

2023 Cary Jaycees Christmas Parade Day Instructions



Greetings Parade Participant,

We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 9, 2023 for our annual Christmas Parade. Here are your instructions for the day. We will post these on our website <https://www.caryjaycees.org/parade> as well.

Where to Meet:

Please have your group meet between **12:30 p.m. and 1pm** in the following locations (color is based on your ticket type – your group may meet at multiple locations):

- * **Floats (yellow):** All Floats (including the trucks towing them) and riders meet at Martin Architectural – 511 East Chatham Street. **Anything being towed is a float. Floats need to arrive at 12pm.**
- * **Walkers (pink):** Walkers meet at Urban Park - 414 E. Chatham Street
- * **Vehicles/Cars/Trucks (purple):** Line up on E. Cedar Street (enter from N Academy St). Look for stakes on right side of the road with your position number.
- * **Bands (green):** Line up on Hunter Street
- * **Mascots (blue):** Line up on E. Cedar Street with cars

If you have a **float or vehicle with 10 or more walkers (not riders)**, your group will be lined up **separately**. Walkers should meet in Urban Park and floats/cars in their designated area. There will be Chalk Lines with numbers on the road with your group number on it (in case of rain, we'll place stakes in the ground). Our parade director will bring your float and walkers back together at the start of the parade.

Your line-up number is on the last page. Make note of your number and the map!

There will be signs in the ground with your number for cars and chalk lines/numbers on the road for walkers to tell you where to go. Jaycees members will also be at the entrances to each area to help guide. Look for us in the bright neon green shirts.

Safety Changes:

We are continuing to enforce the following changes to the parade:

- Throwing candy will **NOT be allowed**. You can hand out candy to spectators but you **must** walk along the sidewalk to hand it out. This will help stop kids from running into the road to pick up candy.
- Floats are required to arrive **no later than 12pm**.
- All drivers should bring a copy of their latest inspection report if they have one.
- The Jaycees will meet with all drivers the day of to initiate a safety briefing.
- You may have no more than 16 people on any float (12 if it is a professional float).
- Participants walking in the parade will not be placed directly in front of the floats. We will also ensure there are cars placed in between floats and walking participants.

Route and Parade Specifics:

- **NO STOPPING** – Please do not stop during the parade. Keep your **group moving and maintain the distance** we set between the groups.

- Make sure **everyone** knows the order of your walkers, vehicles, banner, etc. We will ask the drivers and/or people with banners at the beginning of the route for the order as we line them up.
 - Due to safety reasons, **no floats** will be directly behind walkers. If your group has a float and walkers, the walkers will go behind the float.
- There is no parking along the parade route and the **streets will be closed at 1:00 p.m.**
- Carpool as much as possible. Feel free to use the parking garages at the Herb Young Community Center or by the Library.
- The parade starts at 2:00 p.m. at the corner of Ward and East Chatham Street, taking a left on South Academy Street ending at Cary Arts Center (the pickup point).
- At the end of the parade:
 - **ALL Floats** will be directed to Faculty Ave next to the Cary Arts Center to unload. **DO NOT** unload on E. Chatham St or Dry Ave.
 - All cars will turn right on Dry Ave and proceed to S. Harrison Ave.
 - Walkers may cross Dry Ave for pick up at the Cary Elementary School parking lot or they can join the spectators and watch the parade.
- We will have portable toilets in Urban Park.

Weather:

Check the forecast before coming to the parade. Dress warmly in layers. The parade will only be canceled in the event of severe weather. If the parade would be canceled, the Jaycees would alert the local media and call the point-of-contact listed on the parade entry for each organization.

WRAL Media Coverage



We would like to thank WRAL for being the official media sponsor for this year's parade! WRAL will be streaming the parade live on their website at <https://www.wral.com/>. We will also post a directly on our website <https://www.caryjaycees.org/parade>.

If you have questions:

There will be Cary Jaycees wearing bright green "Event Staff" t-shirts posted at the lineup stations. We are there to help you! If you have any questions, please email the Cary Jaycees at parade@caryjaycees.org. For urgent issues, you can also call:

Stephanie Milazzo, Parade Chair 347-267-6526

Grand Marshal and Parade Announcer:

Our Grand Marshal for the parade this year is the Cary Imp.

Our announcer is Preston Mitchell. Sound is provided by Stage Left Audio.

Merry Christmas! We will see you soon!

The Cary Jaycees

Cary Jaycees – Cary Christmas Parade Line-Up Map

Floats and riders
– Martin
Architectural
(511 E. Chatham)



Parade Line-Up (alphabetical order)

Order	Group Name	Order	Group Name
49	ABC11 Eyewitness News	52	Green Level High School Marching Band
14	Academy for the Performing Arts	53	J & D Tree Pros, Inc
58	Apex Skip-Its	54	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
88	Ashworth's Drugs and Lynn's Hallmark Shops (Santa)	36	Keller Williams Cary
15	ATA-NC (American Turkish Association of North Carolina)	75	Kosterman Chiropractic
66	Athens Drive High School	44	L.A. Dance
39	Autism Awareness	67	Mark Robinson for Governor
60	Axes and Ales Party Tours	5	Mayor and Town Council
68	Backwoods Junk Removal	69	Meals on Wheels Wake County
87	Bhakti Yoga of NC	73	Michael & Son Services
46	Big Air Trampoline Park	56	Millpond Dance
57	Bond Brothers Beer Company	71	Miracle Movers
26	Brandon Garcia State Farm Agency	13	Mosa pet spa resort and boutique
41	Cardinal Charter Academy	28	Open Arts
17	Cary Christian School	48	Pack 200
12	Cary Dance Productions	23	Panther Creek High School Band
25	Cary High Baseball	72	Phoniex Assisted Care
7	Cary High School Alumni Band	16	Premier School of Dance
85	Cary High School Band	83	Pride of Cary
38	Cary High School Football Team	43	Pura Vida Studio
27	Cary High School Interact Club	74	Riccobene Associates Family Dentistry
3	Cary High School Navy JROTC	9	Ricky's Rickshaws
84	Cary High School Women's Varsity and JV Basketball Teams	61	Rock Grading
86	Cary Jaycees	55	School of Rock Cary
2	Cary Jaycees Banner	51	Scott Lassiter Wake County Elected Soil & Water Supervisor
1	Cary Police Department	50	SECU
59	Cary Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading	20	Sigma Rho Zeta
21	Cary Solid Waste Division	70	Stampede of Love
64	Chesterbrook Academy Elementary and Middle School	76	Team Casarez Jiu Jitsu
62	Class 101 College Planning	19	Telamon Corporation
10	Cub Scout Pack 152	77	Thales Academy Cary Parents and Teachers Together
40	Cub Scout Pack 208	37	The Alternative Performing Arts

24	Dancers with wings studio	45	The Little Gym of Raleigh-Cary
22	Dorcas Ministries	29	Trader Joe's
79	East Cary Kindercare	80	Triangle Tile and Stone
78	F3 Carpex	81	Versatile Services & Solutions
6	Fire Department	11	Veterans of Foreign War and its Auxiliary
65	Freeway Church	18	Wake 19 Girl Scouts
33	Further Towing & Recovery	42	Wake County Speedway
31	Good Shepherd United Church of Christ		Weekly Wine'd Up Happier Hour Social MeetUp
32	Graceful Expressions Dance Education	34	Group
4	Grand Marshal - Cary Imp	82	Wheels4hope
35	Green Hope HS Band	63	Wiley Nickel for Congress
		8	WRAL-TV