



Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Christmas Parade sponsored by the Cairo Merchants and the Cairo | Grady County Chamber of Commerce! We are so excited for this year's parade- and we know it will be the best one yet! The parade will start at **7 p.m. on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

This year's theme is:  
**Christmas in Paradise!**

To secure your spot in the Parade, please complete the enclosed application. Submit the full application by **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** If you have any questions pertaining to the application or the parade, call us at (229) 377-3663 or email us at [advocate@cairogachamber.com](mailto:advocate@cairogachamber.com). For the safety and welfare of all involved, please be sure to read over the enclosed Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines.

On behalf of the Parade Committee, thank you for making the Cairo Christmas Parade part of your holiday activities!

Merry Christmas!!!

David Trey Gainous  
Executive Director  
Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce



## 2018 Cairo Christmas Parade Application

Application Deadline: Friday, November 9, 2018

Parade Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018

### Christmas in Paradise!

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of parade entry:

- Float \_\_\_\_\_ approx. size       Band       Animal  
 Walking Unit       Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ approx. size

#### Judging Info:

If you would like for your entry to be judged by our panel of judges, please select the appropriate box below. Judging of the entries will begin at 6:00 and all those entries wishing to be judged must be in place no later than 5:45 pm. All entries not requesting to be judged must be in place no later than 6:30.

**Yes! I would like for my entry in the Christmas parade to be judged in the following category: (please select only one category)**

**Business/Corporation/Miscellaneous**

Including: businesses & corporations, private daycare/preschool facilities, and individuals

**Non-Profit/Civic Organizations**

Including: non-profit/charitable organizations, clubs, civic groups

**Schools**

Including: Public & Private Schools, Technical Schools & Universities, Marching Bands

**Religious**

Including: All churches and religious organizations, facilities, and houses of worship

**Prizes:** Christmas Spirit Winner and Runner-up (overall winners) ; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category



## Cairo Christmas Parade Rules & Guidelines

Please read carefully and distribute to each participant/parent in your group!

- ❖ The parade will begin at the Chamber of Commerce, continue down Broad Street and end at First United Methodist Church.
- ❖ All units **MUST** be decorated in the parade theme – **Christmas in Paradise**. Entries may be historical, humorous, religious or modern in design, as long as they are in good taste. Remember a large part of the audience will be children.
- ❖ **NO SANTA IMPERSONATORS ARE ALLOWED.** Santa will be escorted in by the Cairo Fire Department.
- ❖ **Parade floats must be lit and fully decorated for Christmas.** This is a night time Christmas parade. Yes, you need lights on your float. Any entry not decorated will be removed from the parade. A limited number of vehicles will be accepted.
- ❖ For the safety of all, **NO MATERIALS MAY BE THROWN FROM A MOVING VEHICLE.** This includes candy, flyers, literature, etc.
- ❖ Judges will evaluate the entry's interpretation of the parade theme. **All entries being judged must be in place no later than 5:45 p.m.** Judging will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Entries not being judged must be lined up by 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **No hot rodding or wheelies will be allowed during the parade.** This rule is in place to protect spectators.
- ❖ All motorized vehicles, with the exception of antique vehicles, must be decorated in the holiday spirit.
- ❖ All units should display the name/sponsor of their entry.
- ❖ All groups using animals of any type in the parade are required to have a clean-up/pooper scooper crew following the unit. Participants are also responsible for cleaning up after their animals in the staging and disembarkment areas.
- ❖ Currently serving elected officials may be invited to ride in the parade. They may not campaign for re-election, nor may they display any electioneering materials in the parade.
- ❖ Parade information (entry number, staging instructions & official times) will be mailed to the address noted on the parade application prior to the parade. All entries **MUST** have a completed parade package on file at the Chamber of Commerce.
- ❖ The parade will move at a walking pace at all times. **No stopping during the parade.** Any entry having difficulty should move out of the parade route. The Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for children getting on or off floats. Please make sure provisions are made for children to be picked up by a responsible adult at the end of



the parade.

- ❖ The parade will end at First United Methodist Church. Please remember to pull as far away from Broad Street as possible so that other entries may also do so.

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## **RULES & REGULATIONS AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant/Authorized Representative), hereby acknowledge that I have read the Rules and Regulations associated with being a parade entry at the Cairo Christmas Parade and have thereby informed all entry participants of Rules and Regulations, and agree that Applicant and all participants in this entry will heed all Cairo Christmas Parade Committee rules and regulations and directives, whether written or oral, and all applicable laws and ordinances.

## **LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

**The Cairo Christmas Parade does not provide liability insurance for the protection of participants, spectators, merchants or others who participate in Cairo Christmas Parade activities.**

On behalf of the above mentioned organization, I hereby waive and refuse any and all rights and claims for damages against the Cairo Christmas Parade Committee, and/or sponsors, its agents, officers or members. I have read and understand all rules and regulations set forth by the parade committee and have retained a copy for my records. I further acknowledge that failure to abide by these rules could result in my being asked to leave the parade. I understand that the Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce & the City of Cairo are not responsible for the loss of property or injuries. Additionally, the undersigned voluntarily consents to use of participant's photograph, name, image and likeness (recordings), and waives and releases the Cairo Christmas Parade Committee from any and all claims, causes, damages, liabilities and/or actions arising there from and/or relating thereto, whatsoever, provided said use shall be for non-commercial purposes in connection with advertising, administrative, programmatic and promotional activities and materials.

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Signature, Authorized Representative/Applicant

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Date

