



2026 Theme: "A Magical Christmas"

PARTICIPANT'S GENERAL INFORMATION

This portion of the form is for information only. See attached ENTRY FORM to complete and submit

Parade Date: Thursday, [December 3, 2026](#)

Float Judging Check-in: At assigned area by 4:00pm

Parade Entrant Arrival: [2-4:00pm](#) in assigned area. Float Judging starts at 4:00pm. Parade Start: 6:00pm

The Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee (BCPC) has targeted a total number of applicant entries (Entries/Entry) at 110. The BCPC reserves the sole right to determine the actual number of Entries based upon Bakersfield Christmas Parade's (Parade) operational considerations. To be considered for Entry, applicants MUST remit 1) completed Entry form, 2) liability insurance, (3) description of Entry type, drawing of float (if applicable), (4) script describing your entry and 5) Entry fee. Submittal of incomplete Entry application requirements may be considered as cause for non-acceptance.

The Parade is intended to go on, rain or shine. Please plan accordingly. No refunds will be made due to weather.

Qualified Entries will be reviewed from the pool of Entries, the BCPC shall determine the optimum number of each Entry type to comprise the upcoming Parade's lineup. Their review shall also consider the entrant's Parade theme interpretation. Good luck! Entries accepted into the Parade must attend the mandatory pre-parade meeting to pick up their entry packet. **Entries who do not send a representative are subject to forfeiting their entry fee.** No refunds will be issued to entrants having not met the above criteria.

This is a **CHRISTMAS THEMED FAMILY ORIENTED PARADE**. It is not an appropriate venue for political ideology, campaigns or social statements. The BCPC retains the right to make the sole determination of same. Entries may be asked to be removed from or not be allowed initial entry into the parade route.

Entry Forms accepted beginning the week following Labor Day Holiday

Important Dates:

Entry Form Posted:	September 8, 2026
Applicant Deadline:	October 23, 2026, 4:30pm
Participant's Acceptance Notice:	October 29, 2026
Parade Participant's Meeting:	November 4, 2026, 6:00pm
44th Christmas Parade:	December 3, 2026, 6:00pm

Read all rules and requirements and only then, [complete sections 1-4 of the Parade Entry Form \(Form\)](#). Add additional paper for entry description. PLEASE print or type legibly. Retain a copy of sections 1-5 for your records.

2026/Christmas Parade/Gen Info & Entry Form

Return the following (See attached Application following this General Information)

- 1) Completed Sections 1-4 of the Form,
- 2) Appropriate Parade entry fee. See Section 2 of Form,
Remittance: Checks, cashier check, money order may be made payable to the Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc.,
- 3) Evidence of Insurance (see Section 4 of this document and the Form),
- 4) Script describing your entry,
- 5) Drawing if a float entry,
- 6) Entries requesting the non-profit entry rate MUST provide a copy of their Internal Revenue Service determination letter.

Please mail your completed Form, entry fee, evidence of insurance and entry information to:

Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc
Attention: Sylvia, Parade Coordinator
P.O. Box 22344
Bakersfield, CA 93390

Questions: Call Sylvia, Parade Coordinator, at (661) 501-3884. Phone active August 31 through December 15.

Drop off address: **Buck Owens Production Company, Inc. (KUZZ Studios)**, 3223 Sillect Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Section 1: Entrant contact Information

SEE "ENTRANT CONTACT" INFORMATION WITHIN ENTRY FORM AT END OF THIS DOCUMENT

Section 2, PARADE ENTRY CATEGORIES AND FEES, CONTINUED

SEE "ENTRY CATEGORY" INFORMATION WITHIN ENTRY FORM AT END OF THIS DOCUMENT

SECTION 3: STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

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SECTION 4: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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SECTION 5: PARADE GENERAL INFORMATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Parade Theme: **"A Magical Christmas"**

Entries must be decorated to parade standards in keeping with the Christmas spirit and theme of the Parade. This includes all participants, except band entries, military, dignitaries and guests invited by the BCPC.

Parade Objective: This is a float-oriented Parade. Trophies are awarded for floats only.

Contract: Once the BCPC has notified the applicant of their entry's acceptance into the Parade, the Parade General Information and Entry Form shall become a contract.

Santa Claus: Replicas of Santa, or people dressed as Santa, will not be allowed in the Parade, Parade route or marketplaces. The only entry allowed to have a live Santa Claus will be the "Official Santa Float" as designated by the BCPC. Any entry failing to adhere to this will be removed from the Parade route or lineup. Santa hats are allowed and encouraged!

