17TH ANNUAL

# Bridge City Chamber of Commerce

# Christmas Light Parade

Saturday, December 4, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

## MAYOR'S TROPHY & A $200 PRIZE

WILL BE AWARDED FOR BEST

*"BRIDGING THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS"* THEMED ENTRY

**DECORATING IN THEME IS NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE**

**PARADE ROUTE:** W. Roundbunch Rd. From 1st Baptist Church To Bridge City Intermediate past Commonground Church.

**ENTRY FEE:** One new unwrapped toy per person participating in the parade. Toys are distributed to needy children by the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance.

**APPLICATION:** www.bridgecitycoc.com or 150 W. Roundbunch Rd., Bridge City, TX

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** 409.735.5671

# PARADE APPLICATION

| PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION | |
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| Name of Business/Organization/Individual: | |
| Mailing Address/City/Zip: | |

| PLEASE LIST TWO CONTACTS | |
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| Float Captain: | Phone # |
| Email: | |
| Contact Person #2: | Phone # |
| Email: | |

**CATEGORY - Please circle the category that best describes your entry.**

Equine/Livestock  Dance/Marching Unit  Float  Religious/Civic/Non-Profit

School  Musical Entry  Individual(s)  Elected Official  Motorized Vehicle

# people: _____  # of animals: _____  # of vehicles: _____

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY**

***The following information submitted by you will be shared with our parade judges.***

**THEME**: "Bridging the Magic of Christmas" Decorating in theme is not required to participate. Please note this is a night parade, so the MORE LIGHTS the better!!!

**ENTRY FEE:** One toy per person participating on each float/entry. These toys will be given to The Bridge City - Orangefield Ministerial Alliance for their Christmas Toy Give Away. Please keep in mind, the toys we collect will make a child's Christmas more memorable.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Tuesday December 1, 2026, by 3 pm.

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO**: 150 W. Roundbunch Rd., Bridge City, TX 77611 or email director@bridgecitycoc.com

**ENTRY LINE UP**: The First Baptist Church parking lot 200 W. Roundbunch Rd., Bridge City, TX 77611

**ARRIVAL TIME:** 20+ Feet long 4:00 p.m. 15-20 Feet long 4:30 p.m. Under 15 feet long 5:00 p.m.

Please arrive ***ON TIME***, if late the entry will be moved to the end of the parade.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** If the parade is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2026, at 6 pm.

***A COPY OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE & VEHICLE(S) PROOF OF INSURANCE ARE REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION.***

# Rules & Regulations

This page ***must*** be read and signed in order to enter the parade. Please retain a copy of this page for information you'll need on Parade Day.

**DATE**: Saturday, December 5, 2026. In the event of bad weather, call the Chamber office at (409) 735-5671 for a recorded message. If the parade is cancelled for bad weather, it will be rescheduled for December 12, 2026, at 6 p.m.

**THEME***: "Bridging the Magic of Christmas"* Decorating in theme is not required to participate. Each entry should reflect the spirit of the season and include lots of lights.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Completed application, signed rules and regulations, copies of driver's license, proof of insurance and necessary forms for minors are due back to the Chamber Office no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

**ENTRY FEE:** One new unwrapped toy per person participating in the parade. Toys will be collected the day of the parade. These toys will benefit the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance Christmas toy giveaway.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Only registered floats and vehicles are eligible.

**MINORS:** All minors participating must have an **INDEMNIFICATION, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT** signed by their parent/guardian to participate in the parade.

**FLOAT CAPTAIN**: A float captain is in charge of all float activities with emphasis on ***SAFETY*****.** The Float Captain is responsible for the safety of the participants on the entry. The Float Captain is responsible for entries clean up and proper disposal of trash and debris. **The Float Captain is responsible for having one person remain with the entry at all times before the parade begins. This person must be capable of moving the entry in the event of an emergency.**

**MUSIC:** The Chamber asks all participants to avoid the use of air horns, noise makers, etc. as holiday music is the suggested music. The ONLY exception to this rule is emergency vehicles who will be leading the parade.

