



*The Eastlake Lions Club  
Presents  
Christmas Tree Lighting and  
Eastlake Lions Christmas  
Parade*

*Greetings*

This invitation is being extended to you or your organization to participate in the 2017 Christmas Tree Lighting and Eastlake Lions Christmas Parade. This year's theme is "American Folklore". Our parade is open to Sun Bowl participants. A chance to win two times. The Eastlake Lions Club is looking forward to your participation and support for these worthwhile community events!

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be Friday, December 1, 2017. Float judging will begin at 6:00 pm and tree lighting will be at 7:00 pm.

The Parade date is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017, starting at 10:00 AM. Staging will begin at 8:00 AM.

Enclosed is the Participation Registration Packet. This year's parade fees are:

\$35 for nonprofit organizations

\$40 for car and motorcycle clubs; car and motorcycle clubs are considered 10 vehicles. Each additional vehicle is \$10.00

\$60 for for-profit organizations

\$75 for registering after November 17<sup>th</sup>

\$200 for registering on December 2<sup>th</sup>

Car clubs are considered 10 cars; each additional car is \$5

We hope you will join us in having a wonderful experience at the 2017 Horizon City Christmas Parade. Contact information: Judi Verslype 581-2994; [hccp2017@yahoo.com](mailto:hccp2017@yahoo.com) or Horizon City website, [www.horizoncity.org](http://www.horizoncity.org).

Thank You for your support,  
The Eastlake Lions Club





# The Eastlake Lions Club Christmas Parade 2017

## Official Parade Rules and Regulations

1. The Horizon City Parade will begin on Darrington Rd at the Ryderwood intersection. The parade will move southward on Darrington Rd and turn left onto Horizon Blvd. The parade will move eastward on Horizon Blvd, turn right onto Duanesburg and turn left onto McMahon Ave. **The parade will end at the Club Amistad parking lot. All participants must travel to the end location before disbursing.**
2. All entries to the parade must be registered. The deadline for pre-registration is November 20, 2016. All entry forms and entry fees must be received by this date: \$35 for non-profit organizations; \$60 for for-profit organizations; \$75 for registering after November 20<sup>th</sup>; \$200 for registering on December 2<sup>th</sup>. Car club, motorcycle club entries are considered 10 vehicles; each additional vehicle is \$10.
3. There will be a **MANDATORY** parade participant meeting. **YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE MEETINGS** at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb, Horizon City. The meetings are scheduled for: Friday, November 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:00 am and Sunday, November 20, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Due to limited space at the Senior Center, only your organization's leader(s) or "person(s) of contact" should attend this meeting. At this meeting parade entries will be given their parade assignments, passes, and pertinent information regarding the parade. There will be time for questions and answers. Nonattendance will result in being placed at the end of the parade.
4. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Due to the size of the parade and traffic flow limitations, all participants **must be** in place by 9:00 am.
5. Section assignments are given based on the information on the entry form; participants may not change positions.
6. All vehicles, floats and flatbeds participating in the parade should be decorated prior to entry into staging area. The staging area is for final touches only. **Your organization will be responsible for the removal of trash from both the staging area and end of parade site.**
7. The maximum allowable height of a float or any entry unit is 15 feet, measured from the ground up.
8. Live fires and wood burning stoves are strictly prohibited. All mobile units carrying generators will be required to have an ABC fire extinguisher or larger on the vehicle.
9. As safety is our priority, **THERE WILL BE NO THROWING OF CANDY, FRUITS, JUICES, AND/ OR SNACKS FROM FLOATS, VEHICLES AND/OR FLATBEDS. POLICE ENFORCED.** These items can be handed to the spectators from WALKING volunteers. **VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE.**
10. Vehicles must remain at a safe distance of 25 feet in the front and rear.
11. All vehicles are expected to be operated in a safe manner. No vehicle will be allowed to swerve from left to right or be in motion with the hood up creating an obstruction of the driver's view. All vehicles participating in the parade will be required to abide by the laws governing the Texas Department of Public Safety.
12. No one will be allowed to step off a vehicle until the vehicle has come to a **COMPLETE** stop.
13. Replicas of Santa or Mrs. Claus or persons dressed as Santa or Mrs. Claus will not be allowed in the parade. The only entry that is allowed to have a live Santa Claus will be the "Official Santa Float/Vehicle", which will be the last float/vehicle in the parade.
14. **The Eastlake Lions Club Parade Committee, its volunteers and city law enforcement reserve the right to remove any entrant in violation of any of these rules and regulations.**



Please

Bring a non-perishable food item (canned goods, package of rice or beans, gravy mix, etc.) to the Christmas Tree Lighting December 2nd.

Eastlake Lions Club is preparing Christmas food baskets so that others can have a delicious Christmas, also.

Thanks to your generosity last year, we were able to provide 150 Turkey Food Baskets for less fortunate families in Horizon City. Thank You.





