

2019 Santa's Lake Ridge Parade INFORMATION and RULES

Date and Time: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019. Start lining up by 10 a.m. Step off at 11 a.m.

Theme: A Storybook Christmas

Entry Fee: \$35. Check preferred.

Entry Deadline: November 27, 2019

Questions/Briefing/Information: paradesanta@gmail.com

Bad Weather: Only if the weather is extremely severe will the parade be cancelled.

Parade Route: Harbor Drive in Lake Ridge. Drop off point for walking participants is on Minnieville Road at Harbor Drive. Staging will take place in the old VDOT lot at the corner of Harbor Drive and Minnieville Road. (Porta Potty provided) Suggested parking is available in the new commuter lot on Minnieville Road across from the Tackett's Mill Shopping Center. Harbor Drive will be closed for the parade. Marching time about 1 hour. The route begins at the staging area and continues up Harbor Drive, past the reviewing stand, turning left into the Tackett's Mill Center just before the McDonalds. Parade passes through Tackett's Mill Center and ends in the lower lot of the Tackett's Mill Lakeside. Public restrooms are provided at 2230B Tackett's Mill Drive, inside the Clearbrook Center of the Arts. Award Ceremony to follow at 12:30 in the Lakeside courtyard with refreshments and entertainment.

Safety, Insurance, Traffic and Crowd Control issues

- For safety of spectators and participants – use care and caution if tossing candy for spectators, (no food or drinks, leaflets, or flyers). Coupons and/or gift cards are allowed.

- 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:

Review Stand: Please have your group pause and perform for ONE MINUTE before the Review Stand. Please carry your number where the judges can see it.

Decorated vehicles: Decorations in keeping with the annual theme are 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 a holiday song, cheers, instruments, clapping routine, taped music, etc.

No Santa Clauses: The only Santa will be at the Parade end. (More than one Santa is confusing for 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. Wearing Santa hats is allowed.

Unit Identification: Each unit shall have an identifying sign or banner with name of participant or participating organization.

Briefing / Information: Email 'paradesanta@gmail.com' or call 703-491-2611 with questions.

Cancellations: If unit must withdraw, please call us at 703-491-2611. Night before or morning of parade call 703-509-3786 or 703-928-1688. No refunds.

Judging and awards: Units will be judged during the parade. Judging criteria: adherence to theme, overall appeal and precision. Be sure to pause for ONE MINUTE to perform before the Review Stand.

Parking: Parking in the staging area is for parade vehicles only. There will be a police manned drop off point on Minnieville Road at the entrance to Harbor Drive. Please park personal vehicles at Commuter lot on Minnieville Road or at the Tackett's Mill Shopping Center in designated areas and walk over.

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