



## The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Lights Lighted Holiday Parade Smithville, Texas Saturday, December 2, 2023

The parade is brought to you by the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce.  
Thank you to the volunteer Parade Committee and committee Chair, Kathy Karcher.  
You can contact Kathy at 512-237-0133 for assistance.  
You can contact the Chamber at 512-237-2313 or email [chamber@smithvilletx.org](mailto:chamber@smithvilletx.org)

The 2023 theme is "A Christmas Carol", (the 1843 novella written by Charles Dickens)

Registration Form, disclaimer and parade rules are on second page of this form.

You must be in line and prepared for Judging at 5:45PM or entry will not be judged.

5:00 PM to 5:30PM	Late Registration Line up on 1 <sup>st</sup> Street Parade Committee "spotter" will guide you to your spot in parade queue
5:45PM	Judging of Entries by Parade Committee
7:00PM	Parade Begins, down 1 <sup>st</sup> Street to Main Street Parade begins promptly at 7PM, rain or shine.

*There will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards in these categories:*

- Most Beautiful Out of Town Lighted Float
- Most Beautiful Local Lighted Float
- Most Festive Classic Auto (Classic is defined as 20 to 26 years of age)
- Most Festive Antique Auto (Antique is defined as 27 years of age or older)
- Best Lighted Musical Group
- Best in Theme Float: 2023 theme "A Christmas Carol, the 1843 novella by Charles Dickens"

*There will be ONE, 1<sup>st</sup> Place OVERALL award given: The Smitty Award*

## Lighted Parade Entry Form: 2023 Festival of Lights in Smithville Texas

The City of Smithville, the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce and any of the Board of Directors, the Parade Committee, their officers, members and designated officials are not liable in either official or individual capacities for property damage, personal injury, or death arising from your participation in the Smithville Festival of Lights Lighted Parade. By signing this entry form, the responsible person for the entry, acknowledges that he/she has voluntarily applied for entry in this event and that in consideration of the privileges associated therewith, (1) agrees to protect, indemnify and hold harmless, and agrees to bind each person participating in this event to protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Smithville, the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce and any of the Board of Directors, the Parade Committee, their officers, members and designated officials, agents and employees in their individual or official capacities, from and against suits, actions, claims, losses, liability or damage of any character, and from and against costs and expenses including attorney fees incidental to the defense of such suits, action, claims, losses, damage or liability on account of injury, death or otherwise, to any person or damage to any property, arising from any act, error or omission of the above mentioned entities and persons of the undersigned, its officers, employees or agents or of any other person, arising out of, resulting from or caused by any act occurring as a result of participation in this event; (2) agrees to provide each person participating under the authority of this entry form with a copy of this disclaimer and with a copy of the parade rules; (3) acknowledges and agrees to abide by the indemnification as outlined in the city ordinance, Chapter 1, article 1.1500, subsection 1.1507.

Signature of Responsible Person	Date
Printed Name	Float Sponsor Name
Email Address	Phone Number During Event

### **Parade Rules**

- You must be in line and prepared for Judging at 5:45PM or entry will not be judged.
- Entry must be lighted to be judged.
- Parade begins promptly at 7PM, rain or shine.
- Vehicle must be driven by a licensed driver.
- 13 Foot height restriction on all floats & entries.
- When disbanding, units shall not block the flow of traffic for participants behind.
- Sorry, no horses.
- **No throwing of ANY items from your float, but feel free to walk beside your float and hand out items.**
- Exceptions to these rules may only be granted by a member of the Parade Committee.

### **Description for Parade Announcer**

This space is provided for details of your entry for the parade announcer. If additional space is needed to describe your entry, please attach a separate sheet and return it with this form.

Name of Float: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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We look forward to your participation. Please return your form as soon as possible. Please email your form directly to Kathy Karcher, Chair, Parade Committee. [shinerboch64@gmail.com](mailto:shinerboch64@gmail.com)  
Or bring your form to the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce: 102 NE First Street, Smithville.