



2021 Lighted Parade Rules AND Guidelines

STAGING

All floats will enter the UPS staging area from Samuel Blvd. – look for clearly marked banners. Only the actual float that will be in the parade will be allowed in the staging area. Staging will be from 4:00-5:30. **All entries MUST be in the UPS lot by 5:30 PM** and be ready to commence moving north onto Samuel Blvd. by 5:50 PM. Do not use headlights during parade.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Float length shall not exceed 55 feet, including the tow vehicle, and cannot exceed 14 feet on the width or height. All floats or decorated vehicles shall carry a 2A:10BC fire extinguisher with a current inspection tag. (The packaging may say “5 lb.” extinguisher. Wal-Mart typically has a “5 lb.” extinguisher.)

All parade entries must be thoroughly illuminated and decorated. Illumination consists of Christmas lights and other forms of lighting where your ENTIRE entry is illuminated. A minimum of 500 lights is required. Entries that show up with only the headlights on their vehicles turned on will be disqualified. Entries will not be accepted without lighting. All holiday themes are welcome – Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year’s, etc.

PARTICIPANT DROP-OFFS

Participants that are entered as a group and will be dropped off to meet the remainder of their group are asked to be dropped off in the parking lot of the animal hospital located on Samuel Blvd. Look for clearly marked signs.

JUDGING

Judging begins promptly at 5:45 PM. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for Most Holiday Spirit will be awarded this year. The winners will carry a sign in the parade indicating their win and will also be announced at the tree lighting immediately after the parade.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

All entries must have completed their Indemnity Agreement (parade application) before attending meeting.

PARADE ROUTE

Entries will be instructed when to exit the UPS parking lot onto Samuel Blvd. Entries will proceed north on Samuel toward Parkway Blvd. The parade will then commence west on Parkway to The CORE parking lot.

Please remember to keep the flow of traffic moving at a steady pace during the parade. If you should encounter any problems during the parade, please pull your entry to the right side of the street. Motion for entries following you to proceed past and then seek assistance from parade officials or police officers along the parade route.



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PARADE SPEED

No vehicle shall exceed 15 miles per hour during the commencement of the parade. Operators of specialized vehicles or performance-enhanced vehicles in the parade shall be mindful of Texas Transportation Code Section 545.420(a) (5); "a person may not participate in any manner in an exhibition of vehicle speed or acceleration." Any operator of a vehicle participating in an exhibition of acceleration will be cited by law enforcement officers and immediately removed from the parade.

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

The throwing, tossing or distribution of giveaways or other materials from parade floats or other vehicles is specifically prohibited. Do not entice spectators to approach your float. Items may be HANDED to spectators by walkers adjacent to parade floats or other vehicles provided that such distribution does not interfere with the orderly movement of the parade and no spectators are required to go into street to retrieve the item.

Written materials (advertisements, coupons, etc.) need to be submitted by Thursday, December 2, 2021 to ssmith@coppelltx.gov. Spraying of water or any other liquid is prohibited. Any violation of this provision will result in the parade entry's removal from the parade.

PARADE WALKERS

Each float may have a maximum of 4 adult walkers (who must be CLEARLY lit – glowing items or reflective vests) to pass out items. Flyers may also be passed out - be sure to email the Parks Department with a proof of what you would like to distribute by December 2. If your float consists of multiple vehicles, you may have 4 adult walkers for each vehicle. Adult = 15 years and older.

PARADE CONCLUSION

The parade officially will end at Andrew Brown Park East, but we ask that all floats and walkers proceed to The CORE parking lot. The tree lighting begins immediately after the parade in the park. If parents chose not to stay for the event, we advise that they park at Town Center and walk over to retrieve their child.

INCLIMATE WEATHER

Website: www.coppelltx.gov/parks
Facebook: facebook.com/coppellparks

Please call 972-462-5104 or email ssmith@coppelltx.gov with any further questions.

TIMES TO REMEMBER:

Staging: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Judging: 5:45 PM

Line up Begins: 5:50 PM

Parade Commences Forward: 6:00-6:05 PM