

Merry Christmas



Dear Christmas Parade Participant,

2017

Can you feel the excitement? It is time for the 38th annual Bonne Terre Christmas Parade sponsored by **First State Community Bank**.

We are asking for your participation in this year's parade. We need lighted floats, singers, walking groups, bands, or any type of contribution that will add to the parade and increase the Christmas spirit of all in our great community.

This year the parade will be **Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.**

The theme is "A Christmas Luau". There will be a **\$10 entry fee**. Cash prizes in the amount of: 1st place \$200, 2nd place \$150, 3rd place \$100 will be awarded to the best decorated floats following the theme. **There will only be ONE Santa & Mrs. Claus in the parade. They will be riding on the Chamber float, the last unit in the parade.** Any other Santa (St. Nick, Father Christmas, etc.) or Mrs. Claus is not allowed. This will avoid confusion for small children. Stuffed or fake Santa's are acceptable. **For safety purposes, please do not throw anything from your entry.** You may **hand** distribute items by someone walking along side the float.

Let your imagination run wild with what you might see if you peaked inside at the North Pole.

All entries need to check in with Chamber staff on Benham at the entrance to Veteran's Park beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please proceed to line up spots behind the Police Station, you will then receive your number.

The parade will start at the intersection of Desoto Rd and Division Street. It will proceed south on Division to Main Street, east on Main to the Bonne Terre Post Office. The Parade will disperse at Centennial Park in front of the Bonne Terre Post Office.

To register your entry, fill out the enclosed form and mail or bring it along with your entry fee to the Chamber office located at 41 Young St. (PO Box 175 Bonne Terre)

Deadline to register your entry is December 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Please provide the name of your entry, name of a contact person, phone number and whether or not you wish for your entry to be judged as a float. For more information, please call the Chamber office at 358-4000 or Dave Bahr at 573-760-5669.

Sincerely,

Your Bonne Terre Chamber

2017 Christmas Parade Rules & Guidelines

1. For line-up, (starting at 5:30) please go to the entrance to Veteran's Park on Benham Street (across from Boyer Funeral Home) and see Chamber line-up personnel. They will tell you your line up number. Then proceed to line slots behind the Police Station.
2. Please, **NO "live" Santa and Mrs. Claus**. They will be riding on the Chamber float at the end of the parade. This will avoid confusion with our young spectators. Stuffed or fake Santa's are acceptable.
3. ***For safety purposes, do not throw anything from your entry. This includes candy!! You may have walkers to distribute the items.***
4. The parade will end at Centennial Park in front of the Bonne Terre Post Office. Any entry and walking unit with children will be to Centennial Park in front of the Post Office where the children may be picked up. All other entries will be directed north or south of the Post Office.
5. There will be NO vehicle traffic on Allen Street the night of the parade.
6. Entry deadline is Friday, December 1st, at 1:00 p.m. Please have your entry in by this time.
7. Please be at your line up position by 6:30 p.m.
8. All Entries must be decorated.
9. For judging purposes, please have a banner or sign clearly identifying your organization/business on your entry. You will be given a judging number at line-up.
10. Entry must be completely decorated before entering lineup. No other vehicles will be allowed inside the lineup area.

Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce ~ First State Community Bank
38th annual Christmas Parade
Theme: "A Christmas Luau"

Name of Organization/Business: _____

Type of Entry: Float _____ Walking _____ Horseback _____ Car _____ Fire/Police _____

Other: _____

Description of Entry: _____

Do you wish for your entry to be judged in the Float Category? Yes No

Does your entry include music? Yes No If yes, is it: Live Taped

Will your entry be lighted? Yes No

Does your entry include animals? Yes No *If yes, will they be:* Walking in the parade or On Float

Responsible Person: _____

Contact Telephone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Liability Disclaimer:

The Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce, Inc. does not provide liability insurance for the protection of parade participants, spectators, merchants, and or others involved in similar activities who participate in the Christmas Parade.

In consideration of participation in such activity, the parade participants, do hereby release and forever discharge the Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce, Inc, its officials and members, jointly and severally, from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands for upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury which hereafter may be sustained by parade participants, merchants, spectators, or others, in consequence of participating in the Christmas Parade.

This release extends and applies to and also covers and includes all unknown unforeseen , unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability and the consequences, thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist. The provision of any state, federal, local, and/or territorial law, or statue providing in substance that releases shall not extend to claim, demands, injuries, or damages which are unknown or suspected to exit at the time, to the person executing such releases are hereby expressly waived.

I hereby agree on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to indemnify the Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce, Inc, its officials and members jointly and severally and hold them harmless from and against any and all actions, clams, demands and liabilities, loss, damages, and expense of whatever nature and kind, including attorney fees, which may at any time be incurred by reason of my participation in the Christmas Parade.

It is further agreed and understood that my participation in the Christmas Parade is not construed as an admission of any liability and/or acceptance of assumption of responsibility of the Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce, Inc. its officials, and members, jointly and severally. Parade participants shall indemnify the Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce, Inc, its officials and members, jointly and severally, from all damages and expenses for which the Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce, Inc. its officials and members jointly and severally may become liable as a result of any alleged action during the Parade by participants or any other party.

Signature of Responsible Person

/ Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM **ALONG WITH \$10.00** ENTRY FEE TO: THE BONNE TERRE CHAMBER OFFICE (41 Young St.) NO LATER THAN 1:00 P.M. December 1st. MAIL FORM TO: BONNE TERRE CHAMBER PO BOX 175 BONNE TERRE, MO 63628 OR FAX TO 573-358-0071 ..EMAIL FORM TO: btchamberofcommerce@yahoo.com