



2026 Red Oak Christmas Parade Rules

Saturday, November 28th at 4:00PM.

All entries must be Christmas themed celebrating the magic and spirit of Christmas.

Santa Hats are allowed but **please NO SANTA SUITS.**

There will only be one SANTA allowed in the parade. The primary contact/applicant will be responsible for the conduct of all the participants for their entry. Parade participants will be allowed to park in the parking lot of Red Oak Baptist Church. The Parade line up will be at the following locations: Red Oak Elementary School, The Teacherage, and 5730 Red Oak Rd (Poland Builders)

The party responsible for your entry will be notified by email of your lineup # and location no later than close of business November 20th, 2026.

1. Parade entry registrations are due by 5:00pm Friday, October 30th **(NO EXCEPTIONS).**
2. Entries must be an approved float, marching band, dance troop, scout troop, civic club, church group, equestrian group, antique cars and tractors.
 - **ALL FLOATS AND CARS MUST BE DECORATED!**
 - Equestrian groups are encouraged to have horses vaccinated and are required to clean up after their horses before, during and after the parade. There will be a \$100 fine imposed for failure to follow this rule.
 - Car Clubs are limited to 10 cars/Jeeps per club
 - No BURNOUTS or reckless driving along the parade route. If you break this rule, you will not be allowed to participate in future parades.
 - **NO ATVS or FOUR WHEELERS – NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. All entries must be checked in with parade coordinators on the day of the event.
4. Parade staging and lineup is TBD based on entries received and will be shared closer to the event.
5. **ONLY** walkers are allowed to toss out candy. **NO** candy is to be thrown at spectators from the floats. To minimize risk of injury please no stick lollipops.
6. For their safety and others, riders are not allowed to exit floats during the parade.
7. All entries must always keep a designated person with their entry.
8. Under no circumstances is any entry allowed to move their position in the parade lineup before or during the parade without the consent of the parade coordinator.
9. Drivers **MUST BE AT MINIMUM** 21 years of age and all vehicles participating in the parade must show proof of insurance, up to date registration and current NCDL. Insurance and liability are the sole responsibility of parade participants.
10. Parade committee members will be present in the parade staging areas and along the parade route to ensure the smooth and orderly progression of the parade. Parade committee members will have the authority to remove any entry that is causing an unsafe delay or violation of parade rules. **Please keep moving at a safe pace.**
11. The use of alcohol is **strictly forbidden** and will result in your entry being disqualified from participation this year and in all future parades.