

# 2022 WINTERFEST PARADE ENTRY GUIDELINES

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- The 2022 Winterfest Light Parade will be held **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**
- Registration is open online through December 17<sup>th</sup> and in-person at the check-in booth for the Parade. Registration is online at [www.sahuaritaparksandrec.org](http://www.sahuaritaparksandrec.org).
- Registration for Parade is Free.
- Registrations will be entered into the Parade on a first come, first serve basis, and based on the maximum length of the Parade.
- The 2022 Winterfest Light Parade theme is ***“Winter Wonderland”***.

## LIGHTING GUIDELINES

- Only UL-approved wiring, lighting and batteries may be used.
- Hand-held accessories: headpieces, instruments, etc., should be outlined or accented with lights or glow products.
- For optimum effect, it is suggested that lights be placed no more than 2 inches apart. Light reflectors are also a great addition for better lighting.
- All batteries, battery packs and wires must be concealed within the costume or attached to the individual in an organized pattern.
- The use of spotlights and/or interior-lit inflatables are okay to use if the entry is completely lit.
- All major construction points and lines should be outlined in lights to highlight the shape of the design element.
- A minimum of 2,000 lights is recommended for full light coverage. There is no maximum number of lights required if the float and vehicle are completely covered in lights. LEDs, neon, and glow products are also acceptable.
- All tow vehicles must be lit if it is part of the entry; otherwise, it must be blacked out.
- All tow vehicles or entries need to completely cover or turn off their headlights throughout the parade route.
- It is recommended to consider the placement of your Parade entry number if you plan to participate in judging. Be sure that your number is visible and noticeable for the judges.

## LIGHTING TIPS

- Portable gas-powered generators provide a simple way to light without complicated wiring. Any standard holiday lights, inflatables, and decorations easily plug-in. If you utilize a generator, you must also provide a fire extinguisher for your float.
- Batteries easily power battery-operated devices and novelties. Unfortunately, batteries have a limited power source that can become heavy.

- Inverters: an inverter is a device that converts 12-volt DC current into 110-volt AC. This device easily connects to a cigarette lighter, generator, car battery or electrical source. Inverters are inexpensive. Inverter must match the capacity of the wattage needed to operate your lights.
- LED lights are great, and you can generally string 20-25 strings together vs. 3 strings for traditional lights
- Net lights work great for large areas of the float; they can be easily zip tied together to create full area coverage.
- You don't have to build it yourself; there are several vendors that rent holiday lights, equipment, and props that you can use to make your entry special.

## PARADE GUIDELINES

- **The Winterfest Parade has ONLY ONE live Santa Claus provided by the Town of Sahuarita. Additional Santa's are STRICTLY prohibited.**
- The success of the annual Winterfest Parade is dependent on the amazing entries developed! With the event theme in mind, build your entry with quality materials and use more lights than you ever planned to!
- All participants are **REQUIRED TO HAVE FUN!!!**
- To keep the Winterfest Parade moving smoothly, entries WILL NOT be permitted to stop for pictures or performances; entries are required to keep pace with the line of march. The Winterfest Parade will only move forward in direction. Participants are not allowed to reverse or counter.
- Due to the event being held at night, Parade entries are not permitted to throw candy or other goods. Handing out these items is permitted.
- All Parade entries must be appropriate, tasteful, festive, and promote the holiday spirit and parade theme. Inappropriate, unsafe participation, failure to follow instructions or other violations of parade guidelines can result in denied participation in future parades.
- All vehicles must hold current registration, appropriate insurance, and drivers must be licensed.
- All entries are required to play theme or holiday music throughout the Parade route.
- If you suffer a breakdown during the parade, move the vehicle to the right side and allow the entries behind you to pass. If you can get your entry restarted, you may proceed down the route at the position you fall once you are moving.
- It is critically important for entries to arrive on time to pre-staging which begins at 2:00 p.m. Entries must be ready to be lined up at 5:00 p.m.
- No unregistered entries are permitted on the parade route.
- All entry materials must be flame retardant.
- Walking entries are permitted on the parade route.