2026 Christmas on the Chisholm Trail Parade Rules & Regulations

Please read and initial each item below.

___ **Notification**: The Belton Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) will review your application upon receipt, and if you are accepted you will be notified.

___ **Acceptance**: Your acceptance into the parade is based upon your application. The Chamber reserves the right to dismiss your unit from the parade route if it differs greatly from the original description in the application. All participating organizations (sponsors, co-sponsors, partners, supporters, etc.) must be listed on the unit application. If you plan to partner with a commercial business or organization in any way (i.e., hanging banners, etc.) you must include that information in your application. Applications will not be accepted for any crusading movement of a general controversial nature. Please do not advocate social, ethnic, or political change.

___ **Line Up**: Line up order is established to provide variety and to insure even flow of the parade. Adequate description of your group/float is important on the application. This helps distribute the various types of units.

___ **Commentary**: Participants must provide current and accurate publicity information concerning their unit for the parade announcer by November 20th. Information received after that may not be included in the parade script.

___ **Safety**: Belton Police Officers, Belton Fire Department members, and Parade Officials will be monitoring unit behavior and actions throughout the parade. Failure to comply with rules will result in your removal from the parade. Parade officials will be wearing orange safety vests.

___ **Good Taste**: Each entry shall be in good taste and contribute to the entertainment value of the current theme with participants in uniforms/costumes or decorated vehicles/floats. Christmas decorations are referred.

___ **Movement of Parade Flow**: All units must keep moving forward. Units must not stop on the parade route at any time unless directed to do so by safety personnel. Intentional delay or stopping will not be allowed and could be cause for non-acceptance in future parades. Performances by bands, dance groups, go-cart groups, and motorcycle groups, etc. must be accomplished while maintaining the constant movement with the flow of the parade. Performances must be performed on the move. Please keep up the pace and keep moving.

___ **Cancellation Policy**: The parade will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, decisions will be made by Belton Police Department and the Belton Area Chamberof Commerce.

___ **Assembly Time**: Non-judged units should arrive in their designated staging area no later than **5:30pm.** (Judged units see section for “Entry Judging” below.) Instructions for entry to the staging areas will be given at the pre-parade meetings.

___ **Alcoholic Beverages**: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED at any time or under any circumstances during line-up or during parade appearance!

___ **Water guns and Projectiles**: WATERGUNS & PROJECTILES ARE PROHIBITED. Units may not employ squirt guns, super-soakers, or any other device to spray any liquid or toss any sort of object to the crowd or on the parade route.

___ **Distribution of Materials**: No materials may be distributed along the route during the parade. The prohibitions on throwing and distributing material will be strictly enforced by parade officials and the Belton Police Department.

___ **Sirens / Horns**: No sirens or horns are to be used along the parade route. Lights are acceptable.

___ **Entry Judging**: Judging of entries will take place in the line-up staging area. Judged entries must arrive and be ready for judging by 5:00pm.

___ **Display of Name & Number**: The lead unit shall bear the name of the community, organization, company, or individual responsible for its entrance in the parade. The parade number must be visible on both sides of float/vehicle to ensure the announcers can identify your float and announce your information. Announcers are on both sides of the parade route.

___ **Music**: Playing of Christmas music only is permitted.

___ **Participant Responsibility**: The designated point of contact for each parade entry is responsible for attendance at the Pre-Parade Participant meeting, and for informing all entry participants of the parade rules and regulations.

___ **Denial of Participation**: The Chamber reserves the right to deny any application or pull any entry from the parade staging area or parade route that does not meet the approved criteria. Anything the Chamber deems controversial, offensive, divisive, or detracting from the goals of the parade, would potentially cause a hinderance to the progress of the parade, or could jeopardize the safety of Chamber staff, volunteers, participants and/or spectators, will not be allowed. Examples include offensive flags or symbols (Nazi, Confederate Battle, etc.), or decorations and displays that include any use of profanity, obscenity, or nudity.

___ Violation of the rules and regulations for the parade may result in the entry not being allowed to enter the parade route, being removed from the parade route, and/or being denied entry in future parades.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Representing: _____

Date: _____

By submitting this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the 2026 Christmas on the Chisholm Trail Parade Rules & Regulations listed above.