Kiwanis
CLUB OF GREATER OUACHITA

2026 CHRISTMAS PARADE

"A GINGERBREAD JUBILEE: 250 YEARS OF SWEET FREEDOM"
Saturday, December 5,2026

It's time to plan for the annual Christmas Parade, a community event produced by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita. The parade theme this year is "**A Gingerbread Jubilee: 250 Years of Sweet Freedom**".

The parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th. Please help us with our preparation and planning by registering as soon as you can. We will continue lining up on Wood Street this year, and the parade route will again both begin and end in West Monroe. Further details will be in the information later provided to entrants. A Parade Application and the Agreement Regarding Responsibility are attached. Please complete both the Application and the Agreement Regarding Responsibility and have them signed by the authorized individual in charge of your parade entry. Your entry can not be accepted without both the Parade Application and Agreement Regarding Responsibility being filled out and signed.

There will again be trophies/prizes available to the three best parade entries reflecting this year's theme. Winners will be selected on the use of the theme "**A Gingerbread Jubilee: 250 Years of Sweet Freedom** " based upon decoration, design and creativity of the float and the costumes/outfits of the riders.

Safety, particularly of young spectators, is our primary concern, and we are maintaining the additional safety provisions this year:

No throwing of anything by those sitting in the front seat of any vehicle will be allowed - not by the driver, and not by any of the passengers. This will be enforced.

Floats must have railings or posts so that riders can grab them for balance, particularly when the vehicle starts or stops.

Drivers must be 18 years old or older, and appropriately licensed. Drivers may be field sobriety tested prior to the start of the parade. If a driver does not pass, your entry will not be allowed to continue the parade - not even with a substitute driver. You are responsible for appropriate driver behaviour. There will be a MANDATORY driver meeting on December 3rd.

There must be no less than three (3) adults on foot to each side of each trailer or float who are using an appropriate crowd restraint (poles or ropes) to prevent parade onlookers and others along the parade route from approaching the trailer or float and to provide for the general safety of the onlookers and others along the parade route.

Riders must throw out into the crowd, and not to the side of their float. Children should be instructed to throw away from the float. This is a safety issue for all involved. Drivers must be alert and must keep pace with the parade. There will be no stopping or getting off floats during parade. Gaps in the parade are a safety issue.

We are sorry but no horses or other livestock can be ridden or utilized unless "diapered," or other acceptable arrangements are made in advance.

No parade participant may be dressed as Santa Claus.

All registered participants will be mailed or e-mailed a detailed instruction packet (including a route map and number assignment for judging) prior to the parade.

We hope to see you on December 5th - Thank you!

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita P.O. Box 14746 Monroe, LA 71207-4746

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2025 CHRISTMAS PARADE

"A Gingerbread Jubilee: 250 Years of Sweet Freedom"

CONTACT PERSON: CELL NUMBER: EMAIL ADDRESS:	NAME OF ORGANIZATION (Parade Participant): ADDRESS FOR PARADE INFORMATION: CITY: STATE: ZIP: HAS THE ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATED IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE BEFORE? Δ YES Δ NO DO NOT KNOW
ENTRY INFORMATION: (Check all that apply) Car ATV/Motorcycle Standard Size Truck & Trailer Golf Cart/Mini Car Walking/Marching Group Other Semi-Truck/18-Wheeler & Trailer	ADDITIONAL ENTRY INFORMATION: Estimated length of entry _____ feet. (Must not exceed 100 feet without written waiver from us.) Number of vehicle (if more than one): _____ Estimated number of participants. _____ Will children under the age of 10 be included in your entry?
PLEASE DESCRIBE ENTRY:	
ENTRY FEE: $50.00 Mail check, this Parade Application, and Agreement Regarding Responsibility to: Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita P.O. Box 14746 Monroe, LA 71207-4746	**Saturday, December 5, 2026** **Line-up: 1:30p.m. – 2:30p.m.** **Parade begins at 3:30p.m.**

We reserve the right to limit the type and nature of any entry, including the right to limit participation in the parade to any extent we determine appropriate, and to determine the appropriate entry fee.

All drivers must be qualified and appropriately licensed (drivers of ATVs/motorcycles/golf carts/mini cars/etc. must have a valid LA driver's license). All drivers subject to being sobriety tested.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

Agreement Regarding Responsibility must be signed and returned with application.

AGREEMENT REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY/PARADE RULES
Every Parade Participant shall abide by all rules and policies established for the parade.

I, the undersigned authorized group representative, on behalf of the Parade Participant named on this application ("participant"), hereby agree that participant and all persons directly or indirectly associated with its participation in the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita 2026 Christmas Parade will abide by all rules and/or policies established by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita, Louisiana, ("Kiwanis") as a requirement of participation, particularly the following:

There must be no less than three (3) adults on foot to each side of each trailer or float using an appropriate crowd restraint (poles or rope) to prevent parade onlookers and others along the parade route from approaching the trailer or float within an unsafe distance, to provide for the general safety of the onlookers and others along the parade route, and to provide for the supervision and safety of those on the trailer or floats.

No throwing of anything by those sitting in the front seat of any vehicle. Not by the driver, not by any of the passengers. This will be enforced.

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I, the undersigned, further agree, on behalf of the participant, that there will be adequate adult supervision of all minor children, and that all participants have been made aware of the importance of all parade rules and overall parade safety for themselves, other participants, and spectators during the parade.

Release and hold harmless

Further, as a condition of participation and for other good and valuable cause and consideration, as authorized group representative for the participant and on behalf of the participant, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, and including all individuals riding on, in or otherwise participating in the parade with participant, I do hereby expressly waive, relinquish, and release Kiwanis, their members, agents and designees from any and all claims, actions, rights or causes of action, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses, compensation and attorney's fees that have or may arise from known or unknown personal injury or property damages arising directly or indirectly as a result of participation in the parade, excluding only the grossly negligent or intentional acts of authorized members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita, or their agents designees .

This ___ day of _____2026.

Authorized Representative Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____