



## Howdy, Pardners, and Merry Christmas!

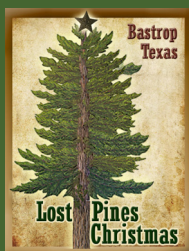
If you were part of the fun last year, you know it's not too early to get in gear--western style--for 2011. If you missed last year, have we got an experience that you and your family will remember for a lifetime.

It's Bastrop's famous Lighted Christmas Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 10. More than 125 entries—from fanciful floats to fire trucks, from dancing Honey Bears to dignitaries, from Santa's helpers to the man himself—will light up the Main Street night for this annual parade. Produced by the Downtown Business Alliance, this joyful Bastrop tradition literally adds sparkle, imagination, and excitement to Bastrop's Christmas festivities. With lights blazing, the parade winds its way down Main Street shortly after dark; this year's parade will celebrate Bastrop's frontier heritage with "A Western Christmas" theme.

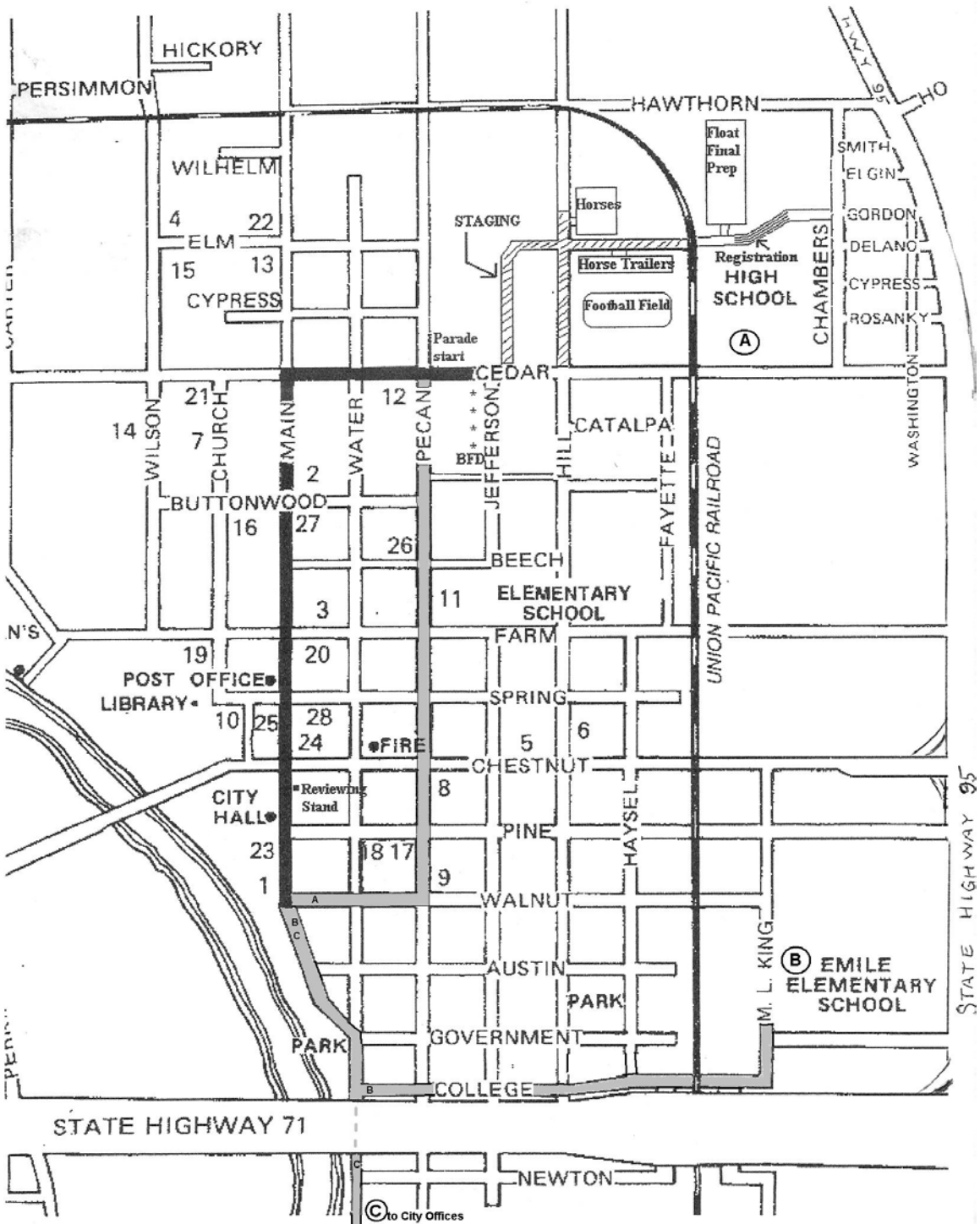
Your spot in the parade is waiting! As in the past, there are no participation fees or preregistration; registration will occur as you check-in and line up for the parade, at the staging point just north of Bastrop High School. (From Hwy 95, go west on Gordon Street and follow the signs. Registration assistance will direct you to the staging area.) Line up and registration begins at 4 p.m.; the parade begins at dark (approximately 6 p.m.).

