



In partnership with



# Children's Christmas Parade

**Parade Date:**  
**Thursday, December 4**  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
N. Main Street  
Porterville, CA 93257  
**Deadline for returning a  
completed entry form:**  
**Friday, November 12, 4 p.m.**

## 2025 Theme: "Home for the Holidays"

2025 Children's Christmas Parade: [Registration page](#)

Name of the Organization/Business:

Person in Charge of the Entry - *All contact will be made with this person*

Email Address - *All communications will be sent to this address*

Day Phone Number

Evening Phone Number

Mailing Address

Incomplete entries will not be considered for the parade and returned for completion. **Parade is limited to 80 entries.**  
**We will be accepting applications up until November 12<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.** Our staff will confirm your registration within a week of submission. If you do not hear from us within a week of your submission, please contact our office. Please review the following timeline for general questions.

September:	November:	November:	December:
Entry registrations open up on Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Entry registrations deadline is November 12 <sup>th</sup> unless all 80 entries are taken before that date.	Planned line-up release date: Wednesday, November 26 or December 1 <sup>st</sup> . We will not provide line-up details before those dates.	Event date: December 4 <sup>th</sup> . Winners for competing categories will be announced on Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 p.m.

### OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK# \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Hosted by:** Porterville Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Porterville, and City of Porterville



## 2025 Children's Christmas Parade: Parade Entry Information

**Fees:** \$100 fee for commercial or political division only

\$50 for Chamber members

**Divisions:** *MARK ONLY ONE CATEGORY PER APPLICATION.*

### Judged

☐ Commercial or Political (Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

*Showcase a brand in the parade*

☐ Festive Float (Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

*Vehicle or semi pulling a themed trailer*

☐ Decorated Vehicle (Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

*Standalone vehicle or groups of cars that are not pulling anything*

Please visit [Portervillechamber.org/childrens-christmas-parade](http://Portervillechamber.org/childrens-christmas-parade) for more information about entry types.

### Non-Judged

☐ Baton/Dance group/ Costumed Group

☐ Marching Organization

☐ Marching Band

*\*all entries limited to two (2) vehicles per entry except for Car Clubs who may have four (4) vehicles per entry, and motorcycle clubs who may have ten (10) per entry.*

*\*bicycle group entries are limited to fifteen (15) per entry*

### Prizes for judged categories:

1 <sup>st</sup> .....	\$100 Cash
2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	\$75 Cash
3 <sup>rd</sup> .....	\$50 Cash

Approximate length of entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet

☐ Check here if your entry is a semi-truck or trailer (No horn honking allowed)

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be music? ☐ YES ☐ NO

**(Child participation is mandatory)**

### **Sections A & B are REQUIRED and must be completed before the application will be considered**

Use a separate page if needed.

A. Describe your entry in **detail** or include a sketch including size and all elements of your entry:

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B. PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ENTRY FOR *ANNOUNCERS* IN 50 WORDS OR LESS. This cannot be a commercial. Be Descriptive. (Example: note a point of interest for your entry. How many years have you participated in the parade? Who decorated the entry? What is the focal point of your entry?)

***THIS MUST BE COMPLETED LEGIBLY TO PARTICIPATE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF LEFT BLANK.***

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## 2025 Children's Christmas Parade: Rules & Regulations

### PLEASE INITIAL NEXT TO EACH

- \_\_\_\_ All entries must be in the parade line by 6:00 PM. Semi's must be in place by 5:30 PM.
- \_\_\_\_ **ALL** entries **MUST** have children participating. Entries without children will be pulled from the parade line-up.
- \_\_\_\_ All floats and vehicles **must be decorated**, in some manner, **for Christmas**. All participants are strongly encouraged to be dressed in Christmas attire, including any parents that may be on the parade route.
- \_\_\_\_ **Any** vehicle accompanying a group **MUST** also be decorated and part of the entry.
- \_\_\_\_ All entries are subject to approval.
- \_\_\_\_ Keep noise & amplification levels at an appropriate level.
- \_\_\_\_ Any costumed logo characters **must ride** on a vehicle to avoid children running out into the street.
- \_\_\_\_ **NO stopping to perform**. Always continue forward progress even in front of the judges stand.
- \_\_\_\_ **NO** throwing or passing out candy, favors, or printed materials.
- \_\_\_\_ **NO** horses or large animals allowed. **ALL other animal entries must be approved**.
- \_\_\_\_ **NO** truck honking and **NO** sirens allowed.
- \_\_\_\_ Headlights must be covered or dimmed.
- \_\_\_\_ Motorcycle entries are only accepted as a group or club, and like all-terrain vehicles, will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- \_\_\_\_ **NO** advertising of any type will be permitted on floats other than the name of the sponsoring organization unless it is a paid commercial entry.
- \_\_\_\_ **This is the official arrival of Santa, NO OTHER LIVE COSTUMED SANTAS ALLOWED!**

**If you do not follow the rules & regulations on the day of the parade, you will be removed from the parade line-up and you may not be invited back. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

*I/we have read the rules and regulations and I/my organization agree(s) to abide by them. I/we understand that non-compliance with these rules can result in non-acceptance of our entry, or the entry being pulled from the line-up. My signature further acknowledges that I/we understand that this entry is for voluntary participation in the parade and releases the Porterville Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Porterville, City of Porterville and their committees/agents from any and all liability resulting from participating.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY PACKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED

You will be emailed all communications and instructions regarding this event unless participant specifically requests phone call communication.

RETURN THIS PACKET WITH THE ENTRY FEE AND ALL APPROPRIATE FORMS TO:

**Porterville Chamber of Commerce**

93 N. Main St Suite A

Porterville, CA

**OR email to**

[events1@portervillechamber.org](mailto:events1@portervillechamber.org)

P: 559-784-7502