

Cabot Christmas Parade Rules

- **“NO SANTA CLAUS” CLAUSE:** The Cabot Christmas Parade Committee requires that NO ENTERIES ARE TO HAVE ANY “LIVE” PERSON IN A “SANTA SUIT” in their design/presentation. This is to alleviate any possible confusion to children. Please, do not contact Santa & ask him to ride on your entry: as we have a long-term “signed” contract with the jolly old elf. **SANTA CLAUS WILL BE OUR LAST ENTRY** in the Parade.
- **DEADLINE:** Entries Must Be Received No Later Than Stated Date On Parade Entry Form. Applicable Entry Fee must accompany each form submitted to parade committee officials.
- **LATE ENTRIES:** Entry Forms, received after stated deadline date, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- **ROUTE:** The Parade will travel WEST MAIN STREET beginning at DAKOTA DRIVE & ending at designed “Finish/Disband” Area, on FIRST STREET in the CABOT MINI-MALL Parking Lot.
- **STAGING AREA & LINE-UP:** parade Line-Up may begin at 3:00 PM along the Driveway behind HOME DEPOT. Entry into Line-Up area will be accessible ONLY by entering on GOING DRIVE (traffic signal at WENDY’S). Drivers should follow all directional signs for entering into the Line-Up. Parade officials will meet & direct you to Line-Up Spot. **NO ACCESS FROM DAKOTA DRIVE**, during staging of parade line-up. Vehicles will only be able to access the staging area from GOING DRIVE (aka Entrance to HOME DEPOT). Late arrivals will be positioned to end of the Parade Line-Up. **The Parade Will Start At 5:00 PM.**
- **JUDGING:** Criteria = Adherence to Theme, Originality, Workmanship, Music. Judging will take place during the course of the Parade, specifically at the STAGE, located at the CASS Building (the old Price Cutter Parking Lot) EXCEPTION: “MAYOR’S CHOICE” (Overall Winner) judging will take place in the LINE-UP AREA, prior to the beginning of the Parade. To be considered for this award, your entry must be in place by 4:15 PM.
- **AWARDS CEREMONY:** ALL Awards/Trophies will be presented at the JUDGES’ STAGE, located in the CASS Building (Formerly the old Price Cutter parking lot) immediately following the Parade. Please join us!
- **PARADE PARKING:** **NO PARKING ALLOWED FOR VEHICLES OR NON-PARTICIPANTS IN THE “LINE-UP AREA”.** Only parade participant’s vehicles will be allowed to remain in this area. “CARPOOLING” IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. Anyone dropping-off participants will be allowed to proceed through “Line-Up Area”, but will be required to depart immediately, upon uniting participants with their parade entry. **DRIVEWAY BEHIND HOME DEPOT WILL BE A ONE-WAY STREET.**
- **BUSES:** Band buses may proceed through “Line-Up Area” behind HOME DEPOT by entering onto GOING DRIVE. After unloading participants, buses must then proceed to the “RESERVED” parking area located on FIRST STREET in the CABOT MINI-MALL Parking Lot, which will be at the “FINISH/DISBAND” and designated “Pick-Up Area” for all participants. Cabot Police will greet you there and direct you.
- **ANIMAL/EQUESTRIAN UNITS:** “COGGINS” VERIFIERS WILL BE EXAMINING YOUR CURRENT FORMS. **DO NOT UNLOAD ANIMALS UNTIL PAPERS ARE INSPECTED.** Vehicles with horse/animal trailers may then proceed to the Designated Area for Unloading. After unloading, proceed (with trailers) to FIRST STREET in the CABOT MINI-MALL Parking Lot, which will be the “Finish/Disband” and designated ‘pick-up’ area for all participants. Cabot Police will greet you there and direct you. **You MUST clean up any “droppings” in this area from your animals. Thank You.**
- **THEME:** Entries should reflect the “Theme” of *The Christmas Parade* – interpreted in an acceptable and tasteful manner – mindful of the responsibility that goes along with a public presentation.
- **WALKERS/RIDERS/MARCHING UNITS:** Upon reaching parade “Finish” and designated pick-up area, individuals need to remain in area, until appropriate pre-arranged transportation-provider arrives.
- **ANY ENTRY WITH CHILDREN RIDING ON A VEHICLE/FLOAT MUST PROVIDE AMPLE ADULT SUPERVISION:** This is mandatory for all such entries. There must be at least 1 adult per entry, on while children are riding.
- **ALL FLOAT RIDERS WILL REMAIN ON THEIR FLOAT AT ALL TIMES WHILE FLOAT IS ON THE PARADE ROUTE:** Absolutely no participants will get on or off a float once it has started down the Parade route. Only in cases of emergency or float has reached the designated “finish” area, will any participant be allowed to get on or off a float.

- **ALL VEHICLES ENTRIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARADE OFFICIALS, THE NAME OF THAT ENTRY'S DRIVER, HIS/HER'S VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND CURRENT PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE.**
- **LOST AND FOUND KIDS:** If any person/child becomes lost or separated from an entry, contact event staff for assistance or local authorities will also be on-duty.
- **IT IS PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE, TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGMENTS TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN MET AND PICKED UP FROM THE DESIGNED "FINISH/DISBAND" AREA, IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE PARADE.**
- **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE WAY TO ANY AND ALL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES.**
- **BREAKDOWNS:** Any motorized unit/vehicle, which becomes disabled and delays the Parade, will be removed from Parade route. All towing will be at the participant's expense.
- **THROWING STUFF:** No materials of any sort (i.e. candy, toys, ect.) will be **THROWN** from floats/entries, under any circumstances. This is due to potential physical injury, danger, insurance and littering problems. Distribution of material is allowed. Materials are to be handed out by walking units only, and not thrown from floats or vehicles. Candy must be in original wrappers! Violation of this rule will result in the immediate removal of that unit from parade, and violating group will not be allowed in next year's parade.
- **NUDITY AND OBSCENE DISPLAYS OR ACTIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED:** Any violation of this rule, to the embarrassment of OUR COMMUNITY and the public-at-large, will result in the IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM PARADE LINE-UP AND NOTIFICATIONS OF LAW ENFORCMENT AUTHORITIES.
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED:** Any float, cab of truck, car: in the parade "staging area", on the parade route or in the designated "pick-up area" following the parade. Any violations of this rule will result in IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM PARADE AND NOTICE TO LAW ENFORCMENT AUTHORITIES.
- **LOADED FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED:** NO participants are to be in possession of any loaded firearm or explosive devices: Before, during or after the parade. Violation of this rule will result in IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM PARADE AND NOTICE TO LAW ENFORCMENT AUTHORITIES.
- **BE NICE:** ALL PARTICIPANTS in the Parade are expected to perform courteously toward others, in good taste, and with safety in mind at all times during the formation, execution and dismissal of the parade.
- **REMOVAL:** Parade Committee Officials **reserve the right to remove any person or unit** from parade "staging area" or parade route, who, in their opinion, if offensive and/or a hindrance to the progress of the Parade, or places other participants or spectators in physical danger, or violates any of the rules & regulations set forth in this document.
- **QUALITY:** The primary focus for the "Cabot Christmas Parade" is to provide a safe, enjoyable and quality parade in/on the streets of downtown Cabot.
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** The Parade Committee cannot control the weather. If at any time leading up to or on parade day, the weather/street conditions are deemed unsafe, the parade will be postponed. If inclement weather, please call 501-843-3566 ext. 1001 for info. A determination will be made, by 1:00 PM. RAIN DATE: (in accordance with information on Entry Form).
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S PARADE. ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CLETA HARDY AT 501-843-3566 EXT. 1001.**