Mrs. Claus:	Similarly, replicas of Mrs. Claus are not allowed in the Parade, Parade route or marketplaces and will be likewise removed.
Entry Fees:	All Entry fees are established to assist in covering the cost of the Parade and are non-refundable, for any reason, after notice of acceptance. Entry fees for denied applications will be returned to the applicant.
Fee Payment:	All checks, cashier checks, or money orders shall be made payable to the Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc. A \$25 check return fee per processing attempt and reimbursement for any and all other charges will be applicable for any returned check.
Mailing Address:	Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc. P.O. Box 22344 Bakersfield, CA 93390
Physical Address:	Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc. c/o Buck Owens Production Company, Inc. (KUZZ Studios) 3223 Sillect Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93308, (Open 8:00pm – 4:30pm. Closed weekends and holidays)
Entry Categories:	(1) Float, (2) Equestrian, (3) Marching/Walking, (4) Band, (5) Vehicle/Motorcycle. Refer to Parade Entry Categories and Fees, Section 2: Categories.
Application:	Application period begins: The week following Labor Day weekend All Entries must also include (1) completed and signed entry application packet, (2) insurance, (3) description and (4) appropriate fee to be considered by the BCPC for participation. Submittals of an application does not guarantee participation in the Parade.
Deadline:	Application period ends at 4:30pm. (See “Important Dates”, Pg. 1) To be an eligible applicant, the completed application must be received no later than the above date. If hand delivered, the application must reach the “Physical Address” office no later than the above date and time to be eligible. See mailing, Physical Address and Deadline above.
Acceptance:	Anticipated Notification: (See “Important Dates”, Pg. 1) The BCPC will notify applicants by e-mail or phone of their acceptance into the Parade. The BCPC will select approximately 110 participants.
Selection:	All applications must be accompanied by the completed entry form, description, proper entry fee, script and evidence of insurance. All applications must be received by the entrant deadline to the mailing or physical address as identified above on or before the date and time listed to be considered as a valid application.
Insurance:	All Parade Entries/Vendors/Exhibitors must be covered by the required insurance and add the Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc. as an additional insured. It <u>MUST INCLUDE</u> following language, word for word: The Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc. its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, vendors and contractors as indemnified and additionally insured against any and all loss, damage or injury which occurs as a result of an appearance in the Bakersfield Christmas Parade. INSURANCES WITH DIFFERENT LANGAUGE WILL BE REJECTED. Also, all equestrian units must provide liability insurance for their animals. Applications without proof of insurance will be rejected. See website @ BCParade.com, “Participants” for “Sample Insurance”,

Mandatory Meeting:	(See “Important Dates”, Pg. 1) A representative for each accepted entry (all categories) is required to attend a mandatory pre-Parade meeting. Attendance is required to receive your parade position number and information regarding staging area, disbanding and other pertinent information. Positions may not be held for entries not represented and no positions will be given out over the phone or by mail. Larry E. Reider Building Education Center 2000 “K” Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 November 4, 2026 @ 6:00pm
Parade Number:	Parade entry/space unit number will be assigned by the BCPC for each entry and vendor/exhibit booth. There is no guarantee for a specific lineup position or vendor/exhibitor position. The parade entry number must be posted ON THE DASHBOARD, PASSENGER SIDE, FACING FORWARD, of the entry.
Timeline:	The Parade will begin by 6:00pm and the last entrant must pass TV Production located on “L” St. between 22 nd and 21 st Streets by 7:55pm. The parade route will take 20-30 minutes.
Arrival Times:	Float entries and their representative must be in their assigned staging area by 4:00 p.m. to be eligible for judging competition. Road closures may preclude entry into the staging area after 2:00 p.m. Late entries shall use 24th and “Q” Street BPD controlled entry point.
Equestrian/Vehicle Walking/Marching:	Road closures begin by approximately 2:00 p.m. Plan accordingly. Road closures may preclude direct entry into the staging area after 2:00 p.m.
Bands:	Be aware of 2:00 p.m. start of road closures and bus route access. Some bands may have drill teams as well, They too need to follow the same instructions. Bands will be rotated in different time frames. Be aware of your start time and return to bus transportation pick up area.
Stopping:	No stopping is permitted unless directed to do so by Parade officials. Entries must immediately start, delay or stop and restart as directed by officials.
Parade Marshall(s):	Continual movement of the parade is very important. Personnel will be located along the Parade route to direct entries and ensure continuity. Our goal is to establish and maintain an interval of approximately 200 feet between entries throughout the Parade. Parade marshals have the right to remove entrants from the Parade who cause issues. Individuals or groups not following requirements of participation may be denied subsequent participation.
Unit Distance:	Our goal is to establish and maintain an interval of 200 feet between entries throughout the parade. A BCPC person will be at “L” and 22 nd Streets to control the parade flow.
Unit Size:	An organization may submit a separate application requesting entry of more than the allowed five vehicles or ten motorcycles. Written permission from the BCPC is required to exceed the 5 vehicle or 10 motorcycles limit. Vehicles must use a close, diamond formation with a lead car. Motorcycles are limited to 10 per entry. Motorcycles must be driven in twos, side by side in close formation.
Mascot:	Personalities or company mascots, except school band mascots, will be allowed only if they follow the theme/category of the parade.