## The Eastlake Lions Club Christmas Parade 2017

### Float Rules

**These rules are in addition to the Official Parade Rules and Regulations.**

### Float Rules

1. The float requirements are as follows:
  - A. A “display” that is built on or around a flatbed being towed manually or by a motor vehicle.
  - B. A “display” that is self-motorized or towed by a motor vehicle.
  - C. The “display” dimensions must not exceed fifteen (15) feet in width, by fifteen (15) feet in height by thirty (30) feet in length at its greatest point.
2. This year’s theme is “American Folklore”. All entries must be decorated to parade standard in keeping with the Christmas spirit and the theme of the parade. This includes all participants except band entries, dignitaries and vehicle clubs.
3. Pulling units are encouraged to be decorated and should be made as much a part of the float as possible.
4. Floats must be **FAMILY ORIENTED** and constructed in a safe manner as well as not to present a health or safety hazard to the entrant or the general public.
5. All entries will be permitted to add finishing touches to their floats while in the staging area. Each entry will be responsible for keeping their float and its surroundings clean and neat at the start of the parade as well as at the end of the parade. **All participants are responsible for disposal of any and all float materials.**
6. Participants are **NOT** permitted to jump on or off the float during the parade. There should be at least 25 feet between each float during the parade.
7. All floats must have hand holds for all people who are standing on the float and must have secure/safe seating for all others riding in the float.
8. Replicas of Santa or Mrs. Claus or persons dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus will not be allowed in the parade.
9. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in entry members or entire entry removed from the parade.



## The Eastlake Lions Club Christmas Parade 2017

### Float Contest Rules

**These rules are in addition to the Official Parade Rules and Regulations.**

Best Christmas Float: Trophies and Banners will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in both commercial and non-commercial divisions. Banners must be returned to the Eastlake Lions.

Entries will be judged on:

- A. The incorporation of the "American Folklore" theme.
- B. Creativity and originality.
- C. Cleanliness and neatness of the entry.

1. Only entries that have completed The Eastlake Lions Club Christmas Parade entry form with the word "YES" checked for the float contest will be allowed to participate in the Float Contest. Be sure to mail your entry form to:

**Horizon City Christmas Parade Committee** or **hccp2017@yahoo.com**

**13969 Veny Webb**

**Horizon City, TX 79928**

**NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 17, 2017 without late fee.**

2. All float contest entries must adhere to **Float Rules** and **Float Contest Rules**.
3. Parade Float Contest will begin at 6:00 pm December 1, 2017 at Corky Corcoran Park in conjunction with the Christmas tree lighting.
4. Float judging begins promptly at 6:00 pm December 1, 2017. The float must be presented for judging as it will appear in the parade. There must be someone with the float entry at all times. If no one is with the float entry at the time of judging, it will be disqualified and not judged. All participants on the float do not need to be present for judging unless they are vital to the theme.
5. Pulling units not decorated will cause points to be deducted at judging.
6. The winners of the Eastlake Lions Club Christmas Parade Float Contest will be awarded the prize at the conclusion of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
7. **The decision of the judges is final.**



# The Eastlake Lions Club Christmas Parade 2017

## Eastlake Lions Club Christmas Parade Entry Form

Please complete the form below and return with a check or money order payable to Eastlake Lions Club. Mail entry forms to: Horizon City Christmas Parade Committee, 13969 Veny Webb, Horizon City, TX 79928. Entries will be accepted after November 17, 2017 with late fee assessment. If you have any questions, please call 581-2994 or contact [hccp2017@yahoo.com](mailto:hccp2017@yahoo.com).

**Entry Fees:** \$35.00 for non-profit organizations and car and motorcycle clubs; \$60.00 for for-profit organizations; \$75 for registering after November 17; \$200 on December 2. Car clubs, motorcycle clubs are considered 10 vehicles; each additional vehicle \$10

Group or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your Parade Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Participants

**Types: Check all that apply**

**Division: Check one only**

\_\_\_\_\_ Float (self-motorized)      \_\_\_\_\_ Length      \_\_\_\_\_ Civic/Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Float (pulled by vehicle)      \_\_\_\_\_ Length      \_\_\_\_\_ Youth

\_\_\_\_\_ Car/Motorcycle      \_\_\_\_\_ Length      \_\_\_\_\_ School Group

\_\_\_\_\_ Live Animals      \_\_\_\_\_ How Many      \_\_\_\_\_ Military/Federal

\_\_\_\_\_ Walking/Marching Group      \_\_\_\_\_ How Many      \_\_\_\_\_ Business

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All entries must check yes or no to this question:

**Will you/your organization be participation in the Float Contest?**       **Yes**       **No**

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Waiver and Release: I have received a copy of the Horizon City Christmas Parade participant's packet. I agree to comply with all policies, rules and regulations governing participation in the parade and float contest. I further agree my organization/individual(s) shall hold harmless and indemnify the Eastlake Lions Club and their volunteers from any liabilities, injuries or damage of any kind including but not limited to attorney fee and other costs of responding to or defending acclaims or litigation which may occur for the participation in the annual parade.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Group/ Organization**

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**Name/Signature of Person of Contact**