

OPTIMIST CLUB OF SANTA PAULA
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“Friend of Youth”
67th Annual Santa Paula Christmas Parade
“A Star Spangled Christmas”

Dear Parade Entrants,

Enclosed is an application to enter the 2016 Santa Paula Christmas Parade. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade. Individuals, groups, families, businesses, floats, equestrians, bands, cars, etc, are welcome. Please submit the application and retain the information sheet for reference.

As you may remember, due to the economic situation, the City of Santa Paula is requiring us to pay fees for the services that they provide during the parade. We have worked with the City to reduce these fees as much as possible, but some fees will still have to be paid.

These fees are very high compared to our annual budget for special projects in the community, and the cost of the Christmas Parade will reduce the amount of funds we have available for other projects. We are asking the community for donations to support the Christmas Parade. If you would like to help support the parade please send a check, for any amount, in with your application. Please make the check payable to the “Santa Paula Optimist Club.”

All sponsors will be recognized during the parade that will be filmed by KADY TV and available on their website. In addition, sponsors are recognized in a letter to the editor of the Santa Paula Times.

We would also like to remind you of the following:

- 1) The parade is held “*Rain or Shine.*”
- 2) Every entry needs to check in at the Gazebo before 9:30 am.
- 3) Candy may not be distributed from parade entries. This rule is for safety reasons.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Ron Merson, Chairman
Christmas Parade

Announcing the 67th Annual

SANTA PAULA



NOVEMBER 26, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Ribbons to winners

**Sponsored by
the Santa Paula Optimist Club**

PLEASE PLACE ENTRY FORM IN AN ENVELOPE
AND MAIL TO:

Ron Merson
116 Via Solana
Santa Paula, CA 93060

For more information:

call Ron Merson at (805) 525-9439

or email: santapaulaparades@hotmail.com.

PARADE INFORMATION

DATE NOVEMBER 26, 2016, 10:00 A.M.
 ENTRY Complete and return the entry form today. Entries must be received no later than NOVEMBER 12, 2016.

THEME **“A Star Spangled Christmas”**

FLOATS Floats may be self-propelled or towed by another vehicle. It is desirable for the float theme to be carried out so that it is best seen by the spectators – that is from the front.

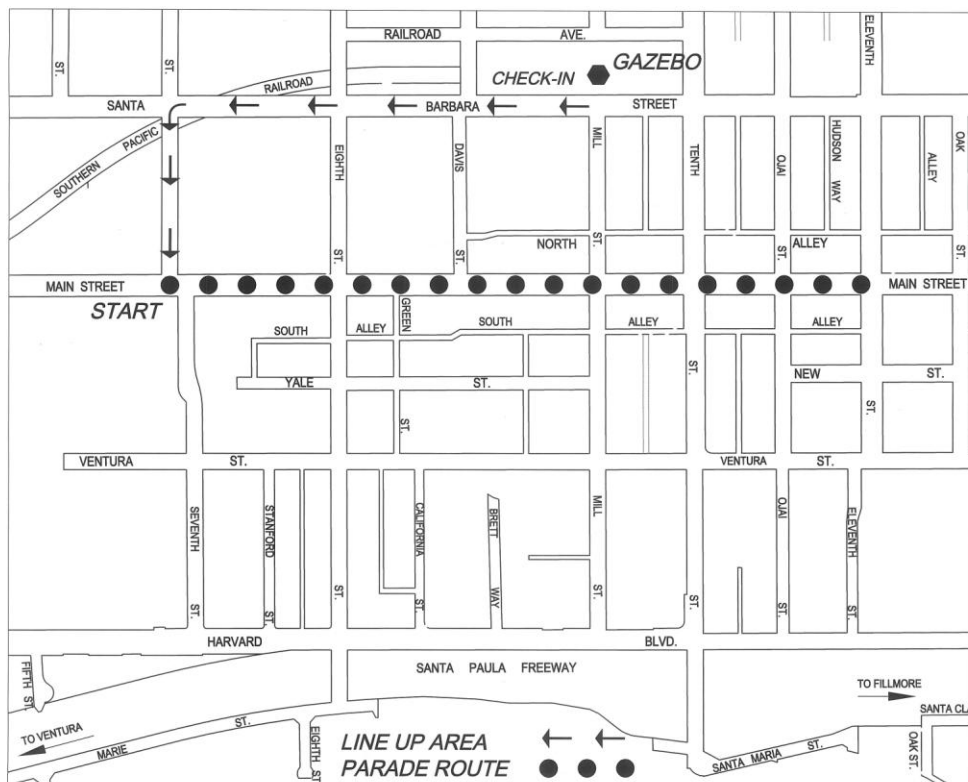
JUDGES All decisions of the judges are final. Judging will be based on execution of the theme, originality of design, and spectator appeal.

AWARDS Awards will be presented at the Gazebo 30 minutes after the parade ends. Awards will **NOT** be mailed if not picked up.

First and Second Place ribbons will be awarded in all categories
 Plus
 SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY – *“Best Overall Use of Theme”*



OTHER Parade check-in is at the Gazebo @ Mill St and Santa Barbara St. **8:30 a.m. – 9:30 am**
 Parade will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. RAIN OR SHINE.
 No alcoholic items may be depicted by an entry.
 The Parade committee accepts no responsibility for false statements made by applicants or entrants.
 Any entries displaying loud or rowdy behavior will be disqualified.
No distribution of materials such as candy, etc. from any Parade entry is allowed.



INVITATIONAL ENTRY FORM
SANTA PAULA CHRISTMAS PARADE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016, SANTA PAULA, CA
PARADE STARTS 10:00 A.M. (RAIN OR SHINE)

THEME: "A Star Spangled Christmas"

Name of Entrant _____ Phone _____

Director or Manager _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Number in Group _____ Amount of Line-up Footage Required _____

Choose one competitive class.

___ VIP – NOT JUDGED

___ Do NOT Want to be Judged

___ NOVELTY

___ AUTO

___ FLOAT

___ EQUESTRIAN

Ribbons for 1st and 2nd Place in each category above

Plus

Sweepstakes Trophy – "Best Overall for Use of Theme"

I hereby agree that the above is eligible as entered, and to release and hold harmless the management, or any of its members or agents, and / or the owners or managers the grounds or location where this event is held, from any loss, damage, or injury resulting from participation of above entry in this event.

Signed _____

If participant is under 18 years
parent or guardian must sign: _____

***NO SANTAS ON THE FLOATS
DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS
FROM PARADE ENTRIES IS NOT ALLOWED.***

ENTRY RETURN DEADLINE ----- NOVEMBER 12, 2016

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Santa Paula, CA 93060



SCRIPT FOR ANNOUNCER

Name of Entry _____

Type of Entry _____

Number in Group _____ From: (City) _____

List names of individuals responsible (such as Directors, Leaders, Captain, etc.) and give Title:

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

Color and style of uniforms, costume, or other apparel _____

Background of your entry: How long formed? _____

