

Rules and Guidelines

Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations. The Rio Rancho "Winterfest Parade" Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant not conforming to the rules and regulations, or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of the police or parade officials. All entries must be approved by the "Winterfest Parade Committee."

This is a night-light parade; all entries must be well lit. Guidelines include:

- Cars must be adorned with at least 250 lights.
- Pickups must be adorned with at least 250 lights.
- Pickups pulling trailers must be adorned with at least 1200 lights.
- Semi-trucks must be adorned with at least 1500 lights.
- Marching/walking groups must be adorned with battery operated lights.
- All entries must be in place by 4 p.m. The committee will inspect floats prior to the parade. Rules will be strictly enforced and compliance with all rules is necessary.
- No mobile billboards.
- Parade numbers used to identify entries must be displayed on both sides. There must be adults on floats where there children are present.
- No Santa Claus Suits Allowed. Santa will be the last entry in the parade on the "Big Santa Float" built by Bill and Christopher Joiner, decorated by Evonne Joiner.
- It is dangerous to throw candy from the float at night. Please ask walkers to walk beside your float and hand out candy. Gapping will not be allowed.
- Parade participants must have their own liability insurance. Please have insurance card on hand in case a parade committee person asks to see it.
- It is the responsibility of parents with children participating in the parade to make necessary arrangements to have children met and picked up at designated points. The parade will end at the corner of Southern Boulevard and N.M. 528/Pat D'Arco Highway.
- Maximum allowable height is 15 feet.
- Please send a description or history of your entry, approximately 25 words. Parade entry descriptions are sent to the news media and they can be used for photos and stories.

- No One is to get on or off of a float once the float has started down the route.
- Rules signed by the person in charge must be in their possession.
- No smoking, no alcoholic beverages, or firearms are allowed on floats.
- A fire extinguisher is required to be on all floats for safety.

I acknowledge these rules and I will honor them:

Theme: "A Cowboy Holiday Hoedown"

Thank you for your participation in helping us to make this a wonderful event and please don't forget to join us at Haynes Park afterwards for more the Luminaria Tour!

Rio Rancho Winterfest Parade

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Parade starts at 5:15 p.m.

Line up: From Golf Course Road and Southern Boulevard back to Golf Course Road and 16th Street.

Parade Route: Golf Course Road to Southern Boulevard and east down Southern Boulevard to N.M. 528/Pat D'Arco Highway.

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Name of Group or Organization: _____

Detailed description of your entry: _____

Circle One: Pickup pulling trailer

Antique Car/Pickup

Motorcycle(s)

Semi-truck pulling trailer

Car Club

Bicycles

Animals

Horses/Buggy

Marching/Walking (Circle One): Drill Team Cheerleaders Band

OTHER: _____

How many feet do we need to allow for you in the parade lineup (information is mandatory and must be accurate): _____

All registration forms must be received no later than December 2, 2009. There is no entry fee. Rules and guidelines must also be signed and returned. Make a copy of all documentation to refer to. Please mail to:

Evonne Joiner/Parade
P.O. Box 44023
Rio Rancho, NM 87174

2009 Grand Marshal – Ray Johnson (Ray's Ace Hardware)

Ray, from the community we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the tireless efforts you have put into making Rio Rancho a better place to live. We will also be honoring the memory of your beloved wife Ramona, who left us last year on December 24.