

Cary Jaycees Christmas Parade – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Participation and Registration

Q. What types of groups participate in the parade and what is the cost for each?

A. You can participate in this year's parade in one of the following ways:

-Sponsor a professionally made float - \$550 for full float or \$425 for a half float

-Commercial participant (business) - Can be a vehicle, walkers, or homemade float - \$25/per walkers, \$25/per vehicle, or \$75/per homemade float

-Non-Commercial participant (non-profit group) - Can be a vehicle, walkers, or homemade float
- \$5 donation requested

-School band

-Mascot

-Volunteer

Q. How do I register my group?

A. As indicated below, some participants need to submit an application form and payment:

Type	Due Date	Mailing Address
Float sponsor	November 6, 2009	Cary Jaycees Christmas Parade
Commercial participant	November 30, 2009	P.O. Box 212
Non-Commercial participant	November 30, 2009	Cary, NC 27512

Q. How will I know you have received my application?

A. We will send you an email to confirm your application have been received. While we try to confirm registrations as quickly as possible, we are a volunteer organization so sometimes we need a bit of time. We will also email you a tip sheet with instructions for the day of the parade.

Q. How do I volunteer to help on the parade committee or on the day of the parade?

A. Send an email to parade@caryjaycees.org and we will contact you.

Line-up

Q. When will you publish the parade line-up?

A. We will post the line-up to the web site around December 6. We will also email a copy to the registered participants.

Q. Can I request a specific spot in the parade line-up?

A. The parade committee will work to ensure an optimized parade line-up. For example, we space out entries with music (so they don't play over each other). If you have a specific request please note it on your registration form. We will do our best to accommodate special requests, but due to volume and the need to balance out the needs as a whole we cannot guarantee a specific line-up position.

Parade Day

Q. What happens the day of the parade?

A. Your group should line-up at the designated area for your entry type by 1:00 p.m. The parade will end at Cary Elementary. More notes:

All Floats and riders meet at Martin Architectural – 511 East Chatham Street.

Walkers meet at Urban Park.

Bands meet on Hunter Street.

Vehicles (except floats) in the parade enter East Cedar Street from Academy Street and line up near the number assigned to your vehicle.

East Cedar, East Chatham, and South Academy Streets will close at 1:00 p.m. through the end of the parade.

At the end of the parade all Walkers, Riders, etc. can be picked up at Cary Elementary.

No Parking along the parade route.

Parking is limited in the area, so carpooling is encouraged.

If your group has a vehicle and walkers, the vehicle will line up on East Cedar Street, and the walkers must line up in Urban Park. They will be brought together at the beginning of the parade.

As your group reaches the end of the parade, please move onto the sidewalks behind the other parade watchers and stay out of the street. It is a safety hazard if people are in the street while the parade is running.

Q. What happens if there is severe weather and the parade is canceled?

A. We will alert the local media. We will also call the point-of-contact listed on the parade entry form for each organization.

If you have any other questions, please call the Cary Jaycees at (919) 406-6200 or email us at parade@caryjaycees.org.