

2011 Santa's Old Bridge Parade INFORMATION and RULES

Date and Time: Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011. Start lining up by 9 a.m. Step off at 10 a.m.

Theme: Holidays Around the World

Entry Fee: \$25. Check or Credit Card. **Entry Deadline:** November 10, 2011

Bad Weather: If weather is severe, parade will be cancelled.

Parade Route: Very flat, approx. 1 mile on the west side of Old Bridge Road. Begins at Mohican Road in vicinity at Lake Ridge Middle School to a right on Smoketown Road, and disperse behind Festival at Old Bridge Shopping Center. Please make sure your unit turns the corner and continues to the first entrance before stopping. Marching time about 1 hour.

Safety, Insurance, Traffic and Crowd Control issues

- For safety of spectators and participants – NO handouts/no tossing or throwing items – no candy, no favors, leaflets, flyers, etc – are to be thrown from vehicles or floats or handed out by walkers
- No solicitations of any kind from parade crowd or from parade participants are permitted
- Animals other than trained horses are not recommended due to loud and unusual noises, large crowds and small children. Animals must be under control at all times. Those who bring animals do so at their own risk, and they accept total and complete responsibility and liability for the animal (s) behavior.

General Information

Decorated vehicles: Please-American flags on all vehicles, if possible. Other holiday decorations encouraged.

Holiday Sounds: Each group is encouraged to have a sound to capture the spirit of the parade and to avoid dead spots. Sounds can be as simple as a holiday song, cheers, jingling bells, shoe taps, clapping routine, taped music, etc.

No Santa Clauses: The only Santa will be at the end of the Parade. Do not plan any kind of "Santa" with your unit. Several Santas are confusing to children.

Uniforms/Costumes: All parade participants should be in full uniform or costume to be easily identified as a group. Warm clothing should be worn under uniform or costume. Santa hats ok.

Unit Identification: Each unit shall have an identifying sign or banner with name of participant or participating organization. Please cover advertising to preserve the noncommercial spirit of the Parade.

Briefing / Information: Call Observer newspaper office at 703-369-5253 with questions.

Cancellations: If unit must withdraw, please call us at 703-369-5253. Night before parade call 703-361-5379. Parade morning call 703-380-3401. No refunds.

Judging and awards: Units will be judged during the parade. Judging criteria: adherence to theme, overall appeal and precision. Winners will be notified.

Parking: Parking in the lineup area is for parade vehicles. Please park personal vehicles at WSHS lower lot and walk to assigned lineup position.

Submission of entry form constitutes acceptance of terms & conditions set forth above.