**ENTRY DESCRIPTION:** Please be creative when describing your entry. We will be using this information when you arrive at the judges' station.

**STAGING:** Staging of the parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. Staging will take place at the parking lot of the First Baptist Church at 200 W. Roundbunch Road and will conclude at the Bridge City Intermediate School. Look for the Chamber Parade Officials wearing red shirts. Upon receipt of your application, you will receive your number to be placed on the front of your entry at the lower right hand corner. This placement card number will be used when arriving at the judges' stand **not for line-up placement**.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** All entries must have an accessible fire extinguisher on board. **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE MANDATORY!!**

**SAFETY CREW:** All entries must have a safety crew on the ground walking every 10 feet along the side of the entry carrying a rope or some type of barrier to keep bystanders from getting too close to floats. Walkers and people riding horses are encouraged to also be decorated with battery powered light on their person during the parade.

**VEHICLE INSURANCE AND VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE:** Proof of valid vehicle insurance and valid driver's license will be verified on entry at time of staging. No entry will be allowed to move forward without the above. ***A copy of each is required with the application at time of entry.***

**SANTA CLAUSE:** Santa Clause traditionally arrives as the last entry of the parade**. No entries may feature Santa Clause or Mrs. Clause.**

**ALCOHOL AND FIREARMS:** ***No alcohol or firearms are allowed***. No alcohol shall be consumed before or during the parade by any participant. Violators will be banned.

**BIKES, GOLF CARTS, GO CARTS, AND WALKERS:** Due to safety reasons it is essential that your "entry" be adorned with lights.

**NO PERSON OR PERSONS WILL BE PERMITTED TO GET "ON" AND "OFF" ENTRY ONCE PARADE BEGINS. THIS INCLUDES NO BODY PARTS "DANGLING" FROM ENTRY!! ANY PERSON OR PERSONS VIOLATING THIS RULE WILL CAUSE THE ENTRY TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

_____ _____ _____

Organization | Signature of Float Captain | Date

**STATE OF TEXAS**
**ORANGE COUNTY**
**BRIDGE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**INDEMNIFICATION, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

**My name is: _____ and, if applicable, I am the parent or guardian ("parent") of the minor child ("my child") named: _____. In consideration for allowing me and, if applicable, my minor child to participate in the 2026 Bridge City Christmas Light Parade. I HEREBY INDIVIDUALLY AND, IF APPLICABLE, ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD, AND MY HEIR, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE BRIDGE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ALL OF THE SPONSORS OF THE PARADE, THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES ("Indemnities") AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OF NATURE (IN LAW OR EQUITY), CAUSES OF ACTIONS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES FOR THE DEFENSE THEREOF OR OTHER SUCH PROCEEDINGS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHO MAY BE AT FAULT IN ANY WAY, INCLUDING THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF INDEMNITIES, WHICH ARISE OR MAY ARISE FROM MY OR MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 CHRISTMAS PARADE.**

**I, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY CHILD, FURTHER RECOGNIZE THATTHERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH PARADES, SUCH , BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS, FALLING FROM VEHICLES/TRAILERS, FALLING ON THE GROUND, BEING RUN OVER BY VEHICLES/TRAILERS, OBJECTS BEING THROWN AND POTENTIALLY OTHER INHERNALTY DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES, WHETHER FORSEEN OR UNFORSEEN, AND DESPITE SAME, FULLY AND COMPLETELY EXPRESS AND ASSUME THE RISKS OF PROPERTY DAMAGE AND BODILY INJURY TO MYSELF, AND IF APPLICABLE TO MY CHILD.**

**I agree that I am not relying on any representation of anyone associated with or affiliated with hosting or sponsoring the parade in making the decision to participate or in allowing my child to participate in the parade. I have read and understand this document.**

**Additionally, I understand that his document has important legal consequences and that I have been encouraged to consult an attorney before executing this document.**

**I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this document; that I understand the terms herein is contractual and not a mere recital and that I have signed this document of my own free will.**

**EXECUTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.**

**_____**
**Parent or Legal Guardian**

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| **Parent of:** |
| **Address:** |
| **Witness:** |
| **Print Name:** |
| **Address:** |