



OFFICIAL BANDS JUDGING FORM

Fill out the form below, print (or Scan) and send to:

Holiday Parade, 123 E. MAIN ST., LOS GATOS, CA 95030 or

Email to parade@lgsrecreation.org

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, October 16, 2026 not later than 4:00 P.M.

Entries received after the deadline will be put on a waiting list and accommodated only if there is a cancellation.

70th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAYS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M.

Sponsored by LOS GATOS LIONS CLUB & LGS RECREATION
IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS AND LOS GATOS HIGH SCHOOL

CONTACT INFORMATION (Please type or print CLEARLY)

Name of Group:		Phone (C):	
Contact Person:		Phone (H):	
Address:		Phone (W):	
City:		Zip:	
		Email:	

BANDS - JUDGING ENTRY INFORMATION

CHECK ONE:

High School ☐

Intermediate School ☐

Number of persons marching in total unit:

Number of musicians marching:

PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO BE JUDGED

CHART - CATEGORIES FOR JUDGING

PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY FROM THE LIST BELOW AND NUMBER IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Note: The designation of "Over 60 Musicians" and "60 & Under Musicians" is used to determine the number of entries in approximate categories. The actual category designation and assignments will not be determined until all entries are received. This year, experienced representatives of the Pacific Coast Judging Association (PCJA) will judge all Bands and will judge for all categories listed below.

Order	HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORIES		Order	INTERMEDIATE CATEGORIES	
	80)	BAND-HIGH SCHOOL CLASS A OVER 60 MUSICIANS		92)	BAND INTERMEDIATE CLASS A OVER 60 MUSICIANS
	81)	BAND-HIGH SCHOOL CLASS B 60 & UNDER MUSICIANS		93)	BAND INTERMEDIATE CLASS B 60 & UNDER MUSICIANS
	82)	DRUM MAJOR/OPEN		94)	DRUM MAJOR/OPEN
	83)	DRUM MAJOR/MACE		95)	DRUM MAJOR/MACE
	84)	DRUM MAJOR/ MILITARY		96)	DRUM MAJOR/MILITARY
	85)	SOLO TWIRLER		97)	SOLO TWIRLER
	86)	BATON GROUP		98)	BATON GROUP
	87)	TALL FLAG GROUP		99)	TALL FLAG GROUP
	88)	RIFLE TEAM		100)	RIFLE TEAM
	89)	ID UNIT/BANNER		101)	ID UNIT/BANNER
	90)	DRILL TEAM		102)	DRILL TEAM
	91)	SHORT FLAGS		103)	SHORT FLAGS

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- EACH LEAD PERSON FOR THE ABOVE GROUPS MUST WEAR ENTRY NUMBER ON RIGHT ARM (FACING JUDGE) TO ENSURE PROPER JUDGING
- THE SCHOOL WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE BAND.

If you have any further questions, please call LGS Recreation 408-354-8700 or email: parade@lgsrecreation.org



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Marching Band Participants Special Instructions

Your location in the parade corresponds to your assigned **ENTRY NUMBER** listed in the Parade Line-up on the Parade Page of the lgsrecreation.org website. Please give this number to all members of your group. This number will be marked on the street in the staging area.

ON THE MORNING OF THE PARADE:

- **Pick up your Official Entry Number** from the Marshal Table in the Parking Lot of Bank of the West.
- **Place your Entry Number** on the right shoulder of the lead member of your entry.
- **Bands will be staged in the Municipal Parking Lot between Bachman and Hwy 9.**
- **Find your exact starting location** by contacting a Parade Marshal in the staging area wearing a bright green vest. The Parade Marshal will be able to direct you to your assigned location within the staging area where the entry numbers will be marked on the streets.

DATE: **Saturday, DECEMBER 5, 2026** (RAIN OR SHINE)

TIME: **Parade begins promptly at 11:00 A.M.** (Late arrivals will be placed at the end of the parade.)
9:30 A.M. – Bands with entry numbers less than 160 must be in place.
10:30 A.M. – Bands with entry numbers greater than 160 must be in place.