Dress:	All participants must be in Christmas colors, costume or at the very least, wearing a Santa hat. Military units are exempt from doing so. Marching Bands are encouraged to add a Christmas element to their band uniforms or in front of their band.
Lineup Time:	The published lineup schedule will be adhered to, regardless of weather conditions. Every entry must be ready to proceed to the Parade by 6:00pm.
Staging Area:	It is the responsibility of each Parade entry to keep your staging space clean of any trash or debris. Remember, staging is in residential/business areas and all complaints fall onto the Parade committee. Any remedy will be at the sole responsibility and cost of the entry.
Parade Schedule:	The final Parade schedule and assembly area map will be available on the BCPC website starting on or about mid-November.
Public Map:	Each entry must be familiar with the BCPC route map located at bcparade.com . This map identifies the beginning and ending of the parade locations. Study the map to identify your disbanding location which is your assigned staging area. An exception will be if your entry is capable of leaving the parade immediately after completing the Parade route. Disbanding areas may have changed from past years. To avoid confusion, please identify drop-off and pickup locations for your participants before the Parade night.
Security:	Individual or group Entry security is the sole responsibility of each approved participant. The BCPC or its agents and City of Bakersfield are not responsible for the security of any entry, at any time, for any reason. BCPC will have roaming or assigned security along the parade route for crowd monitoring.
Advertising:	No commercial advertising of any kind is allowed without prior written approval from the BCPC.
Handout of Candy, Etc. along the Route:	Per the Bakersfield Police Department, "no object of any kind may be thrown to the Parade spectators from any Parade entry and nothing may be handed out along the Parade route or along sidewalks of the Parade route such as candy, gum, trinkets, balloons, informational materials, etc." Violators may be cited under Municipal Code 10.76.050, or similar, a misdemeanor, and your future participation in the Parade may be suspended.
Equestrians:	Equestrian groups shall provide a "sweeper" to immediately clean up after the animals and likewise from their staging area. Not doing so will subject your entry to clean up costs.
Alcohol:	Per the Bakersfield Police Department, "consumption of alcoholic beverages in the assembly area or parade route is strictly prohibited. Violators may be cited under Penal Code section 647.f, a misdemeanor and future participation in the Parade may be suspended.
Disclaimer:	The BCPC reserves the right to limit or exclude any entry for non-compliance. Entry fees are non-refundable except for denied applications.
Conduct:	All participants must conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly fashion. The BCPC has a zero-tolerance policy toward dangerous/reckless driving within the Parade route, pre-staging or disbanding area at any time.
Drones:	The use of flying or street level drones within the Parade route is prohibited except by those authorized by the BCPC.

- Non-Compliance:** Any Parade entry, vendor, cart or strolling vendor within the parade route without permission by the BCPC is subject to being removed from the Parade by authorized authorities and are subject to citation.
- Withdraw:** If your Parade unit must withdraw, notify us at (661) 501-3884 or email us at bakersfieldchristmasparade@gmail.com. **There are no refunds of entry fees for withdrawn entries after receiving notice of acceptance.**
- Self Sufficiency** All entrants must be self-sufficient with regards to electricity, water or any other material or resource. "Borrowing" same without prior written permission from adjoining residences or businesses is grounds for elimination from the Parade. Written approval must be on site.
- Line-up Location:** The BCPC reserves the right to assign a line-up number for entries. Entrants will be notified of entry locations by email or phone.
- Clean Up:** Please pick up after yourselves. If you packed it in, pack it out!
- Additional Info:** Parade Coordinator: Sylvia @ (661) 501-3884
Email: bakersfieldchristmasparade@gmail.com.
Website: www.bcp parade.com
- Important Dates:** **Refer to Page 1, "Important Dates". Please routinely check the website as dates are subject to change.**

