

“Harvesting the Joy and Magic of Christmas”

Saturday, December 6, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Bastrop, Louisiana

General Information

PARADE ENTRIES AND PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Enter the line-up parking lot from the entrance on E. Madison.
- Be in place by 4:30 p.m. or face elimination from the parade. Lineup begins at 3:00 p.m.
- Judging of the floats will take place on the route after the plan has begun.
- Have Christmas lights on floats and vehicles or face elimination from the parade.
- Have a fire extinguisher on board of the floats.
- Have at least 2 people (total of 4) walking on each side of floats for safety purposes.
- Promote the official theme “Harvesting the Joy and Magic of Christmas” if possible.
- **Pick up all litter around the float prior to starting the parade.**

PARADE ENTRIES AND PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT:

- Have Santa Claus on their entry.
- Refuel generators once parade is in motion.
- Leave personal vehicles around parade line-up area.
- Break formation once parade line-up is set.
- Throw any trash of any type in the parking lot.
- Hold neither the Bastrop/Morehouse Chamber of Commerce or its representatives NOR the City of Bastrop or its representatives responsible for any injuries or damages incurred before, during or after the parade.

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Safety Guidelines

Vehicle Safety

1. Drivers of floats must be at least 21 years of age and have a license for the vehicle being operated.
2. Proof of insurance is required for all vehicles.
3. An adult must be present when children are riding on a float. Safety rails, barriers or ropes can be helpful in preventing a fall from a float.
4. All vehicles and/or vehicles pulling a float will have a dry chemical ABC rated fire extinguisher of at least 5 lb. capacity. The extinguisher can be in the tow vehicle or on the float.
5. No refueling of generators will be allowed once the parade is in motion.

Personal Safety of Float Riders

1. All floats using powered generators will make sure that there are no combustible or flammable materials near the exhaust.
2. All tow vehicles or floats using generators in a confined space such as the bed of a pick-up will not have any riders inside.
3. No fireworks or pyrotechnics allowed on any tow vehicle or float.
4. No consumption of alcohol or smoking on any float or tow vehicle.
5. Float decorations will not interfere with the driver's field of vision and the operation of any vehicle lights or safety features.
6. All persons riding on floats must stay seated at all times. Please do not allow float riders to hang legs and feet over the side of the float. Participants must stay on floats at all times once the parade is in motion.

Electrical and General Safety

1. All entries **must** be decorated with lights or face elimination from the parade.
2. All extension cords should be rated to carry the current load and have grounding type plugs in place.
3. All plug connections will be taped over to prevent them from coming apart or allowing moisture from getting into the connection.
4. Power strips should be waterproofed by wrapping them in plastic.
5. High intensity floodlights should be kept away from flammable or combustible materials.
6. All floats will be inspected prior to the start of the parade.
7. Neither the Bastrop/Morehouse Chamber of Commerce nor the City of Bastrop are liable for any injuries incurred before, during or after the parade.

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Parade Line Up Information

1. Parade line up will be at the Pines Shopping Center (shopping center across from Wendy's).
2. Floats should enter the parking lot from the E. Madison entrance only.
3. Parade line up begins at 3:00 p.m. All entries must be in line by 4:30 p.m. or face elimination from the parade. Entries must not be left unattended.
4. All children must be supervised.
5. All BASTROP HIGH SCHOOL and PRAIRIE VIEW ACADEMY homecoming and calendar girl entries: Please ensure that vehicle entries are lined up **in order by school**; i.e., Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Queen. The vehicles should arrive at the same time in the parking lot in order to be able to line up together!

Parade Disband Information

1. Parade will disband at the Magnolia Shopping Center (across from First Baptist Church)
2. No litter is to remain on the ground around your float.

IMPORTANT

Absolutely no litter is to be thrown on the parking lots!!! Instruct your float riders that candy wrappers, drink cups, food containers, etc. are not to be thrown on the ground. Have a garbage bag on the float in order to place the trash in it.

There is no exception for breaking this rule!!!

The Bastrop-Morehouse Chamber of Commerce is Proud to Announce

“Harvesting the Joy and Magic of Christmas”

As its Official Theme for the 2014 Christmas Parade

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Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE

Type of Entry	Entry Fee
Float	\$ 85.00
Vehicle (Car, Truck, Van)	\$ 30.00
Vehicle (carrying beauty Queens, courts)	\$ 10.00
Marching/Walking Groups	No Fee

Please SIGN and return a copy of this application and your entry fee to:

Bastrop-Morehouse Chamber of Commerce
110 North Franklin
P O Box 1175
Bastrop, LA 71220
318-281-3794

DEADLINE IS NOON
DECEMBER 4, 2014

LATE FEE \$15.00

ONCE ACCEPTED INTO THIS EVENT AND PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED, I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARADE AND ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS APPLICATION. I FURTHER AGREE TO NOT HOLD THE BASTROP/MOREHOUSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOR THE CITY OF BASTROP OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES INCURRED BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE PARADE.

Signature _____ Date _____

Office Use Only

Amount: _____

Cash/Check #: _____

Date: _____

Rec'd by: _____