



The City is happy to announce that the 38th Annual Historic Downtown Sonora Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, November 26, 2021

TIME: The Parade starts promptly at 6:00 p.m.

- All Entries must be lined up by 4:30 p.m.
- The staging area is located on School Street and no through traffic is allowed on School Street after 4:00 p.m.
- Only Vehicles in the parade will be allowed on School Street/staging area location after 4:00 p.m.
- NO changes to entries can be made after Parade numbers and maps have been mailed out.

PARADE LINE UP:

- The Staging Area is along School Street between Snell & Washington Street.
- Entries must enter from the corner of School Street/ N. Washington Street. Please make sure that your entry number is in clear view when entering the Staging Area.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

- Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

Contact Kim Campbell, Community Development Specialist II at (209) 532-3508 X 2 for more information or kcampbell@sonoraca.com

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS!



We look forward to a Safe and Fun Parade so please read the Parade Rules carefully as they will be strictly enforced.

GENERAL PARADE RULES

The Annual Historic Downtown Sonora Christmas Parade
Starts promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine on Friday, November 26, 2021

- 1.** Absolutely NO parade entrants are allowed to hand out or throw candy, or any other objects, during the parade.
- 2.** Parking of any vehicles, not within the parade, will not be allowed on School Street or any parking lots along School Street. This area is for staging of the parade only. Cars that are not in the parade but are left on School Street or in any of the parking lots on School Street will be towed.
- 3.** NO dropping off decorations, animals or people, etc. on School Street **after 4:00** p.m.
- 4.** NO consumption of alcoholic beverages, cannabis, or other controlled substances within the staging area or along the parade route is permitted.
- 5.** Portable restrooms will be available in the middle of the staging area on School Street.
- 6.** No entry may have a person dressed as Santa Claus. The “real” Santa Claus will be at the end of the Parade.
- 7.** No political advertisements, endorsements or speeches are allowed in the parade.
- 8.** No alcohol, tobacco or cannabis advertisements are allowed in the parade.
- 9.** All entries must enter from the School/N. Washington Street location.
- 10.** All entries will meet and line up at their designated area along School Street. There will be City staff and volunteers to assist you.
- 11.** A map will be mailed to you to designate your entry location along with your entry number.



- 12.** You must post your entry number in clear view on each side of the first vehicle in your group prior to entering into the staging area to allow staff to assist you with lining up and for announcing purposes.
- 13.** Entrants must have full control of vehicles or animals at all times. The parade will be moving in a downhill procession; make sure all breaking mechanisms are functional.
- 14.** Participants are required to have their entry fully decorated in a Christmas/Holiday fashion.
- 15.** The person in charge of each group will need to complete and sign the application and waiver forms.
- 16.** The City will review each application and you may be called regarding your entry before you are accepted into the parade.
- 17.** It may be helpful to bring a flashlight since it will be dark by the time the parade starts.
- 18.** Please DO NOT go back through town unless absolutely necessary, as it causes traffic problems.
- 19.** The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any entry not in keeping with the dignity of The Historic Downtown Sonora Christmas Parade.

Additional Parade Rules for Walkers

- 1.** At the end of the Parade, walkers must be picked up at the J.S. West parking lot on S. Washington Street. (This does not include trailers or floats with riders).
- 2.** Please, have all walking participants in your group's entry meet at a designated area and arrive together at the staging area. A good meeting location is on Shaws Flat Road in front of the Sonora High School.
- 3.** All walkers are staged in the small High School parking lot located near Snell Street on School Street.
- 4.** Please inform all members and parents of the staging location and your entry number.
- 5.** No stopping to perform at any time will be allowed during the parade.



Additional Parade Rules for Horse Groups

1. Only recognized and experienced riding groups of 5 or more participants will be allowed (No Single Riders).
2. If you arrive before 4:00 p.m., you may unload your animals in the staging area. After 4:00 p.m., you will have to unload at a different location and walk animals into the staging area.
3. All entrants riding or driving animals must turn into the Grocery Outlet parking lot at the end of the Parade. All horse trailers must be parked at the Grocery Outlet parking lot for loading after the Parade. Special arrangements have been made to accommodate all horse trailers in that parking lot.
4. Please, do not ride horses back through town.

Additional Parade Rules for Automobiles, Motorcycles, Trailers and Floats

1. Trailers/floats cannot exceed 40 feet in length or 65 feet in overall vehicle and/or truck length. The trailer/float cannot exceed 10 feet in width. The trailer/float may not exceed 13 feet in height (measured from the ground up).
2. Any vehicle with a trailer and riders must turn onto Restano Way to unload the riders at the end of the Parade. You will have to do this fairly quickly. The Sonora Police Department will be on hand to help. Riders are not allowed to continue riding on trailers/floats once you have reached Restano Way.
3. Any vehicle without a trailer but has riders will be directed into the Grocery Outlet parking lot to off-load the riders.
4. Any vehicle without riders may continue down Washington Street or onto Mono Way to leave the parade area.
5. If you need to go back through town, please use Stewart Street.
6. Once in the staging area, the entry's driver must stay with the vehicle.



