will enable the stagers to ensure all entries are checked-in and in their proper places for a prompt start to the parade. If someone arrives at 4pm they will be placed at the end of the parade.
16. Walking groups must organize themselves and let each member of their group know where the meeting place is and to stay together.
17. **Parade starts at exactly 4:30pm (rain, snow or shine) with or without you.**
18. **END OF PARADE ROUTE – All vehicles must take direction from the police upon reaching Queen Street at the end of the parade.** This is to ensure the safety of the parade participants. **Please do not drive in regular traffic with children on floats. We will have buses available again to transport you back to Centennial Park.** If you wish to have parents of children pick them up at Centennial Park please notify them that buses will be shuttling people back to Centennial Park. We strongly urge you to **NOT** drive with children on you float back to Centennial Park in general traffic flow. This is very unsafe.
19. An entry may be refused up to the start of the parade should the entry not meet parade guidelines or differ from their approved entry form.

Please remember this parade is for the children please decorate your floats and light them up for the children!

**If you have any questions please call
Morgan Scott at 613-392-7635.**