Active 20-30 Club of Merced #53 Presents

"Christmas on the Silver Screen"

Merced's 19th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Sponsored by

Check-In Begins:	*1:15 pm*
Parade Starts:	*3:00 pm*
Entry Fees	*Free: Jr. High/High School Bands*
	$25.00 Non-profit, Schools, Downtown Business
	$40.00 General
	*$50.00 Car/Motorcycle Clubs**

* Car & Motorcycle clubs **may** be limited this year to 2 Antique/Classic Clubs; 2 Motorcycle Clubs; 2 Low-Rider/Modified Car Clubs.
Car clubs are limited to 10 cars per club/Motorcycles limited to 15 per club (**some exceptions may apply. Please contact us if you have questions**)

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Name of Entry Contact Person

_____ _____ _____
Mailing Address City Zip

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*E-Mail Address

(___)_____ (___)_____
Phone Number Phone Number

*Please provide an e-mail address as we use this form of communication to give you announcements about the parade.

Mode of Transportation ___ Walking ___ Horseback ___ Vehicle ___ Other_____
___ Yes, I will have a clean up crew Explain

Type of Vehicle (i.e. semi, pickup truck, car) _____**Total Length** (include vehicle pulling float) _____

To determine your staging area and the amount of space needed, please describe your entry in detail:
(Example: Float on flat bed truck w/ trailer (20 feet), 10 riders on float, 15 walkers in front of float, 2 motorcycles following float, etc.)

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Waiver/Release and Assumption of the Risk of Liability
I have read and understand all parade rules and regulations and agree to be responsible for the above mentioned entry and participants and their compliance of all rules. I agree to inform all entry participants and their parents/guardians of all rules. The undersigned understands that participation in a parade on city streets may be dangerous and cause bodily injury and property damage, and that I hereby waive my right to sue the Active 20-30 Club of Merced, related entities, sponsors of the event, their officers, directors, employees and volunteers for any damages, fully release them from this liability and expressly assume the risk of being injured by participation in the parade. On behalf of the above mentioned applicant, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless and release the Active 20-30 Club of Merced, related entities, sponsors of the event, their officers, directors, employees and volunteers from any and all liability of any injury suffered while participating in this event and will assume all risk for any injuries.

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Print Name Signature Date

Applications due by Friday, November 22nd 2013

Mail completed application to: Active 20-30 Club of Merced: 3144 North G Street, Suite 125-327, Merced, CA 95340. Make checks payable to Active 20-30 Club of Merced. For more information e-mail christmasparade@merced2030.com or call 209-658-5617.

The Active 20-30 Club of Merced #53,
Educational Employees Credit Union, Scholle Packaging,
and City of Merced
present

"Christmas on the Silver Screen"

Saturday, December 7th, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

On West Main Street

FLOATS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!!!

The Active 20-30 Club of Merced, along with EECU, Scholle Packaging, and City of Merced invite you to participate in the 19th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th, 2013. The theme is "Christmas on the Silver Screen." The parade will begin at **3:00 P.M. sharp**, with the formation area on East Main St. off "G" street. The parade will start at West Main and "G" street and continue along the city approved route. **Check in time begins at 1:15 p.m.** The formation check in desk will be located on the corner of Calimyrna Street and West Main Street and is closed to through traffic at 11:00 a.m. (By order of the Merced Police Department.)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013.** Entries received after this date will be placed at the end and will not be announced.
2. Parade will be limited to 100 entries. There is a limit on car/motorcycle clubs this year. Please see first page for details.
3. Parade will be held rain or shine. There will be **NO REFUND** on application fees paid
4. This year's theme is "Christmas on the Silver Screen." **Floats should be a Christmas Movie theme**. Music played must be Christmas music and must be maintained not to interfere with other entries.
5. All entries **MUST** be decorated for Christmas; this includes car and motorcycle clubs.
6. There will be three (3) cash prizes of $750, $500 and $250 awarded to the top three best decorated floats. These awards may coincide with the separate plaque awards specified in #5.
7. There will be separate awards given out and honored with plaques for specific parade categories. The categories are: Best Themed Entry; Equestrian, Youth Group, Commercial Entry, Vehicle, and Unique. The parade will be judged by parade sponsors.
8. Entries will be judged on appearance, creativity, enthusiasm, and relevance to the division theme.
9. All entires are required to have a positive theme which respects diversity and is non-controversial. **Parade sponsors reserve the right to remove any inappropriate float(s), cars, or people from participating in the parade. Sponsors will not tolerate any profanity, explicit pictures, etc. on any entries in the parade.**
10. Entry numbers will be provided at the registration table. Affix numbers on front and left side of entry.
11. Parade participants will maintain numerical order and not trade with other entries.
12. No blowing of sirens or horns, revving engines, etc. this drowns out others' music and scares the animals.
13. Parade participants must maintain fifty (50) feet between entries.
14. Control of motorized vehicles and animals must be maintained at all times.
15. All animals must be on a leash, lead, or rein. Owner(s) of all animals (including mounted horse entries) must provide their own clean up crew equipped with their own appropriate scooper and broom or they will be placed in last division.
16. Living entity on floats must be secured.
17. A person over the age of 18 must accompany junior entries throughout the parade route. Junior entries are those under age 18.
18. No consumption of alcoholic beverages while in the parade or in the staging area.
19. **DO NOT** throw candy from floats or vehicles. Candy may be passed from walkers along the parade route.
20. Everyone must disband at the end of the parade and will not be permitted to ride vehicles illegally back to the originating point of the parade. Please arrange to be picked up or walk back.
21. **ABSOLUTELY NO SANTA ENTRIES!!!**
22. All parade participants must follow the direction of parade staff.
23. All parade participants are expected to know and abide by all parade rules. If your group does not adhere to these rules, (such as no decorations, more vehicles than allowed, revving of bikes or engines, etc.) you will be taken out of the parade. If these actions are seen during the parade, you will be dismissed from the parade route and banned from participating the following year. Please provide a copy of all the rules to all participants in your entry. **The person who signs the entry form is responsible for this**. The signed application will be available to any person in your group who states they did not have access to these rules.

There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, December 4th, 6:00 pm
at the Merced Civic Center, Sam Pipes Room.
All entries **MUST** have 1 representative in attendance.
For more information e-mail christmasparade@merced2030.com or call 658-5617.

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Judging & Announcer Information

Must accompany application

_____ _____ _____
Name of Entry Contact Person

Judging Categories: Please Check One

____ Jr. High School Band*
____ High School Band*
____ Color Guard*
____ Vehicles
____ Themed Entry ("Christmas on the Silver Screen")
____ Equestrian
____ Youth Group
____ Commercial Entry
____ Unique Entry

*These categories are not judged

The three cash prizes will be awarded to the top three best decorated floats.
The cash awards may coincide with the separate plaque awards.

Please type or clearly print an announcer description of your entry. The description must be 200 words or less; include information about your organization, information regarding your entry, sponsors, special people you would like to thank, etc. Announcers along the parade route will read your announcer descriptions to parade viewers as your entry passes by.

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