



70th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAYS PARADE

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.