

2017 ROCKY TOP PARADE INFORMATION

The City of Rocky Top and the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to participate in the upcoming Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. The theme for this year's parade is "Christmas from the Heart". Participants are encouraged to decorate their floats in accordance with the theme.

Registration will start at 5:00 p.m. and everyone must be registered by 6:45 p.m. so that all participants can get in line for the parade. **Everyone that participates in the parade must register and sign a release form.** In order to expedite this process, I have included a Registration/Release Form that you can bring completed to the registration (see next link). Please feel free to copy the form so that all the participants can complete a form.

If you are driving a classic or antique car in the parade, you will need to park and register at Lake City Internal Medicine, on Industrial Park Road. Please back your car into one of the spaces provided while you are waiting for the parade to start. Also, if you are planning on riding an all-terrain vehicle, you must also register at Lake City Internal Medicine. **If you are riding an all-terrain vehicle in the parade you MUST be 16 years or older and have a valid Driver's License, you MUST wear a helmet and you MUST show proof of Liability Insurance at Registration.**

Emergency vehicles will line up on Industrial Park Road. Industrial Park Road to Hustler Boat Lane will be closed at 5 p.m. until all parade participants leave the area.

Anyone participating with a horse will register at the Lake City Middle School. All horses must wear a horse diaper or you will not be eligible to participate in the parade.

If you are sponsoring a float or a group, you must also register at the Lake City Middle School. All floats and everyone participating with floats must be lined up **behind** the Middle School. **Please DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE PARKED BEHIND THE SCHOOL while you participate in the parade.** The gates will be locked when the last float leaves and you will not be able to pick up your car until Monday morning when school resumes.

If you are sponsoring a group or float, please designate a place and time for your group to meet at Lake City Middle School. The volunteers assisting with registration will not be responsible for watching children dropped off by their parents. The group sponsor is responsible for submitting all completed registration/release forms and ensuring that participants under 18 years old, have a completed form signed by the child's guardian and ensuring that all participants are aware of the rules regarding the parade.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED AND HAVE SIGNED THE RELEASE FORM. IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER AND HAVE A NUMBER YOU WILL NOT BE IN THE PARADE. NUMBERS NEED TO BE PLACED ON FRONT OR DRIVER'S SIDE OF ALL VEHICLES.

Cash prizes will be given out at the City Council Meeting on Dec. 21st for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place floats and 1st and 2nd place group and there will be trophies for 1st and 2nd place in the tractor, antique car, hot rod and horse categories.

We also want to let you know that Santa Clause has been contacted and he plans to attend the parade. He would appreciate it if no one else dresses up like him so that the children won't be confused.

If you have any questions, you can call 865-426-9595 or visit www.rockytopchamber.com.