**SEE THE NEXT PAGES FOR ACTUAL APPLICATION.
COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING FORM ONLY.**

(NEED TO PRINT THE PREVIOUS GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION)

BE CERTAIN TO SIGN AT THE LOCATION AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT



BCPC USE: Date Rcv'd. _____
Paid By: Cash: _____
Check # _____
M. O. #: _____
Cashier #: _____
Application: _____
Insurance: _____
Script: _____
Drawing: _____

2026 Theme, "A Magical Christmas"
Bakersfield Christmas Parade
Participants Entry Form

The following information shall be used in meeting requirements as otherwise stated within the General Information above and at the Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee (BCPC) website of www.bcparade.com. The responding contact person has read, acknowledges and understands same and agrees said information is incorporated herein by reference. The parade may go on, rain or shine. Once accepted into the Parade, entry fees are non-refundable.

Section 1: Entrant contact Information

1a. Person in charge of the entry: All contact will be with the person below regarding the parade Entry. All correspondence will be sent to 1) the personal e-mail address, no school 2) phone. A physical address is needed should a USPS mailing be necessary.

Organization/Business name: _____

Claiming Non-Profit status: If so, check "Yes" _____, enter IRS Tax ID Number _____ and provide a copy of determination letter. Schools are exempt from providing either.

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Please list cell and e-mail information capable of after hour and weekend contact. No work or school numbers.

Cell Phone #: (_____) _____ **E-mail address:** _____

If you represent a school, please list the School District and School below.

District: _____ **School:** _____

Section 2: PARADE ENTRY CATEGORIES/FEEES (PLEASE SELECT ONE)

2a. ALL parade entries must select one category by placing a ✓ in the appropriate space. If your Entry includes a group of marchers with a float or a vehicle(s), please ID your Entry as a vehicle(s) or float on the Entry response below noting the addition of "X" number marchers to your Entry selection. The maximum number of marchers provided without an additional fee is 24. Fifty percent of which must march on either side of the float, no more than 2-wide or spaced longer than the float/vehicles.

Entry type and appropriate fee may be found below.

Note: Only floats will be judged. Judging begins promptly at 4:00pm therefore, floats must be in their assigned location by that time. A float representative must be available with the float in case judges have questions. **Floats arriving late will not be judged.**

2b. Marching Band (All school bands may have drill team/banner carriers up to 24 @ N/C,).

2c. Entry Script (description of your entry for broadcast announcements. (100 word limit).

Section 2c "Entry Script" is now on the last page of this document so it can be readily used during the script review process. A script is required as one aspect of the completed entry application. Please make certain it is filled out **BEFORE submitting your application.**

2d. Entry Type, Fees and Info: Place a "check" mark best describing your entry.

For example, if your entry is a marching band, place "check" on the "Marching Band" line below and identify requested information.

FLOAT		Marching/Walking/Drill Team/Dance/Similar	
☐ Youth	\$125	☐ Non-Profit/Civic/Schools	\$125
☐ Civic/Fraternal/Non-Profit	\$125	☐ Active Military	Waived
☐ Church/Religious	\$125	☐ Veterans Group	Waived
☐ Commercial	\$225	☐ Commercial	\$225
Equestrian		Marching Band	
☐ Individual	\$125	(All Schools)	\$125
☐ Non-Profit/Civic/Show	\$125	☐ Elementary	
☐ Commercial	\$225	☐ Jr, High/Middle School	
Vehicle/Motorcycle		☐ High School	
☐ Non-Profit/Civic	\$125	☐ College/University	
☐ Commercial	\$225	☐ Drill team (24 max) with band)	

1. Please list estimated number of participants in your entry above _____.
Note: the maximum number of additional marchers with a band or float is 24. See above.

2. If a float, please check if: Semi & trailer _____, Pickup/service truck & trailer _____,
Self-powered float _____, Flatbed truck _____ other _____.

Maximums = 65' length, 8' wide and 13' 6" tall. Your entry's dimensions: L _____' W _____' H _____'

Vehicle Entry maximum numbers: 5-vehicles of "car" size or 10 motorcycles per accepted entry.

