

Timpson Lighted Christmas Parade sponsored by Timpson Area Chamber of Commerce & Timpson Volunteer Fire Department.



Date: December 9, 2023 5:30 pm line up

Where: Line up @ Timpson HS, travel normal parade route

This will be Timpson’s first lighted nighttime parade. Let’s all work together to make it an event everyone can enjoy safely.

All parade entries MUST complete an application and turn it in prior to the parade. Please answer each question and be specific. Entry forms will not be processed until all information is complete. All entries must be received by December 4, 2023. A separate entry form must be completed for each parade entry (float, ATV, vehicle, tractor, bicycle, horse, wagon etc).

Winners will be announced at the end of the parade. 3 categories see below – trophies will be awarded

They will be contacted by the cell number on the parade entry form and asked to report to the main stage for recognition and presentation of prizes.

Questions?

Thank you for your participation and support!

Contact information:

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person present at the parade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ alt phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsoring business or organization, if any: _____

PRIZES: No cash awards. Trophies will be awarded to winners of the following categories: Best Themed/Lighted Float, Best Walking or Riding Group, and Timpson’s Best Entry. Winners will be announced at the end of the parade. They will be contacted by the cell number on the parade entry form and asked to report to the main stage for recognition and presentation of prizes. An announcement will be released to area media. Judging will be on THEME, LIGHTING and ORIGINALITY

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Select a type of entry from the list below. A separate entry form must be completed for each entry, i.e. if you are registering two separate cars, each must be listed on separate forms.

Category A - FLOATS (INCLUDING TRAILERS) ♦ Float: Total length, including tow vehicle: _____
Est. number of riders: _____ Is the float built on a: ♦ Truck & trailer _____

Will your entry include music? ♦ Yes ♦ No

Category B - ALL OTHER ENTRIES (NO TRAILERS) ♦

Vehicle: List Make & Model _____ ***

If a group, # vehicles in your group: _____ ♦ Marching Band: Estimated number of marchers: _____
♦ Walking Group/Marchers: Estimated number in group: _____ ♦ Horse & Rider Club: Est. number of riders: _____ **ALL LIVESTOCK** must be diapered or have clean-up crew walking alongside parade entry! OR THEY WILL BE AT END OF LINE-UP You are responsible for this; we do not provide this service.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Other: Please describe your entry below or use another page. Be specific: Provide description of your entry. Be as specific as possible, remember entries should reflect the theme of the festival listed on the top of the entry form, or Christmas theme. Judges will look for creative use of the theme. The information provided below will be read (as written) by the parade commentators at stage. If nothing is written, nothing will be read. (Use an additional page if needed for float description)

I have read the parade rules and regulations and agree to abide by them. I understand that by disregarding any of the rules and regulations that my entry may be eliminated from the parade.

Signature: Date: _____

Responsible person: _____

Date sent in: _____

Emailed citysecretary@cityoftimpson.com Yes / No Hand delivered CITY HALL Yes/NO

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PARADE ASSEMBLY & DISBURSEMENT

All registered entries will receive information regarding the parade assembly location, check-in times, and disbursement rules prior to the event. The contact person listed on the entry form is responsible for notifying all float riders and drivers about the assembly and disbursement rules.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS Candy, samples or other materials of any kind may be thrown or otherwise distributed from the float ONLY if said float, vehicle or any moving unit has a walk along person on side or sides such will be distributed from. The walk along person will be responsible for keeping anyone including children and adults from getting close to moving units. This is for safety and entire float participants will be responsible for this. We do not provide this service. **Units in violation of this rule will be removed from the parade.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES No alcoholic beverages of any kinds will be allowed in or on the float or tow vehicle. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited, and violators will be prosecuted.

Maximum Width: 20 feet / **Maximum Length:** 60 feet **Maximum Overall Height:** 15 feet.

ILLUMINATION All parade entries must be thoroughly illuminated. Entries will not be accepted without proper lighting that can be seen.

FRAME All parts of the frame must be high enough to clear surfaces to and from the parade assembly area through the dispersal area. All parts of the fully decorated float must clear the ground by a minimum of ten inches with the exception of fringe. Flooring must be strong enough for all riders.

STEERING A turn radius of 45 degrees to the right and left is mandatory.

PORTABLE GENERATORS Portable generators used in conjunction with float lighting must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of 12 inches clearance must separate any part of the generator from light, combustible fabrication, or decorating material. A Timpson Volunteer Fire person will inspect for safety and presence of a fire extinguisher on your float. Please watch gasoline consumption while in parade line-up. Don't run out!!!

ELECTRICAL WIRING Wire and lighting devices must have sufficient capability for the use intended for them on the float. Wiring should be properly secured to the float to avoid mechanical damage and injury to float riders and other participants.

TIRES: Tires may not rub any part of the frame or float decoration when making turns.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER At least one five-pound dry chemical or 10-pound carbon dioxide fire extinguisher should be placed within easy reach of the float driver. There should be at least one fire extinguisher near each generator.

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FLOAT & VEHICLE DRIVERS All drivers must be licensed and adequately trained to drive their float. The driver should have perfect visibility of the road ahead. Once the float is in position in the line-up area, the driver must be in attendance at all times and available to move the unit as necessary.

FLOAT RIDERS Builders or float sponsors are responsible for obtaining written consent or release from every rider on their float.

COSTUMED CHARACTERS Float builders are encouraged to use costumed characters on floats. However, NO Santa Claus will be allowed (Santa is featured at the end of the parade by the event Santa Sponsor).

In addition, make certain that there is adequate ventilation, and that the driver's vision is not impaired. Remember to avoid placing decorations directly on the hood of your car if it is likely to heat up during the parade.

INCLEMENT WEATHER This is a rain or shine event! Hot or cold! Snow or Ice!



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