

2009 Parade Float Checklist

The theme for this year's parade will be "Christmas in Franklin Parish". Please note that this theme will be used in ensuing years so that organizations can "build" on their floats year after year without incurring additional expense.

There is no limit on the amount of money that can be spent on each float. Float building organizations should locate their own sources for donated materials, as well as sponsors.

FLOAT REQUIREMENTS

- All floats **MUST** have Christmas music, live or recorded, audible at 25 yards.
- All floats **MUST** be lighted with Christmas-type lights. There is no limit on the number or type of lights that can be used.
- All floats **MUST** have proper taillights on the trailer, and all vehicles pulling floats **MUST** only use parking lights during the parade.
- Those pulling floats in the parade will have to take a brief safety course conducted by the Winnsboro Police Department on Monday, November 30, at 6 p.m. Please make your plans to attend.
- All floats powered by a gasoline-powered generator **MUST** have a fire extinguisher on board. The City of Winnsboro Fire Department will inspect each float prior to the parade. Those in non-compliance will not be allowed in the parade.
- Each float builder will be responsible for meeting their sponsor's requirements for any and all signage on their float.
- All floats **MUST** have a minimum of four (4) security walkers (adults) stationed on the four "corners" of their float (including the pulling vehicle). Tractor-trailer rigs ("18-wheelers") **MUST** have a minimum of six adult walkers. Marching bands must also have walkers on the four "corners".
- For safety reasons, nothing can be tossed from any float.
- **No float can feature a "Santa"**. There will be one Santa only at the end of the parade on a firetruck, and he will be throwing candy out the back.
- No horses will be allowed.
- No four-wheelers will be allowed except those entered by retail merchants.
- Floats may be either self-propelled or pulled.
- Float builders must muffle generator noises to the best of their ability.
- Floats may begin lining up at 4 p.m. and must be available for initial judging in parade formation **NO LATER** than 5:30 p.m. Floats not in place and ready to roll by 5:30 will not be judged. All judging will be completed by the 7 p.m. start of the parade.
- **Deadline for notifying the Chamber office that you plan to enter a float is November 20.**