



**2024 CITY OF OPELOUSAS
ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE
GUIDELINES**

1. Date of the parade: **Thursday, December 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.** Entry forms must be received no later than Friday, Dec. 6, 2024. Parade line-up is from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
2. Once you have signed up for the parade, you will be emailed your number in the line-up. Your number will be your placement in the parade.
3. Participants should be in their designated spot by 5:30 p.m. Parade floats and units will be lined up beginning at Landry and Academy Street intersection. If participants are not in their designated space at time of parade start, they may be moved toward the end of the parade.
4. Drop off point – Parade participants are to be dropped off at the Farmer's Market Pavilion at Le Vieux Village. From there, participants will be escorted to parade floats/and or units. Due to safety measures, parade participants will not be able to be dropped off at the Exxon Station on Wallior.
5. Participant parking- For those participating in the parade and would like to park their vehicle, please use the city parking lots adjacent to Williams Funeral Home on Landry and Academy Street.
6. Christmas-themed floats are also available for sponsorship. Please contact Opelousas Tourism for a form.
7. Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be provided by the Parade Committee. No float or entry may feature a live Santa and Mrs. Claus. Only one (1) Santa will be in the parade and will be on the last float of the parade.
8. Only **Christmas music** may be played or sung. No exceptions. We cannot stress this enough. This is a **children's** Christmas parade.
9. This year's parade route will travel down east Landry Street near Le Vieux Village to Bullard and Landry. Parade participants should not throw any candy after the Bullard and Landry intersection.
10. At the end of the parade route, floats will proceed to the Yambilee parking lot. Marching groups such as bands and walking groups (dance teams, etc.) will stop at the parking lot of Meche's Supermarket and Our Lady of Mercy Church.
11. No glass containers or tobacco products are allowed on the floats. No alcoholic beverages, skateboards, or unleashed animals are allowed in the parade.
12. Individually wrapped candy may be thrown. Each entry will be responsible for throws for their groups.

For questions related to the parade email tourism@cityofopelousas.com or call 337-948-6263