

69th Annual Escondido Jaycees Christmas Parade Application

******Please read this application in its entirety as significant changes have been made for our 2019 Parade******

*****NEW:** Due to the overwhelming number of applications in the last few years, we must limit the number of entries that will participate in the Parade. This means that some applicants will not be able to participate this year. Please understand that we have always prided ourselves on being inclusive of everyone who has submitted an application in the past, but need to be considerate of the surrounding neighborhoods and our volunteers. We hope that you understand. ***

All applications will be reviewed by our Parade Committee after the application deadline. Selection is subject to the Parade Committee's discretion and will be reflected by our time constraints as well as creating a variety of participants. Other factors may include: date completed application is received, application quality, previous participation, quality of past entries, and participation in past Awards Ceremonies.

HOW TO ENTER: Submit your completed application by email or mail no later than **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 2019**. Please note the earlier application deadline again this year – we moved the application deadline earlier in order to give applicants time to prepare their entries after having their entry approved. For fastest processing, please scan and email your signed application to parade@escondidojaycees.org (PREFERRED). If you choose to mail in your application, please expect longer processing time.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR.

No weapons of any kind will be permitted: This includes real or imitation weapons including but not limited to swords, guns, bows, batons, spears, blades of any type, axes, etc. Shields or other protective gear may be permitted so long as it does not resemble offensive weaponry such as those listed above. Staves (walking sticks) may be permitted so long as they are used for walking only. The Escondido Jaycees reserve the right to decide what may be considered a weapon according to these rules. If any questions arise, please contact parade@escondidojaycees.org for clarification with picture and description of the item in question. The Escondido Jaycees reserve the right to refuse participants arrival or participation in the parade if these rules are not abided by.

The Escondido Jaycees have no affiliation or control over the vendors such as those often seen walking along the parade route selling toys or other items.

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT: You will receive a confirmation email upon receipt and processing of your application to the email address provided on your application. **This email only confirms that all parts of your application have been received. It does not guarantee a spot in the parade line up.** If you have not received an email within 48 hours of emailing your application or within 1 week of sending your mailed application, we have not received your application.

APPROVAL FOR PARADE LINE UP: If your group has been approved and assigned a position in the Parade line up, you will receive another email to the email address you provided on your application by **November 1, 2019**.

1. **DATE:** Saturday December 14, 2019
2. **TIME:** The parade will start promptly at **9:30am**
3. **Judging:** Entries will be judged en route by our impartial civic volunteers.
 - We will **NOT** have judges from the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association.
 - All judged entries will be judged in their categories and also on "Best Overall Theme".

Awards:

- Overall Theme Prize: Entry most effectively expressing the parade theme: "Wild About Christmas"
- Trophies will be awarded in each category depending on number of entries per category.
- To compete for an award, you must check the appropriate box on the entry form AND have at least one person from your group attend the awards presentation. Lack of attendance may disqualify you from competing in the next year's parade. Remember, we are a non-profit organization and each year we prepare awards that do not get picked up. Please take this into consideration when choosing to compete. Be committed!

Awards Ceremony: Held at Grape Day Park Train Station after the conclusion of the parade.

1. **Parade Line Up and Positions:** "Day of Parade" instructions and other announcements will be posted on our website. You will receive an email with your line up number by **December 1st, 2019**.
2. **Santa Claus:** The Escondido Jaycees will have the **ONLY Santa Claus in the Parade. Entries are prohibited from having their own Santa. No Santa Costumes. Period.**
3. **Floats:** Floats may be self-propelled, towed by a decorated car, truck, or convertible. The float theme should be carried along the entire float and transport length.
4. **Other Important Information**
 - a. **Auto Entries:** Due to the length of the Parade, auto entries are limited to a maximum of 8 cars.

- b. **Equestrian Entries:** You must provide the name and phone number of a mandatory “pooper scooper” responsible for your group’s horse waste clean up. Compliance will be checked during Parade line-up and throughout the parade. If your “pooper scooper” is not present, your group will not be allowed to participate in the Parade.
5. **Pace:** All entries must maintain forward motion along the Parade route or be subject to disqualification. If a gap develops between you and the group in front of you, please pick up your pace to close the gap and ensure that the Parade runs as smoothly as possible.
6. **Handouts:** Due to City of Escondido regulations and safety concerns, we cannot allow the distribution of any items along the parade route. This includes but is not limited to the handing out or throwing of candy, pamphlets, books, etc.

For any questions or concerns about the 68th Annual Escondido Jaycees Christmas Parade, please contact us at parade@escondidojaycees.org. We are looking forward to a great parade this year!

69th Annual Escondido Jaycees Christmas Parade
“A Quest for Christmas”
Official Parade Entry Form
(Please type or print)

Entry Name: _____
Director/Leader: _____ Phone: (_____) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address (Where Parade Communications will be sent): _____
Day of Parade Contact Person: _____ Phone: (_____) _____
Pooper Scooper (Equestrian Entries only): _____ Phone: (_____) _____
Approximate Number in Group: _____ Approximate Length of Entry (feet): _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. **DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY:** Please include a description of your entry and how you plan on incorporating this year’s theme “Wild About Christmas” into your entry. **We encourage you to be creative when planning your entry and to be as descriptive as possible on your application.**
2. **ANNOUNCERS’ SCRIPTS:** Include a 50-100 word script in English to be read by the announcers as your entry passes by.

Your application will not be considered complete without the above items.

- Application by Email (Preferred): Please include your script and entry description in the **body** of your email
- Application by Mail: Please include your **typed** script and entry description with your application. Please no handwritten items.

Please check the appropriate classification for your entry (All Entries):

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| BANDS: | MAJORETTE: | WALKING GROUPS: | MILITARY GROUPS: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club (outside of school) | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo | <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty | <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Armed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed |
| AUXILIARY: | DRILL TEAM: | FLOATS: | EQUESTRIAN: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Club (outside of school) | <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty | <input type="checkbox"/> Mounted Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | |
| DRUM MAJOR: | DANCE: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Juniors | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | | |

Will you be competing? (All Entries):

- Yes, we will be competing and will have at least one person present at the Award Ceremony following the Parade.
- No, we will not be competing for an award. We are coming to have FUN!

Legal Disclaimer: I hereby enter the above entry at my own risk and subject to all the rules and regulations of the parade. I further agree that if any loss or damage occurs from any cause to the property that I may enter, that I will make no claim therefore against the Escondido Jaycees or Christmas Parade Committee. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Escondido Jaycees, City of Escondido or Parade Sponsors against any legal proceedings for any personal injury or property damage arising from, or occasioned by, any employee or entry of mine.

Photography Disclaimer: The Escondido Jaycees will have photographers and videographers along the Parade route. Individuals participating in my entry authorize the Escondido Jaycees and City of Escondido to publish photographs or videos taken on Parade day of the Parade and it’s participants at the Parade Committee’s discretion. I, the group organizer, agree to obtain permission from participants and parents of minor participants.

Organizer Signature

Printed Name

Date

ESCONDIDO JAYCEES
PO BOX 1731
ESCONDIDO, CA 92033



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ESCONDIDO JAYCEES
69th ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday December 14th, 2019
9:30 AM

