

CITY OF BASTROP MAIN STREET PROGRAM PRESENTS



Bastrop's fanciful, fantastic, fun—and even famous—annual **Lost Pines Christmas Parade** will light up the night skies as it makes its way down Main Street on **Saturday, December 14th**.

If you were in on the fun last year, you know first-hand it's an experience not to be missed, or—if you were a participant—it's not too early to gear up for this year's fun. If you missed last year, we've got an experience that you, your family and your friends will remember for a lifetime.

It's Bastrop's famous Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 14th, an absolute highpoint of the Lost Pines Christmas season. More than 100 entries—from fanciful floats to fire trucks, from Honey Bears to longhorns, from Santa's helpers to the man himself—will light up the Main Street night for this joyful Bastrop tradition, produced by the Main Street Program and the City of Bastrop.

With festive lights blazing and music in the air, this year's parade taps your vision—celebrating the message, magic and memory of Christmas through your eyes: what Christmas means to you. Sugarplums and sparkles, sights and sounds, cherished moments of Christmas past, or bright hopes for the future, it's yours to express.

We are holding a spot just for you!

As in the past, there are no participation fees or pre-registration required; register as you arrive at check-in and line up for the parade, at the staging point on the north side of **Bastrop High School**. However, be sure everyone involved in your entry has been informed of the logistics regarding the event.

- From Hwy 95, go west on Gordon Street and follow the signs.
- Registration assistants will direct you to the staging area.
- Bring a completed application form with you.
- Only completed floats will be allowed in the staging area.
- Please carefully read the Parade Rules and Regulations.
- Please see the updated Judging information to plan your floats!

Line up and registration begins at 4 p.m.; the parade begins to roll at 6 p.m. sharp! All that's missing to make this an extra special parade is your group—on foot, float, horseback, car, truck, carriage, flatbed, bike, trike, wagon or scooter—and, of course, all the lights, sparkle and imagination that you and your group can bring to the event.

Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade **2019 PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. **NO ARTICLES WHATSOEVER** (gum, candy, flyers, etc.) may be thrown, handed, or passed from any float or vehicle. People walking along near a float must stay at least six feet away from the float for safety reasons. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** *Please note young children or individuals with health issues may not be able to complete the route on foot.
2. **NO SANTAS.** Only one “Official Santa” will be in the parade so while Santa hats will be welcome please make sure we only have one of the Big Jolly Man in a red suit.
3. No **pre-registration**. Bring the completed application to registration on the day of the parade. The parade line-up will be in the order that participants arrive at check-in. Floats must be “parade-ready” to register, receive their official numbers, and line up. A float prep area will be available for last-minute assembly details prior to entering the staging area.
4. The parade will begin promptly at dark around 6 p.m., rain or shine.
5. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by drivers or any participants before or during the parade is expressly forbidden.
6. A licensed driver must drive all vehicles, trucks or any type of motor vehicle. Small motorized vehicles (mini-bikes, small tractors, go-carts, etc.) must be operated by a person age twelve or older.
7. Entries are expected to use **caution** during the parade. Drivers must not display any excessive acceleration and must always be in complete control of their float and its participants at all times.
8. Riders shall not hang over the sides of the floats or vehicles. Riders may not get on or off the floats during the parade. Participants may exit their float only when they reach the disassembly area.
9. All floats and vehicles in the parade must continue to the end of the parade route as displayed in this parade information packet and shall not block the flow of traffic for other participants during disbanding. These details should be shared with all participants prior to the Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade.
10. The maximum height for any float, vehicle or other type of parade entry is *twelve feet*.
11. **All parade entries must be LIGHTED** with Christmas themed lights. More lights = more better!

PARTICIPANTS CHOOSING TO DISREGARD THESE RULES MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

An important note to our Parade Participants:

There will be one disassembly point at Bastrop High School.

FLOATS: The conclusion of the parade shall be at Ferry Park. All floats will be directed East along Emile Street to Pecan Street where they will be directed North to Cedar Street and finally ease back to **Bastrop High School** for disassembly. Please note that the only location in which Riders can get on or off the floats will be the Staging Area at Bastrop High School.

While we're on the subject of Safety: Keep in mind when planning your float that Riders may not get off or on floats during the parade. Again, please remember that not everyone will be able to complete the route on foot, especially young children. Stay on your float until you reach your disassembly point. Walkers need to stay at least 6 feet from the float during the parade. Please follow and share these guidelines with everyone involved in your float and **SHARE THE MAP!**



Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade 2019

The Annual Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade is a judged event. This year winners will be selected in the following categories:

- **Overall Best Lost Pines Christmas Entry- *Commercial & Non-Commercial***
- **Best Lighted Float**
- **Most Original Entry**
- **Best Pedestrian Group**
*All marching or walking groups are eligible
- **Best Marching Band**
- **Most Festive Automobile**
- **Best Group Entry**
*15 people or more
- **Best Emergency Vehicle Decoration**
*All vehicles affiliated with law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, etc. are eligible
- **Best Cyclist Decoration**
* 1 – 4 wheels, either motorized or manual powered
- **Best “Reason for the Season” Entry**
*Religious themed entries

Judging occurs along the parade route so be sure that your Parade Registration Form is filled out completely, including email address, phone, and description for the announcers. Please make sure that the handwriting is legible. New this year: **Winners will be presented certificates at the January 14th City Council mtg.**

When you register, you will be given an entry number and you will be instructed as to the posting location of your number. No entry #'s will be given after 5:45 p.m., so you must be “parade ready,” prior to that time. **Make sure your Entry # is on the correct side, very visible for the judges to see.** This is the only way the judges will be able to select our award-winning entries, so be sure it is prominently displayed in the location specified when you check-in and register for the parade.

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December 14th, 2019 – 6 pm

*There is no pre-registration required, however entries must bring this completed form to the parade staging area and thoroughly read all parade rules and regulations.

Contact Name: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Organization, Business or Individual name being represented on the float:

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____

City/State: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Entry (Please check one):

- Float Vehicle Marching Group
 Livestock Walking Group
 Other (please describe below)

Description: Please make sure your float description is as detailed as possible. This information will be given to the parade announcer and shared with our judges. Be sure to include details such as names of riders, business or organization name, costume information or any special information you want to share.

2019 Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade Announcer Description:

Floats must be parade-ready to receive a registration number. A float prep area will be available - follow appropriate signs to float prep. Line up starts behind BHS at 4:00 p.m. Go west on Gordon St. from Hwy 95 and follow the signs to registration or float prep. Parade begins at dark. For more information, call 512-321-3777, or email bastropsugar@gmail.com

****SAFETY NOTICE***

All parade entries must be LIGHTED with Christmas themed lights.
Consumption of alcoholic beverages, driving under the influence or public intoxication is not allowed.

I have read and I understand all rules pertaining to the Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Parade. I hereby release the Downtown Business Alliance, the City of Bastrop and the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce from liability in the event of any damage, bodily injury or other mishap during the parade, registration or other activity involved in parade participation.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

