

LINE UP BEGINS AT 5:00 PM There is **NO FEE** to enter the Princeton Christmas Parade, but **pre-registration** is strongly requested! Also, because there should be only 1 Santa in the Parade, **PLEASE – DO NOT USE A LIVE SANTA ON YOUR UNIT!**

****Parade starts at 6:00 pm sharp!****

PLEASE KEEP THE PARADE MOVING by keeping up with the unit in front of you!!! We receive the largest amount of criticism about gaps in the parade. Please do your part to help with this issue.

FLOATS ENTERED FOR JUDGING will be mailed a windshield number placard upon pre-registration. This placard **MUST** be placed in or on the **RIGHT FRONT** side of the towing vehicle so the judges can see the number **BEFORE** the float reaches them. **Deadline to enter FLOATS is November 15.**

LINE UP INFORMATION

Fire/EMS units will begin lining up on Mercer St starting at Golden Pawn and the Straley Ave - 5th St loop. They will go first after ROTC and Police Chief.

Dignitaries and pageant queens will line up where Mercer splits at the triangle (at the Welcome to Historic Princeton sign).

Floats will line up on Thorn St beginning at or about N. 2nd St. near Nonna's. This also applies to car clubs/individuals and business vehicles (vans/trucks, etc.).

Business vehicles and Classic Cars please try to make your vehicle(s) look Christmassy. We receive the second largest amount of criticism from the public about this.

Marching bands will assemble at the top of East Mercer St (their busses should park on S. 4th just as they usually do).

Other marching units and walkers will also assemble on mid-to-lower end of East Mercer.

Tractor-trailer flatbeds for ball teams, etc. (like Glenwood Raiders and PHS football team) should come up South 2nd Street and park on East Mercer to pick up their riders. Parents dropping off kids for these should enter from Brick St., up S. 2nd toward East Mercer St., then exit down Princeton Ave, Bluefield Ave or S. 3rd. **Please make sure your group and driver are informed as to where to meet for pickup after the parade and drop off afterward.** Have a PLAN and make sure everyone in your party knows it!

For Safety reasons, please observe these rules in the parade.

(1) Candy cannot be thrown from any floats or units.

This helps avoid 3 safety hazards. 1) Hard candy could possibly hurt someone when thrown hard enough to make the distance from the unit to the crowd. 2) It has been observed in past parades that small kids run out in front of floats to pick up the candy off the street. 3) Also, even at 5 mph, if a float driver has to stop suddenly for a child running into the street for candy, he could possibly throw his people off the float injuring them or damage the float itself. Also, you will waste less candy this way...

If you want to give out candy during the parade, have people walking beside the floats and handing it out or using short tosses.

The myth here is that there will not be as much candy for the kids. The truth is that there will be **more** usable candy for the kids. Much of the hard candies thrown the longer distance crack and break on the street, being left for the City crews (who by the way are to be highly commended for their outstanding job of cleaning up after the parade).

(2) NO PRIVATELY OWNED ATVs or Motorcycles. We are no longer permitting privately owned ATVs and motorcycles. Businesses may still enter them.

(3) Due to DOT regulations, no hazardous materials, open flames, pyrotechnics, firearms or other lethal weapons.

The above rules are put in place for everyone's safety, whether you are a spectator or actually in the parade. **We want everyone to have fun but be safe doing it...**

The deadline to enter the parade (other than floats) is November 22, 2017. If you have any questions or want to enter the parade, please fax, mail or deliver the form to the Chamber office or call the Chamber office at 487-1502. Please keep a copy of these regulations for reference.

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

2017 Princeton Christmas Parade Entry Form



2017 Theme: "Christmas Joy!"
Monday, November 27, 2017 6:00 pm
Lineup begins at 5:00 pm

Please write legibly and fill out completely

Organization: _____

***Contact Person:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

***Telephone:** _____

***E-mail Address:** _____

***Cell Phone** your Unit Driver or Leader will have at the Parade: _____

(* = The above information is strongly requested for us to use for short notice announcements)

Please check a Type of Entry (all that apply) AND a Category. All registration is FREE

Type of Entry:

- ___ Float
- ___ Band
- ___ Marching/Walking Unit
- ___ Car, Truck, Van, Car Club,
Commercial Vehicle
(Please decorate
Christmassy!)
- ___ Flatbed for Ball Team
or other large group
- ___ Individual, Pageant Queens,
Politicians, etc.
- ___ Horse, Horse Club or group

Do you want your FLOAT **judged** for awards? (only FLOATS adhering to the parade theme will be judged for awards)

___ Yes ___ No

IMPORTANT!

Will your entry generate **sound** that may interfere, conflict or compete with sound generated by other entries? (We need to know this for placement purposes)

___ Yes ___ No

Category: for Judged Floats

- ___ Religious
- ___ Civic/fraternal/sorority
- ___ Business
- ___ Individual

Awards are awarded for floats only. **There is no fee to enter the parade.** First and second place monetary awards (\$100 and \$50 respectively) will be awarded in the "Civic/Fraternity/Sorority" and "Individual" categories. First and second place plaques will be awarded in the "Business" and "Religious" categories. Judges are from out of town and are completely independent. Decisions of the Judges are final.

Mail, Email, Fax or Deliver this form to:
PMCCC

1522 N. Walker St.
Princeton, WV 24740
Phone: (304) 487-1502
Fax: (304) 425-0227

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****FLOAT ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15****

All other entries: November 22

email: pmccc@frontiernet.net

website: www.pmccc.com