




**You're invited to join the annual  
Round Top Lighted Christmas Parade!  
Saturday, December 4, 2021**





**Staging begins at 2:45 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 our neighbors and visitors. We'll be making a few adjustments due to the COVID 19 situation, but we hope you'll join us. 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

Adjusting to our current situation, and to protect the safety of our participants and viewers, the following adjustments will be made:

-  All entries must pre-register. There will be no registration fee.
-  Parade entries will be judged and winners will be announced as the parade circles Round Top square. However, no award trophies will be distributed.
-  No candy or trinkets for the parade viewers will be allowed.
-  Entry applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3rd.

The application form can be found on page 4. Your completed parade entry form should be submitted to the Round Top Chamber. You can submit your application form by mail to the Chamber office:

RTACC  
P. O. Box 216  
Round Top, TX 78954

Applications may also be scanned and emailed to [info@roundtop.org](mailto:info@roundtop.org).

## 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 or handing out of candy or trinkets from floats. 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 ride in a firetruck at the beginning of the parade.
7. Please pick up any trash at staging area, especially zip-ties.
8. Headlights must stay ON until you exit staging area but will remain OFF during the parade. All vehicles, floats, or trailers in the parade must have working brake lights and turn signals.
9. 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. Be aware of height and width restraints due to trees and corners.
10. Floats which are being towed must be properly secured with safety chains.
11. Floats that use a generator must have a chemical fire extinguisher aboard and readily accessible.
12. Youth entries must provide a minimum of 1 adult chaperone for every 6 children.
13. No large animals may be ridden in the parade, e.g., horses, mules, donkeys, cows. Large animals may not be used to pull floats or wagons. 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 5:30 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!

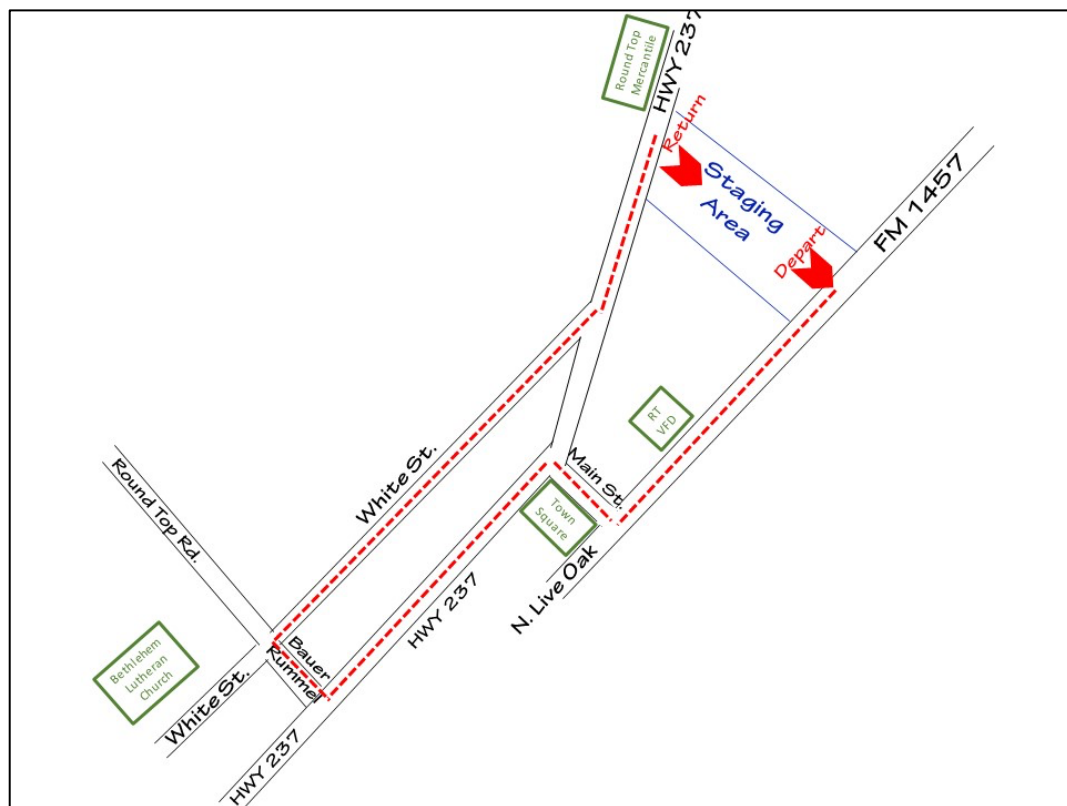
## Parade Staging and Route

The parade staging area will be the empty pasture on Highway 237, across from Bybee Rd, just south of the Round Top Mercantile Co. Parade participants will enter on Highway 237 and line up following directions from parade volunteers. The parade will be led by the Grand Marshal, followed by Santa Claus, the 2019 Round Top Schützen König, and 2-3 major sponsor floats. All remaining positions will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. The staging timeline:

2:45 pm	Gate on Hwy 237 opens, and staging begins
6:00 pm	Judging begins
6:30 pm	Judging concludes and winners notified
6:45 pm	Parade leaves via FM 1457

*Please note: Parking for non-parade vehicles will not be permitted in the staging area. You will need to drop off your participants and park at alternative locations identified by the volunteers.*

The parade will leave from the property's FM 1457 drive and follow the route below.



## Judging and Awards

Parade winners will be announced for the following categories or parade entries:

Best Business Entry  
Best Lights

Best Civic or Non-profit Entry  
Most Original

Best Individual or Family Entry  
Best Overall

A team of three judges will be formed with one representative from each of the three organizations hosting the parade (Do Your Duty Club, RT Chamber, RT Family Library).

Judging will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Staging Area after parade entries are lined up. Entries who are not in place by 5:30 will not be included in the judging. Winners will be notified and the parade will leave the Staging Area promptly at 6:45 p.m.

# 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:**  **Float**  **Car or Truck**  **Walkers**  **Bicyclists**  **Other**  
*(check all that apply)*

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

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## 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.

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Signature

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Date