LOCATION: Parade begins at the corner of Alameda Ave. and North Santa Cruz Ave., proceeding south along N. Santa Cruz Ave. to Main St., east on Main St., ending at Church St. **Bands will be staged in the Municipal Parking Lot between Bachman and Hwy 9.** From Hwy 17, exit Hwy 9 West, turn left on University (1st stop light) and right on Bachman (first right). Then turn right into the MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT. **Please note: Temporary parking for unloading only.** A map of the staging area and parade route is located on the Parade Page at lgsrecreation.org. Staging area will be closed to vehicle traffic, other than those actually in the parade, after **7:30 A.M.**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/NOTES: This is a Parade in motion! According to parade officials and the Pacific Coast Judging Association judges, **bands will only be allowed a 30 second stop before judging begins.** A parade marshal will be present but will not be responsible for inviting any band into the competition area. You will be timed by the parade judges and officials and **your entire unit will be disqualified if you exceed this time limit.**

JUDGING: Judging will be by Pacific Coast Judging Association judges. **Judging will take place via the 2nd floor balcony of the Los Gatos Theatre.** The judging area will be a clearly marked zone 450 feet long.

AWARDS: Please refer to the **Judging/Awards** section on the Parade Page of the lgsrecreation.org website.

THEME: Each entry must have a Christmas or Holiday theme to be able to participate in the parade.

SANTA: Only the OFFICIAL PARADE SANTA will be permitted in the parade. PLEASE DO NOT dress anyone in your entry as Santa.

SAFETY: To avoid any safety hazard, no toys, candy or other materials can be handed out or thrown from your entry. Any entry handing out or throwing items will be removed from the parade. All entries must conform to the Santa Clara County Fire Marshal Code. Note: Entries may be inspected the morning of the parade, and if they do not conform to the Fire Code, they will be removed from the parade.

NO ALCOHOL: There is NO alcoholic beverages allowed in the parade, staging area or streets. Participants may NOT have alcohol on their float/vehicle during the parade procession. We want to keep the parade a safe one for all. This is for all Parade participants and the public viewing the Parade. **Town of Los Gatos Muni Code 18.10.015 Sec. 18.10.015.** - Alcoholic beverage; drinking and open container in public.

NO PARKING & STREET CLOSURES: There is NO PARKING in the staging area or along the parade route. A map of the staging area and parade route is located on the Parade Page of the lgsrecreation.org website, along with information about street closures.

CANCELLATION: Please notify us immediately at 408-354-8700 if you must cancel. Sorry, no refunds will be given to commercial entries.

QUESTIONS: Please refer to the Parade Page of the lgsrecreation.org website. If you cannot find the answer to your question(s), or if you need further assistance, call LGS Recreation at 408-354-8700, email: parade@lgsrecreation.org.



Los Gatos Children's Christmas/Holidays Parade
123 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030
408-354-8700 Email: parade@lgsrecreation.org

2026 PARADE JUDGING/AWARDS

School Bands Judging

High School and Middle School Marching Bands will be judged by the official judges of the Pacific Coast Judges Association.

Judging will take place via the 2nd floor balcony of the Los Gatos Theatre.

Nearest cross streets are Bean and North Santa Cruz Avenues, along the parade route. The judging area will be a clearly marked zone 450 feet long. According to parade officials and the Pacific Coast Judging Association judges, bands will only be allowed a 30 second stop before judging begins. A parade marshal will be present but will not be responsible for inviting any band into the competition area. You will be timed by the parade judges and officials and your entire unit will be disqualified if you exceed this time limit.

School Bands Awards

Note: The designation of "Over 60 Musicians" and "60 & Under Musicians" is used to determine the number of entries in approximate categories. The actual category designation and assignments will not be determined until all entries are received.

- Sweepstakes Band Award - \$500. Sweepstakes Band can be from any Class High School or Middle School. The Sweepstakes Band shall be the best overall Band. The Sweepstakes Band does NOT receive additional awards as a total band but MAY receive individual awards.
- CLASS A (HIGH SCHOOL)
60 & Over Musicians 1st Place High School Band - \$300.
2nd Place High School Band - Trophy Only.
- CLASS B (HIGH SCHOOL)
Under 60 Musicians 1st Place High School Band - \$300.
2nd Place High School Band - Trophy Only.
- CLASS A (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
60 & Over Musicians 1st Place Middle School Band - \$200.
2nd Place Middle School Band-Trophy only
- CLASS B (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
Under 60 Musicians 1st Place Middle School Band - \$200.
2nd Place Middle School Band - Trophy Only.

Please Note

The awards list of recipients will be posted online on the Monday following the parade. All awards will then be mailed to the contact person provided with parade unit registration. There will be no award ceremony at Los Gatos High School on the day of the parade.

Questions? Please contact parade@lgsrecreation.org.