All that's missing to make this an extra special parade is your group--on foot, float, horseback, carriage, flatbed, bike/trike/wagon--and, of course, all the lights, sparkle and imagination that your group can bring to the event.

Gitty-up and come help us light up the night!



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Disbanding options, make sure your group knows which one you are using:  
 A: Back to High School. Most crowded, longest route back.  
 B: Emile Elementary.  
 C: To City Offices on Water St south of 71.

**MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS OFF FLOAT BEFORE REACHING DISBANDING AREA AND STOPPING.**

## An important note to our Parade Participants:

One of the concerns raised in years past has been a lack of room for groups and large floats to disassemble after the parade. Since we can't make the High School campus any larger, we're adding to the room another way. There will be four disassembly points:

- A. Bastrop High School. (Most crowded and longest route.)
- B. Emile Elementary. (Good place for larger groups. Easy to westbound 71.)
- C. City facility south of Hwy 71. (Fewest turns for larger floats)
- D. City Hall. (Easy to east 71 or north 95.)

**Your group is responsible** for choosing a disassembly point, and making sure everyone in your group knows which one you are using. Print out maps for those who need them. Consider parking at your disassembly point. Make sure everyone in your group knows who your Point of Contact person is, and how to reach them (cell phone is good, so is text messaging).

In order to make these work better, **the parade has been lengthened** by two blocks, and will now end at Main and Government by the Mina Masonic Lodge. This also is intended to address the traffic jams caused by floats going through tight parking. *Pecan St has been too tight a turn due to parking, so we're using Hill St this year.*

- Those going back to the High School or to City Hall veer left onto Government and then turn left on Hill to the High School or Haysel toward City Hall.
- Those going to Emile turn right on Water and then left on College.
- Large floats going to the South City facility turn right on Water and go under the bridge.
- Be Careful.

While we're on the subject of Safety:

Riders may not get off or on floats during the parade; stay on your float until you reach your disassembly point. Walkers need to stay at least 6 feet from the float during the parade. These and other safety items are in the Parade Rules.

We wish you a safe and joyful Lost Pines Christmas!

# **Bastrop Holiday Lighted Parade 2011**

## **“Cowboy Christmas”**

The Annual Lighted Christmas Parade in Bastrop is a judged event and certificates will be awarded to First Place winners in the following categories:

Overall Best Theme Entry (based on “Cowboy Christmas” (All entries are eligible for judging).

Most Beautiful Lighted Float (theme is not a consideration in this category);

Best Lighted Pedestrian Group (all marching or walking groups are eligible);

Most Festive Group Riders (all riding/horse groups including horse driven are eligible);

Best Emergency Vehicle Decoration (all vehicles affiliated with law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, etc. are eligible);

Entrants will be judged during the parade and certificates will be mailed after the event, so be sure that your Parade Registration Form is filled out completely and that the handwriting is legible. This form will be used by the Parade Committee to mail Award Certificates.

