

**You're invited to join the annual
Round Top Lighted Christmas Parade!
Saturday, December 2, 2023**



Staging begins at 3:00 p.m.

**Judging takes place at 6:00 p.m.
Parade begins at 6:45 p.m.**

It's a great opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit and provide entertainment to a large crowd of neighbors and visitors. The parade will be held, rain or shine, unless weather conditions put participants and spectators at risk.

The parade is organized by several community non-profits. Our thanks go to:

- 🌿 The Do Your Duty Club
- 🌿 The Round Top Area Chamber of Commerce
- 🌿 The Round Top Family Library

Parade entry donations will be accepted to offset parade costs such as security and insurance:

- 🌿 \$20 is suggested for Lighted motorized vehicles and floats pulled by motorized vehicles
- 🌿 \$10 is suggested for Lighted walking groups of adults
- 🌿 Entry applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2nd.

The parade is being limited to 50 vehicles/groups, so all entries must pre-register.

The application form can be found on page 4. Your completed parade entry form and donation should be submitted to the Round Top Chamber who is managing the finances for the event. Donations can be made in cash, by check made payable to the Round Top Area Chamber of Commerce, or by credit card.

You can submit your application form and donation by mail to the Chamber office:

P. O. Box 216
Round Top, TX 78954

Or, you can stop by the office to deliver it in person:

203 N. Washington St., Round Top, Texas 78954
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Phone: (979) 505-1200

Applications may also be scanned and emailed to info@explorertop.com.

Guidelines and Regulations

Guidelines and regulations are being established to ensure the safety of participants and spectators. Please comply with parade security and volunteers so that everyone can be safe and have fun.

1. This is a lighted parade. For safety purposes; all parade entries must be thoroughly illuminated. Illumination consists of Christmas lights and other forms of lighting where your ENTIRE ENTRY is illuminated. Entries with only the headlights on their vehicles will not be permitted to participate.
2. Walking participants and bicycles must also be thoroughly illuminated - a minimum of 100 lights is recommended.
3. Drivers for motorized floats and vehicles must be licensed and legally sober. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in the vehicles or on the floats while the parade is underway.
4. **There is to be NO throwing candy or trinkets from floats.** The parade takes place in the evening and we don't want children dashing into the street to pick up goodies. We do, however, encourage walking along the sides of floats and giving out candy, toys and souvenirs. **This rule will be strictly enforced!**
5. Please refrain from distributing marketing materials such as flyers, coupons, etc.
6. NO LIVE SANTAS. **The "real" Santa will be at the beginning of the parade.**
7. Headlights will remain off during the parade. All vehicles, floats, or trailers in the parade must have working brake lights and turn signals.
8. All props on floats and trailers must be properly secured, braced or tied down to prevent movement. All floats and trailers must provide adequate safety measures for riders to prevent falling from platforms.
9. Floats which are being towed must be properly secured with safety chains.
10. Floats that use a generator must have a chemical fire extinguisher aboard and readily accessible.
11. Youth entries must provide a minimum of 1 adult chaperone for every 6 children.
12. Large animals may be ridden in the parade, e.g., horses, mules, donkeys, cows. Large animals may be used to pull floats or wagons. These entries will be placed at the end of the parade.
13. Small animals such as dogs or birds may be included as long as they are constrained and kept under control.
14. If an entry is not in the staging area by 5:45 p.m., the group will forfeit judging.
15. The event security and staff reserve the right to remove anyone from the staging area or from the parade itself for any reason. Violators or regulations may be prohibited from future Christmas parades.
16. HAVE FUN!!! This is a great event to kick off the Christmas season for our community. Let's help everyone get into the Christmas spirit!

Parade Entry Application

Organization Name: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact eMail: _____ (primary means of communication)

Primary Contact Cell Phone: _____

Alternative Contact Name and Cell Phone: _____

Type of Entry:
(Check all that apply) Float Car or Truck Walkers Bicyclists Other

Brief Description of Entry – we will provide this to the announcer to use as your entry passes Town Square:

Indemnification and Photography Permission

1. The Parade does not provide liability insurance for the protection of parade participants, spectators, vendors, or merchants engaged in these activities and does not assume or accept responsibility for claims filed as a result of them. Applicant participates at his/her own risk and responsibility and agrees to hold harmless the Town of Round Top, The Do Your Duty Club, The Round Top Area Chamber of Commerce, the Round Top Library Association, Inc, and all volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, obligations, causes of action and lawsuits and all damages, liabilities, fines, judgments, costs (including settlement costs), and expenses.
2. The Parade is not responsible for any personal property damage due to any cause, and by signing this application each unit agrees to assume responsibility for any damage involving their entry.
3. Any applicant utilizing a vehicle in the parade hereby certifies that the vehicle is legally licensed with all required authorities and that the vehicle is covered by liability insurance during the full period of the parade's production and performance.
4. Parade entries and participants may be photographed by the event for promotional purposes. These images are the property of the event and by participating in this event you automatically authorize the use of any of the images that include your float, participants, etc. The event may post any images online.
5. I agree that this agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Fayette County, Texas. I agree to the terms and conditions above and acknowledge receipt of this agreement.

Signature

Date

Donation Information:

Amount: \$ _____ Cash Enclosed Check Enclosed I'll donate at the parade
Payable to Round Top
Chamber of Commerce

Please Charge My: MasterCard () Visa () American Express ()

Name on Card _____

Acct. # _____ Expires _____

Security Code _____ Zip Code of billing address _____