

Dayton's Horse & Carriage Christmas Parade

~ *Joy to the World!* ~

Saturday, December 3, 2011: Line-up at 3:30 pm

Parade starts @4:30 pm

Thank you for your interest in the Downtown Dayton Christmas Parade and Celebration!

We encourage everyone to be a part of this fun, family-oriented event, and join us in celebrating the traditional spirit of Christmas. The parade will start at the walking track on Market St. & travel north through our historic downtown.

In order to ensure the safety of all the participants, we ask that all entrants agree to the following:

1. In keeping with the traditional theme of the parade, all entries must be non-motorized, i.e. horse or mule drawn carriages, wagons, buggies, groups of carolers, puppets, riding clubs, clubs, bands, etc.
 - The Theme of 2011 parade is Joy to the World! You are encouraged to use this theme in creative ways in your parade entry.
2. Parade participants (and spectators) are encouraged to dress in festive attire, especially traditional Christmas or turn of the century costume.
 - Festive Christmas attire or clothing themed to your entry is also encouraged.
3. At least one **walker** must accompany each entry in order to hold the animals to the pace of the parade and maintain safety. **This is a requirement for safety.** (*Walkers are encouraged to dress festively!*)
 - For mule or horse-drawn wagon or buggies, at least one walker per entry.
 - For horse groups, at least one walker per 6 horses.
4. Participants **may not throw candy** to the spectators or bystanders. If you want to distribute candy, you must have someone walk alongside and hand it out. **This is a requirement for safety.**
5. All horse unit parade participants must be lined up by 3:30 pm in the parking lot at the walking track adjacent to Dayton Chamber's Welcome Center. **No motorized vehicles are allowed in this area.**
 - Drop-off point for wagons, carts, riders: Rhea YMCA (near Dayton's Chattanooga State)
 - Drop off point for walking groups: Dayton Fire Dept/ball field parking lots (@ 1st Methodist)
6. Entry Fees:
 - Parade: \$10 per parade unit or parade group
 - Booths: \$10 MainStreet member booth; \$25 for non-profit group booth; \$50 for business booths.
7. Cash prizes will be awarded for the following categories. All decisions by the judges will be final.
 - Best Christmas Spirit/Theme (\$100)
 - Best wagon or buggy (\$50)
 - Best caroling group (\$100)
 - Best critter (\$50)
 - Best costumes (\$50)
 - Poster Contest (\$25 each – 2 winners)

REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: work _____ home _____ cell _____

Check one: Parade Entry -or- Booth Description below:

You will be contacted by the parade committee once your registration form is received advising you of your line-up number.

Questions? Contact Kathy Griffin at 423-775-8385 or kgriffin@robinsonmfg.com FAX: 423-775-0489

or Jenny Nevans at 423-413-3834 or jn9337@aol.com

Please make entry fee check payable to **MainStreet Dayton.**

Fax your entry form to 423-775-0489 or email: kgriffin@robinsonmfg.com or mainstreet@volstate.net

Or via US mail to MainStreet Dayton, 107 MainStreet, Dayton, TN 37321

All entry forms & entry fees must be received by Monday, November 28, 2011

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