7. No spinning of tires and/or loss of traction in staging area or along the parade route is permitted.

Parade entry numbers and maps will be up on the City of Sonora's website by Wednesday, November 24th at www.sonoraca.com

If you have any questions or concerns please call Kim Campbell, Community Development Specialist II at (209) 532-3508 X 2 or email: kcampbell@sonoraca.com





**The 38th ANNUAL HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SONORA CHRISTMAS PARADE
APPLICATION**

The Parade is Friday, November 26th at 6:00 p.m.

The Entry Deadline is Wednesday, November 17, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

No Exceptions

Name of Organization/Group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Full Mailing

Address: _____

Daytime Phone:() _____ **Evening Phone:()** _____

Cell Phone:() _____ **Email:** _____

Please complete as many categories below as applicable for your entry.

(It is important to know how big each entry is for staging purposes)

TYPE OF ENTRIES:

CATEGORIES:

1. WALKERS (No Vehicles): How many: _____.

2. HORSES: How many: _____

Will there be horses pulling Carriage or wagon? Yes No

If Yes, what type: _____

3. ANIMALS: (Other than horses) How many? _____



What type of animals? _____

Is there any special needs for these animals? (Please explain)

Will there also be walkers? Yes No If Yes, how many? _____

4. VEHICLES

A. CARS and PICK UPS (without Trailers) How many? _____

B. MOTORCYCLES: How many? _____

C. PICK UP TRUCKS PULLING TRAILERS: How many? _____

Length & width of each vehicle: _____

D. SEMI-TRUCKS: How many? _____

E. FIRE TRUCKS: How many? _____

Length and width of each fire truck? _____

F. Will there be any walkers with your vehicle entry? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, how many? _____

5. **MUSIC:** Will your entry have music, sirens, loud horns, etc? If so, please

describe: _____

6. **ANNOUNCING:** Please give a short description of your entry to be announced during the parade:



I have read and agree to the Parade Rules as well as complying with any COVID-19 Requirements including wearing masks and social distancing that are recommended by the Tuolumne County Public Health Department and in effect at the time of the parade. I understand that non-compliance may result in your application being denied entry for future Christmas Parades.

Signature:

Date:

**Mail Application and Waiver to:
City of Sonora C/O Parade
94 N. Washington St. Sonora, CA 95370
Fax (209) 532-3511
Email: kcampbell@sonoraca.com**

Attach any additional information that may be needed. If you have any questions please call Kim Campbell, Community Development Specialist II at (209) 532-3508 X 2 or email: kcampbell@sonoraca.com



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you or someone in your entry need special assistance to participate in this event, please contact Community Development at (209) 532-3508 x 2 or kcampbell@sonoraca.com. Notification 48 hours prior to the event will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this event. (28 CFR 35. 102-35.104 ADA Title 11)

This Annual Historic Downtown Sonora Christmas Parade is an annual tradition and has been going for 38 years. This night-time Parade gives you the opportunity to SHINE, so decorate festively, and let's get everyone who attends the parade in the holiday spirit!!

CITY OF SONORA

AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE Event/Activity

Name of Event/Activity 38th Annual Historic Downtown Sonora's Christmas Parade
Date of Event/Activity Friday, November 26, 2021

I understand the risks involved by participating in the above event/activity for which I/we are registering/applying for, and in consideration for being permitted by the City of Sonora to participate in the above activity, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal injury, death, or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of participation in said event/activity. This release is intended to discharge, in advance, the City of Sonora (its officers, and/or officials, employees, volunteers and agents) from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in said event/activity, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the City. It is understood that this activity involves an element of risk and danger of accidents and knowing those risks, I hereby assume those risks. It is further agreed that this waiver, release and assumption of risk is to be binding on my heirs and assigns. I agree to indemnify and to hold the above persons and entities free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense which they may incur as the result of my death or injury or property damage that I may sustain while participating in said event/activity.

Authorized Representative

(To be completed by individuals representing an Organization or Group)

I, _____, warrant that I am authorized to execute this Agreement, Waiver and
(Name of Individual)
Release on behalf of the _____ and the Organization/Group's individuals
(Organization/Group)
participating in this event/activity.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE CITY OF SONORA.

Participant

Date

Participant

Date

PARENTAL CONSENT: *(MUST be completed and signed by parent/guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age)* I hereby consent that my son/daughter participate in the above event/activity and I hereby execute the above Agreement, Waiver, and Release on his/her behalf. I state that said minor is physically able to participate in said activity. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the persons and entities mentioned above free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense which may incur as a result of the death or injury or property damage that said minor may sustain while participating in said activity.

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Parent or Guardian

Date