



City of Pearl's Annual Christmas Parade
Official Entry
'Rudolph's Ride'



Parade Date: December 5, 2020
Line-Up Time: 4pm - 6pm

Parade Start Time: 6:30 pm
Entry Fee - Free

\*ENTRY FORM DEADLINE DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT 4PM
NO SANTA ALLOWED - (the 'real' one has already accepted)

Organization/Title of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry: ( ) Float; ( ) Single Vehicle; ( ) Truck & Trailer; ( ) Marching / Dance; ( ) Other\*

\*If 'Other', describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your entry to be judged? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Length of Entry: TOTAL NUMBER OF FEET IN THE FLOAT AND/OR TRAILER AND PULLING VEHICLE ALTOGETHER: \_\_\_\_\_ FT

Number of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Number of marchers \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a 'brief' greeting which will be read by the announcer during the parade.

Three horizontal lines for writing a brief greeting.

\*\*\*PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED PARADE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS\*\*\*

I/We have read the attached Parade Packet which included the 'Guidelines, Rules and Regulations' and 'Parade Waiver and Release' and agree to comply with said guidelines, rules and regulations along with the parade waiver and release.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: City of Pearl - Attn: Stacy Chadic / PO BOX 5948 / Pearl, MS 39288-5948

DELIVER TO: Pearl Senior Center / 110 Valentour Rd / Pearl, MS 39208

EMAIL - Stacy Chadic at schadic@cityofpearl.com (601-863-3229)

Office Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Parade Entry #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parade Official: \_\_\_\_\_



## PARADE GUIDELINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

Join us for the annual City of Pearl Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 6:30 pm. The theme for this year's parade is "Rudolph's Ride".

Applications MUST be completed in full and MUST be submitted no later than November 20, 2020 at 4pm.

A Parade Safety Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Pearl Senior Center (110 Valentour Road). **A representative from your float MUST ATTEND this meeting.**

All entries are subject to inspection by parade officials.

All entries MUST be highly decorated with lights including tow vehicles.

**The City of Pearl has adopted "The Santa Claus" clause. This clause PROHIBITS any other float participant or entry to use any form of Santa Claus. Only one Santa Claus will be provided, presented, and established by the City of Pearl for the entire parade.**

All entries must be operated in a legal, safe, and ethical manner and comply with law enforcement and the City of Pearl directions and community standards of good taste. Any lewd, lascivious behavior or profane music will not be tolerated and will be grounds for expulsion from the parade.

The consumption of drugs or alcohol by parade participants is strictly prohibited.

One person per float entry should be designated as a spokesperson and contact person for the entry. This designee must be 21 years of age or older.

All marchers, walkers, and riders must remain with their unit in their assigned position in the staging area and proceed in a steady and continuous manner during the parade, maintaining a minimum of 40 ft between entries.

POINT PEOPLE – FLOATS must supply a minimum of 4 - point people (2 per side) to walk alongside the vehicle in order to keep the crowd at a safe distance.

For judging opportunity, each entry/band/choir/dance team may stop and/or perform in front of the judges' stand on Old Brandon Road at the Fallen Police Officer Memorial across from City Hall. In an effort to keep the parade flowing, there will be a maximum 1-minute limit in front of the judges' stand.

Judging Categories Include:

Most Christmas Spirit

Best "Rudolph's Ride" Spirit

Brightest Lights

Best Marching Unit

Best Overall Float



## **PARADE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont.)**

Smoking in/on units is not permitted. No phones and/or texting by participants is allowed on floats on parade route.

No entry may exceed 65 ft. in length or 14 ft. in height.

All towed entries **MUST** have an approved safety chain between the tow vehicle and the unit/float. All entries **MUST** have sufficient fuel to operate gas-powered generators. Generators should not be started until the parade begins in order to preserve fuel. **DO NOT** add fuel to hot generators!

All floats and miscellaneous entries **MUST** have easily accessible entrance and exit for participants/riders and a clear, unobstructed view for drivers/operators. Drivers **MUST** have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

Motorcycle units must obey all traffic laws. Revving engines, wheelies, burning tires, etc. will not be tolerated and participants will immediately be removed from the lineup.

Horse units **MUST** provide a "pooper scooper" to follow the entry to ensure public safety and sanitation.

In the event of an emergency, vehicle breakdown or equipment failure, entries should be moved promptly away from or off the parade route so as not to impede parade traffic, spectator view or emergency vehicles. All issues of public safety rest expressly with the City of Pearl Police Department.

No person shall be allowed to get on and off a float after the parade begins except for emergency reasons. In case of an emergency, the float should pull to the curb and stop. The person involved in the emergency will be removed and the float can re-enter the parade procession.

All entries **MUST** disperse quickly and safely from the break-up area at the end of the parade route. There will be no "holding area" for floats or miscellaneous units at the end of the parade. Stopping, blocking units behind you from proceeding or unloading participants is **NOT** permitted until instructed to do so by parade officials.

**Parade staging area – Bright Shopping Center (2405 US Hwy 80 East)**



## **PARADE WAIVER AND RELEASE**

WAIVER AND RELEASE (“RELEASE”) RELEASING THE CITY OF PEARL, ITS OFFICERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF PARTICIPANT ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT KNOWN AS “The City of Pearl Christmas Parade.”

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT, PARTICIPANT HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, AND DISCHARGES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURIES TO PERSON INCLUDING DEATH OR TO PROPERTY THAT PARTICIPANT MAY INCUR AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT’S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT. THIS RELEASE DISCHARGES THE CITY OF PEARL, AND ALL OTHER PROMOTERS, SPONSORS, PROMOTING CLUBS, OFFICIALS, AND ANY MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES (“OTHERS”) ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT, AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED IN ANY WAY TO THE EVENT, EVEN THOUGH THAT LIABILITY MAY ARISE OUT OF NEGLIGENCE, CARELESSNESS, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACT ON THE PART OF THE CITY OF PEARL OR OTHERS, OR PARTICIPANTS.

PARTICIPANT UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A SERIOUS ACCIDENT CAN OCCUR DURING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE EVENT. KNOWING SUCH RISKS, PARTICIPANT HEREBY ASSUMES ALL THOSE RISKS AND INJURY TO PERSON INCLUDING DEATH OR TO PROPERTY RELATED TO EVENT AND RESEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFIES THE CITY OF PEARL FOR ANY SUCH INJURY WHETHER SUCH INJURY ARISES FROM THE CITY OF PEARL OR OTHERS’ NEGLIGENCE, CARELESSNESS, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL COSTS AND ATTORNEYS FEES.

FURTHER, PARTICIPANT HEREBY GRANTS FULL PERMISSION TO ANY OR ALL OF THE FOREGOING TO USE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOTAPES, MOTION PICTURES, RECORDINGS, OR ANY OTHER RECORD OF THIS EVENT.

PARTICIPANT AGREES THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE SHALL BE BINDING ON PARTICIPANT’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND NEXT OF KIN.

PARTICIPANT HAS CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND RELEASE AND SIGNS THIS RELEASE AS PARTICIPANT’S OWN FREE ACT. PARTICIPANT REPRESENTS THAT IN EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT, THAT THE PARTY DOING SO HAS THE FULL AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEARL AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE CITY OF PEARL IS RELYING UPON THE EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN ALLOWING PARTICIPANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.