



2011 CHRISTMAS PARADE
Saturday, December 3, 2011

Dear Prospective Parade Participant:

It's time to begin planning for the annual Christmas Parade, a community event produced by the **Kiwanis Club of West Monroe** and sponsored by **Ouachita Independent Bank**. The parade theme this year is "Candyland Christmas".

The parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3rd. As usual, the parade will originate from the campus of First Baptist Church of West Monroe. We are expecting a large number of spectators and another record number of parade entrants this year (the last two years all spots filled up long before parade). For this reason, we ask that you submit your parade application as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly, and avoid your entry not being accepted. Our permits, staffing and law enforcement planning are all dependent on the number of parade participants, so please help us out by registering as early as you can.

A parade application is attached. Please do not forget to complete both sides of the application, and have it signed by the authorized individual in charge of your parade entry. Your entry will not be accepted without all sections of the application filled out and it being properly signed.

*****Again this year there will be trophies/prizes available to the three best parade entries reflecting this year's theme.***** Winners will be selected based upon the use of the theme "Candyland Christmas" in decorating, design and creativity, and the tie in of costumes/outfits to the theme of the float.

Just a reminder that we have set a 100 ft limit per entry (written waiver required for longer entries) so more groups can participate in the parade. Also, if your entry includes a trailer/float on which people will be riding, you will need to have at least three adult walkers on each side of the float at all times (or two adult walkers per side if they carry a barrier similar to those used in the Mardi Gras parade) This is necessary in order to help keep spectators back from the float (especially young children going into the street for candy), as well as help insure the safety of your riders. We are sorry but no horses or other livestock can be ridden or utilized unless "diapered" or other acceptable arrangements are made.

All registered participants will be mailed or e-mailed a detailed instruction packet (including map and number assignment) no later than a week prior to the parade.

We hope to see you on December 3rd. Thank you!

KIWANIS CLUB OF WEST MONROE

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