3. **Float Drawing:** If your entry is a float (decorated flatbed truck, semi or small trailer or similar) **use a separate piece of paper to attach a drawing of your entry.** Notes on the drawing may be used to further explain your entry.
4. **Note:** All floats will be judged. Judging begins promptly at 4:00PM. Entry and Float representative must be stationed in their assigned spot at this time in case judges have questions. Judges will tour floats ONE TIME ONLY. Late floats will not be judged.

2e. All entrants: No stoppage while on the parade route without prior approval of BCPC. Describe the number of chaperones and special requirements requested of your group below.

For marching band entries, describe any special requirements requested below?

Floats: Please fully describe your float, type of support vehicle, list dimensions above and unique features. Additional pages may be added.

ALL FLOATS:



13' 6" TALL, 65' LONG & 10' WIDE MAXIMUM. SEE 2c. ABOVE & INSERT YOUR FLOAT'S DIMENSIONS

SECTION 3: STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Organization/Business Name: _____

I acknowledge and understand that this year's entries will be limited to approximately 110 accepted applications. Participants are asked to remember that the purpose of the parade is to provide enjoyment and fun for members of the community. There will be no refund of an entry fee if cancellation is necessary, for any reason, after the BCPC confirms acceptance into the Parade. Your fee will be considered a parade donation. Retain parade rules and instructions and read carefully as this will be a helpful guideline in making your parade day appearance go smoothly.

On behalf of the above mentioned "Organization/Business", I hereby waive and refuse any and all rights and claims for damages against the BCPC, and/or sponsors, its agents, officers, volunteers or other members associated with the Parade. I also agree to abide by all guidelines and regulations as outlined by the BCPC and understand this information is being obtained for the purpose of registering for participating in the Parade.

The applicant hereby represents they have consent authority for all those associated with their entry for access to public request for information. Additionally, the undersigned with the same authority, voluntarily consents to use of all their participant's photographs, video or broadcast of their name, image or likeness recordings, and waives and releases the BCPC from any and all claims, causes, damages, liabilities and or actions arising there from and or relating thereto. In connection therewith, participant grants a royalty-free, irrevocable permission to use, reproduce, publish, broadcast of live or videotaped parade and distribute the recordings.

Reminder, the parade is a rain or shine event. Please plan accordingly. No refunds will be made due to weather.

SECTION4: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Parade entries must provide an additional insured endorsement made to the Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc. It **MUST INCLUDE** the following language, word for word: The Bakersfield Christmas Parade Committee, Inc and its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, vendors, and contractors are indemnified and additionally insured against any and all loss, damage or injury which occurs as a result of an appearance in the Bakersfield Christmas Parade. **INSURANCES WITH DIFFERENT LANGUAGE WILL BE REJECTED.**

Entry participants must provide general liability coverage with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000. APPLICATIONS WITHOUT PROOF OF INSURANCE WILL BE REJECTED. See "Sample" insurance form on our website at bcparade.com, at the "Participants" screen.

Once an entrant has completed and returned an Entry Form and the BCPC has notified the entrant of their acceptance, the entry form shall be considered a contract between both parties.

Questions, call Sylvia, Parade coordinator @ (661) 501-3884 or email bakersfieldchristmasparade@gmail.com.

USPS Mail: BCPC, P.O. Box 22344, Bakersfield, CA 93390

Direct Drop Off: Buck Owens Production Company, Inc. (KUZZ Studios), 3233 Sillect Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308, 8:00am through 4:30pm.

Once the appointed parade entry representative has submitted ALL requested information required by the BCPC entry form AND is notified via e-mail by a BCPC representative of their acceptance, the submitted entry form shall be considered a viable contract between both parties.

Authorized Entry Representative:

_____ **Date:** _____
Print Name

_____ **24/7 Cell number (_____)** _____
Sign Name

BCPC Representative: Stephen Miniard **Date:** Sept. 3, 2026

Stephen Miniard, President



2c. Entry Script

Organization/Business name: _____

Contact name: _____

Cell Phone #:(_____) _____

E-mail (with 24/7 access)_____

School's emails are not valid as our emails tend to end up undeliverable due to being blocked by the school district.

Entry Script: (description of your entry for broadcast announcements. (100 word limit).

The committee reserves the right to edit for content or length. Must be able to be read before the next entry starts.
List any awards or recognitions, how long in business/service or other unique aspect of your entry.
