

Trussville Christmas Parade 2018

FAQ's

Tell me about road closures for the parade.

Parade line-up begins at 1:00, so parts of Parkway Drive, Cherokee Drive, and the Trussville Sports Complex will be closed until the parade is over.

Where should spectators park?

As always, parking is an issue in the downtown area, and the closer to parade time, the more difficult it will be to find a parking spot. The lot at Heritage Hall (225 Parkway Drive) has a limited amount of parking. You might also try North Mall or South Mall. (Please don't park on the same side of the street as the homes on North & South Mall.) The local churches and businesses have lots of parking. Bring a chair and enjoy the parade!

If we're participating in the parade, when should we get there?

If your entry is being judged in the float competition, please have your entry in line by 1:30. Your participants should be there no later than 2:30 but keep in mind the road closings in timing your arrival.

Where should I drop off my child to participate in the parade?

If your child is on a FLOAT OR AUTOMOBILE, they can be dropped off at the back entrance to the Sports Complex on Happy Hollow Road or Sherman Oaks Subdivision. They will walk a short distance to their float. For those not able to walk to their float, a shuttle will take them to their float from the drop-off location. Ask your float sponsor before the parade what your assigned # is so you will know where they are located in the parade line-up. Low numbers are at the front of the line, and high numbers are at the back of the line. **(Please do NOT drop off your child at the intersection of Cherokee in front of the Senior Center.)**

If I am a float or automobile driver, where do I line up?

Every float and automobile will be assigned a line-up number before the parade. Each entry should have ONE representative stop by the Chamber office on Wednesday, December 5, Thursday, December 6, or Friday, December 7 before 4:00 to pick up their parade packet. **The chamber office is located at 400 Main Street.** FLOATS and AUTOMOBILES will enter the sports complex from the back side through Sherman Oaks or off Happy Hollow Road so they are facing the correct direction for the parade. The road will be painted with numbers that will match the number you were assigned and picked up at the chamber office. Please place your assigned number inside your front window and line up in order. Line-up should begin around 1:00. **PLEASE communicate this information to the people in your car and float so they will know where to be dropped off to meet up with your group.** Please give your float / car riders a copy of these FAQs to help them prepare for the parade logistics.

What is the parade route?

The parade route is the same as in recent years. It begins on Parkway Drive in front of the tennis courts, continues down Parkway Drive to Highway 11, turns right on Highway 11, then turns right again on Chalkville Road. The parade ends JUST PAST West Mall on Oak St. (Please don't disperse at West Mall. Continue on to Oak St. and turn right to drop off your riders. People at West Mall are there to see the parade, too, so please allow them to enjoy the parade by not stopping the parade in front of them.)

How long does the parade last?

The parade should be over around 4:00 or so.

Where should I go to disperse my group and unload my float after the parade? Each group/entry can decide that on their own. Everyone should not go to the same place to unload. After passing West Mall at the end of the parade, you should continue along to your designated unloading place. There is a full parade behind you that will also need to finish the parade, so please do not stop just beyond West Mall. Some potential unloading areas could be: The parking lot in front of the old Junior High School, The Senior Center, Cahaba Elementary School and the Baseball Fields. **BE SURE to communicate to the parents of your riders where you will stop for them to come collect their children.**

Where should I pick up my child after the parade?

The parade will go past West Mall. Talk to your float sponsor to see where their group will meet after the parade. After the parade passes West Mall, the floats will disperse to different locations to unload.

Restrooms:

The restrooms at the old Junior High and at the Sports Complex will be open.

Please don't throw items at spectators.

As a safety precaution, please don't throw candy or other objects at parade-watchers. Thank you for your cooperation!

Weather Update!

Don't miss the snow that is sure to fall at this year's parade!