When you register, you will be given an entry number and you will be instructed as to the posting location of your number. This is the only way the judges will be able to select and award winning entries, so be sure it is prominently displayed in the location specified when you check-in and register for the parade.

### **AN IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The Judge’s Station will be on the balcony of 1010 Main Street, so keep this in mind as you proceed along the parade route.

# BASTROP DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ALLIANCE

## HOLIDAY PARADE RULES

1. No pre-registration. Bring this completed application to registration on the day of the parade. The parade line-up will be in the order that participants arrive at check-in. Floats must be “parade-ready” to register and line up, and a float prep area will be available for last-minute assembly details.
2. The parade will begin promptly at dark, rain or shine.
3. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by drivers or any participants before or during the parade is expressly forbidden.
4. **NO ARTICLES WHATSOEVER** (gum, candy, flyers, etc.) may be thrown, handed, or passed from any float or vehicle. People walking along near a float must stay at least six feet away from the float for safety reasons.
5. A licensed driver must drive all autos, trucks or any type of motor vehicle. Small motorized vehicles (mini-bikes, small tractors, go-carts, etc.), bicycles, or any other type of transportation must be operated by a person age 12 or older.
6. Drivers must not display any excessive acceleration and must be in complete control of their float at all times.
7. Riders may not hang over the sides of the floats or vehicles. Riders may not get off the floats or get on floats during the parade, or until they reach the dismantling area.
8. All floats and vehicles in the parade must continue to the end of the parade route as displayed in the parade information packet and shall not block the flow of traffic for other participants during disbanding.
9. **NO SANTAS.** Only one “Official Santa” will be in the Parade.
10. The maximum height for any float, vehicle or other type of parade entry is 12 feet.

ANY PARTICIPANTS CHOOSING TO DISREGARD THESE RULES MAY  
RESULT IN THEIR FLOAT BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING  
AND MAY NOT BE INVITED BACK THE NEXT YEAR.

***Bastrop Lighted Christmas Parade – 2011***  
***Theme: “Cowboy Christmas”***

**December 10, 2011**

**Sponsored by**  
**Bastrop Downtown Business Alliance**

Entry Form

**IMPORTANT NOTE \* Please read rules on the back before completing this form**  
**BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU TO LINE-UP – NO PRE-REGISTRATION**  
**(Please print clearly)**

Organization or Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Day

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Next year's packet will be e-mailed to participants)

**Type of Entry (Please check one)**

_____ <b>Float</b>	_____ <b>Vehicle</b>	_____ <b>Marching Group</b>
_____ <b>Mounted Animal</b>	_____ <b>Animal Driven</b>	
_____ <b>Individual Walking</b>	_____ <b>Other (please describe</b>	
_____ <b>Group</b>	_____ <b>below)</b>	

Description: Please make your description as detailed as possible. This information will be given to the parade announcer. Include details such as riders, colors, theme, costume information or any special points of interest. **No Santas will be allowed in the Parade – there will be only one “Official Santa” designated by the DBA.**

Floats must be parade-ready to receive a registration number. A float prep area will be available – follow appropriate signs to float prep. Line up starts behind BHS at 4:00 p.m. Go west on Gordon St. from Hwy 95 and follow the signs to registration or float prep. Parade begins at dark.

For more information, call 512-321-3777 or 303-0558, or email drusilla@sugarshackbastrop.com

**\*SAFETY NOTICE\*** All parade entries must be LIGHTED in some way. NO lights --- NO participation!! NO exceptions!! Consumption of alcoholic beverages, driving under the influence or public intoxication is not allowed.

I have read and I understand all rules pertaining to the Holiday Parade. I hereby release the Downtown Business Alliance, the City of Bastrop and the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce from liability in the event of any damage, bodily injury or other mishap during the parade, registration or other activity involved in parade participation.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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