

Valdese Christmas Parade Application

December 5, 2026 at 10am
Downtown Valdese – Church Street to Morgan Street

All participants in the 2026 Valdese Christmas Parade must complete the application below. By completing this application, parade participants are agreeing to abide by ALL parade rules & regulations. Those that choose not to abide by the rules & regulations will be asked to leave.

Contact Name: _____

Name of Group, Organization or Business: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ **Day of Contact Number:** _____

Please select your parade entry type from the categories below:

- ☐ **Professional Float** – If you are interested in ***purchasing*** a professional float please call 828-879-2129 to make arrangements. The number of professional floats is limited.
- ☐ **Large Vehicle:** (40 feet or more in length: dualie or truck and trailer)
- ☐ **Small Vehicle:** (20 feet in length: cars or regular sized pickup truck)
- ☐ **Walking Group**
- ☐ **Emergency Vehicle**
- ☐ **Motorcycle, 4-wheelers, Go-Carts, Golf Carts**
- ☐ **Horses – Animals:** All animals entered into the parade must wear appropriate waste collection bags. Please make the event coordinator aware if noise is an issue for your animals and we will make every attempt to place them in a quieter section of the parade lineup.
- ☐ **Other:** Please describe your entry below:

Will you have ☐ **Music?** ☐ **Singing?** ☐ **Other?** _____

Anticipated Number of Participants: _____

Have you participated in the Valdese Parade before? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

**** PARADE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25, 2026 ****

Rules & Regulations

- All parade entries are free of charge with the exception of professional floats.
- There is only ONE Santa Claus allowed in the parade and he is provided by the Valdese Merchants Association and Santa rides on a float at the conclusion of the parade. All others Santas will be asked to leave the parade lineup.
- **CANDY** – Candy throwing is not permitted. For the safety of our attendees please walk close to the crowd and hand out candy if you so choose.
- All participants must be present no later than 9:30am to enter the parade lineup.
- Parade will be held rain or shine and will begin promptly at 10am.
- Lost child pickup will be at the parking lot next to the Valdese Fire & Police Department on Faet Street.

Line Up Instructions

- Come to the parade lineup & staging area no later than 9am. The parade lineup begins on Church Street near the Valdese Elementary School.
- We request that you **do not** unload parade participants at the intersection of Church & Main Street for safety purposes.
- Please check in with the Valdese Public Works Department when you arrive, they will assist you with getting into the lineup.
- Church Street traffic closes promptly at 9:15am. Please plan accordingly.

Special Instructions for Group Entries:

- Entries that are a group of individuals are required to assemble the entire group prior to the line-up time and report to the line-up area as one complete group.
- Drivers are responsible for every group member on the vehicle entered into the parade
- Group Leaders are responsible for making sure every group member is dropped-off and picked-up before and after the parade. Please make sure that all group members are aware in advance of pick up & drop off locations.

Please read the following and sign below: I acknowledge that I have read and will abide by the 2026 Valdese Christmas Parade Rules & Regulations, listed above. I understand that if I violate any rule, parade officials may terminate my participation. I release the Town of Valdese from any responsibility for theft, damage or loss.

Signature

Date