



Garden City's 49th Annual Santaland Parade

We are very excited about this year's parade that will be on Saturday, November 28, 2009 with the theme of "A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS". We will again have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash awards for "Best Float". Judging will be on "originality", "theme related" and "overall presentation". Floats will be judged prior to the start of the parade so please be in place no later than 9:00 AM. Awards will also be given for the "Most Original Entry" (non float) and to the group that has the "Most Participants" in the parade.

The parade route will start at Garden City High School going south down Middlebelt to Ford Rd. turning left onto Ford Rd., then left again on to Central with a big post parade event in the Garden City Town Center with Santa Claus!

Enclosed is an entry form to be filled out for the group or organization that is participating in the parade and returned **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 6, 2009**. Any entry application that is received after the listed deadline will be evaluated on its value to the parade and may be denied for any reason. On the day of the parade, ONE person from each group should be designated to check in at the Garden City High School parking lot on Middlebelt. We will start lining up at 8:00 AM with everyone in place by 9:15 AM. Since the parade is televised on cable, we need your final count and information by the November 6th deadline.

Completed forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed to: Pat Squires, 33623 Leona St., Garden City, MI 48135, fax #(313) 937-1863, email pat.squires@madisonelectric.com. Any questions, please call Pat at (313) 937-1526 (daytime) or (734) 522-3441 (evenings). You can also find information and entry forms on the new Parade website, www.santalandparade.com. You will be sent a confirmation the week prior to the parade along with a map showing where your group will be staging so you can let your people know where to drop off their participants. A complete set of parade rules are included with this letter.

Please note: All entries of a commercial nature participating in the parade to promote their business will be required to pay a \$25.00 entry fee to help defray the cost of the parade and are not eligible for any of the cash awards. Also, all vehicles must be CLEAN and DECORATED. NO SANTA COSTUMES ARE ALLOWED.

Garden City Santaland Parade Committee

www.santalandparade.com



SAFETY REQUIREMENTS/RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read the following instructions before completing and returning your parade application.

1. No unit will be admitted into the parade that has not been pre-approved. The entry deadline is November 6, 2009. The Santaland Parade Committee will be the final arbiter regarding the appropriateness of any entry. The Santaland Parade Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that is not in good taste, inappropriate, or not in the best interested of the parade. Entries of a controversial or political nature may be prohibited. Also entries espousing a specific political cause or pertaining to any current or pending legal issue may be denied. Any entry application that is received after the listed deadline will be evaluated on its value to the parade and may be denied for any reason.
2. All entries should be properly identified with signs or banners with the organization's name so the spectators know who you are. A holiday message is suggested. **This is not a commercial parade – please no sales messages.**
3. Equestrian and animal units must provide their own accompanying clean-up personnel and equipment. Please make sure the horses have the proper shoes.
4. All parade participants are required to conduct themselves in such a manner as not to infringe on the rights of those people living in and along the staging areas and parade route. **NO** solicitation is allowed during the event.
5. **No SANTA'S** – we have invited the “real” Santa!
6. **NO** objects including candy or favors, may be **THROWN** in the parade. Michigan State Law prohibits throwing of items in a parade. Candy may be **handed out** at the curb. Flyers of any sort can not be **DISTRIBUTED** in the parade or in the staging area.
7. There will be no live fires on any floats.
8. There are to be no vision obstructions to tow vehicles.
9. Float riders are only permitted to ride on the float during the parade.
10. Alcohol beverages are not allowed in the staging area or during the parade.
11. No smoking near or on entries.
12. All vehicles must be clean to be in the parade including those pulling floats.
13. Any violations of the rules or safety requirements could result in your entry not being able to participate in the parade.



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November 28, 2009
Entry Form 2009

Please Print or Type

Group/Organization/Business* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ Best Time to Call _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NEW Parade Route: Begins at GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL, (6500 Middlebelt), proceeding south on Middlebelt, turning left on Ford and ending at the Farmer's Market in the GC Town Center parking lot.

Type of Entry: Please describe your entry: float, marchers, band, dancers, and how many. For Cable TV use, please give a brief explanation /information about your group.

Commercial Entry Yes No (Circle One)

If entry is a float or vehicle, please give size:

Length _____ Width _____ Height _____

Date _____ Name of Representative _____

2009 Theme "A CHILDREN'S CHRISITMAS"

CONTACT INFO

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FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 6, 2009

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