



City of Pearl's Annual Christmas Parade
Official Entry
'Twas the Light Before Christmas'



Parade Date: December 3, 2022
Line-Up Time: 4pm - 6pm

Parade Start Time: 6:30 pm
Entry Fee: Free

\*ENTRY FORM DEADLINE DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022 AT 4PM
NO SANTA ALLOWED - (the 'real' one has already accepted)

Organization/Title of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry: ( ) Float ( ) Single Vehicle ( ) Truck & Trailer ( ) Marching / Dance ( ) Other\*

\*If 'Other', describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your entry to be judged? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Length of Entry: TOTAL NUMBER OF FEET IN THE FLOAT AND/OR TRAILER AND PULLING VEHICLE ALTOGETHER: \_\_\_\_\_ FT

Number of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Number of marchers \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a brief greeting which will be read by the announcer during the parade.

Three horizontal lines for writing a brief greeting.

\*\*\*PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED PARADE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS\*\*\*

I/We have read the attached Parade Packet which includes the 'Guidelines, Rules and Regulations' and 'Parade Waiver and Release' and agree to comply with said guidelines, rules and regulations along with the parade waiver and release.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: City of Pearl - Attn: Stacy Smith / PO BOX 5948 / Pearl, MS 39288-5948

DELIVER TO: Pearl City Hall - Attn: Stacy Smith / 2420 Old Brandon Rd / Pearl, MS 39208

EMAIL: Stacy Smith at [ssmith@cityofpearl.com](mailto:ssmith@cityofpearl.com) (601-932-3503)

Office Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Parade Entry #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parade Official: \_\_\_\_\_



## **“Twas the Light Before Christmas” PARADE GUIDELINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

**Date:** Saturday, December 3, 2022

**Time:** Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Entry arrival times will vary. Arrival time will be announced at Mandatory Entrant Meeting. This meeting will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pearl Senior Center (110 Valentour Rd). **A representative from your float MUST ATTEND this meeting.**

**Theme:** **“Twas the Light Before Christmas”** Be as creative as possible! The most important part is that your entry must be decorated with lights.

**Deadline:** All entry forms must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 18, 2022

**The City of Pearl has adopted “The Santa Claus” clause. This clause PROHIBITS any other float participant or entry to use any form of Santa Claus. Only one Santa Claus will be provided, presented, and established by the City of Pearl for the entire parade.**

**Walkers:** Each float must have 4 adults (2 on each side) walking alongside the float. The purpose of this is to add additional security for floats and spectators. The responsibility of the walkers is to make sure there are no spectators in the road as your float approaches and to ensure compliance of the no throwing rules.

**Lighting:** All entries must have lights. Please check out YouTube for different tricks and ideas. Remember to have fun with the theme. It’s all about **“Twas the Light Before Christmas”**. The more lights and decorations you have the more magical it seems to spectators and the more people notice you.

**Judging:** If you want your entry to be judged, each entry/band/choir/dance team may stop and/or perform in front of the judges’ stand on Old Brandon Road at the Fallen Police Officer Memorial across from City Hall. In an effort to keep the parade flowing, there will be a maximum 1-minute limit in front of the judges’ stand.

### **Judging Categories Include:**

- Most Christmas Spirit
- Best **“Twas the Light Before Christmas”** Spirit
- Brightest Lights
- Best Marching Unit
- Best Overall Float

**Line-Up:** All entries must take and keep the place assigned to them by the Line-Up staff. Entrant Number must be placed in a visible area such as dash or driver door. YOU MUST have number with you at line up arrival time.

**Throwing and Distribution of Articles:** **Candy may be thrown SAFELY to the parade spectators.**

**Alcohol and Drugs:** The consumption of drugs or alcohol by parade participants is strictly prohibited. Smoking in/on units is not permitted.

**Mounted Units:** All mounted entries will be placed in the back of the parade line-up and MUST provide a “pooper scooper” to follow the entry to ensure public safety and sanitation.



**Safety Requirements:** All entries must be operated in a legal, safe, and ethical manner and comply with law enforcement and the City of Pearl directions and community standards of good taste. Any lewd, lascivious behavior or profane music will not be tolerated and will be grounds for expulsion from the parade.

All marchers, walkers, and riders must remain with their unit in their assigned position in the staging area and proceed in a steady and continuous manner during the parade, maintaining a minimum of 40 ft between entries.

No entry may exceed 65 ft. in length or 14 ft. in height.

In the event of an emergency, vehicle breakdown or equipment failure, entries should be moved promptly away from or off the parade route so as not to impede parade traffic, spectator view or emergency vehicles. All issues of public safety rest expressly with the City of Pearl Police Department.

**Parade staging area – Bright Shopping Center (2405 US Hwy 80 East)**



## PARADE WAIVER AND RELEASE

WAIVER AND RELEASE (“RELEASE”) RELEASING THE CITY OF PEARL, ITS OFFICERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF PARTICIPANT ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT KNOWN AS “The City of Pearl Christmas Parade.”

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT, PARTICIPANT HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, AND DISCHARGES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURIES TO PERSON INCLUDING DEATH OR TO PROPERTY THAT PARTICIPANT MAY INCUR AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT’S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT. THIS RELEASE DISCHARGES THE CITY OF PEARL, AND ALL OTHER PROMOTERS, SPONSORS, PROMOTING CLUBS, OFFICIALS, AND ANY MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES (“OTHERS”) ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT, AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED IN ANY WAY TO THE EVENT, EVEN THOUGH THAT LIABILITY MAY ARISE OUT OF NEGLIGENCE, CARELESSNESS, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACT ON THE PART OF THE CITY OF PEARL OR OTHERS, OR PARTICIPANTS.

PARTICIPANT UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A SERIOUS ACCIDENT CAN OCCUR DURING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE EVENT. KNOWING SUCH RISKS, PARTICIPANT HEREBY ASSUMES ALL THOSE RISKS AND INJURY TO PERSON INCLUDING DEATH OR TO PROPERTY RELATED TO EVENT AND RELEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFIES THE CITY OF PEARL FOR ANY SUCH INJURY WHETHER SUCH INJURY ARISES FROM THE CITY OF PEARL OR OTHERS’ NEGLIGENCE, CARELESSNESS, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL COSTS AND ATTORNEYS FEES.

FURTHER, PARTICIPANT HEREBY GRANTS FULL PERMISSION TO ANY OR ALL OF THE FOREGOING TO USE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOTAPES, MOTION PICTURES, RECORDINGS, OR ANY OTHER RECORD OF THIS EVENT.

PARTICIPANT AGREES THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE SHALL BE BINDING ON PARTICIPANT’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND NEXT OF KIN.

PARTICIPANT HAS CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND RELEASE AND SIGNS THIS RELEASE AS PARTICIPANT’S OWN FREE ACT. PARTICIPANT REPRESENTS THAT IN EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT, THAT THE PARTY DOING SO HAS THE FULL AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEARL AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE CITY OF PEARL IS RELYING UPON THE EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN ALLOWING PARTICIPANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.