



*The Active 20-30 Club of Merced #53
and Merced Irrigation District
proudly present the
17th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade
“Christmas Around The World”*

Saturday, December 3rd, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

On West Main Street

FLOATS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!!!

The Active 20-30 Club of Merced, along with Merced Irrigation District, invite you to participate in its 17th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd, 2011. The theme is “Christmas Around The World.” The parade will begin at **3:00 P.M. sharp**, with the formation area on East Main St. off “G” street. The parade will start at West Main and “G” street and continue along the city approved route. **Check in time begins at 1:15 p.m.** The formation check in desk will be located on the corner of Calimyrna Street and West Main Street and is closed to through traffic at 11:00 a.m. (By order of the Merced Police Department.)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011.**
- Parade will be held rain or shine. There will be **NO REFUND** on application fees paid
- This year’s theme is “Christmas Around The World.” We encourage all entries to include holiday music and decorate their floats according to the holiday theme.
- There will be three (3) cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250 awarded to the top three best decorated floats. These awards may coincide with the separate plaque awards specified in #5.
- There will be separate awards given out and honored with plaques for five (5 total) specific parade categories. The categories are: Most Colorful; Most Original; Best Holiday Theme (adult entry); Best Holiday Theme (children’s entry); and Judges’ Award. The parade will be judged by parade sponsors.
- Entries will be judged on appearance, creativity, enthusiasm, and relevance to the division theme.
- Entries **must check in** at the **registration table** on the corner of **Calimyrna Street and East Main Street**.
- Entry numbers will be provided at the registration table. Affix numbers on front and left side of entry.
- Parade participants will maintain numerical order and not trade with other entries.
- Parade sponsors reserve the right to remove any inappropriate float(s), cars, or people from participating in the parade. Sponsors will not tolerate any profanity, explicit pictures, etc. on any entries in the parade.**
- We expect everyone participating in the parade to know and abide by parade rules. Please provide a copy of the rules for all participants in your entry. The person who signs this form is responsible for this. We will make your signed application available to any person in your group who states they did not have access to the rules.
- Parade participants must maintain fifty (50) feet between entries.
- Each parade entry must complete a waiver
- Motorized vehicles must complete a waiver for each driver/ridden vehicle.
- Control of motorized vehicles and animals must be maintained at all times.
- All animals must be on a leash, lead, or rein. Owner(s) of all animals (including mounted horse entries) **must** provide their own clean up crew equipped with their own appropriate scooper and broom.
- Living entities on floats must be secured.
- Sound entries will maintain volume not to interfere with other entries and must play holiday theme music.
- A person over the age of 18 must accompany junior entries throughout the parade route. Junior entries are those under age 18.
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages while in the parade or in the staging area.
- DO NOT** throw candy from floats or vehicles. Candy may be passed from walkers along the parade route.
- Everyone must disband at the end of the parade and will not be permitted to ride vehicles illegally back to the originating point of the parade. Please arrange to be picked up or walk back.
- The sponsor will present Santa Claus (Please DO NOT INCLUDE this as part of your float or entry.)**
- All parade participants must follow the direction of parade staff.
- Entries that are received after Friday, November 18th, 2011 will be placed at the end of the parade and **will not be announced.**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read these Rules and Regulations and agree to the above terms:

Signature

Title

Date

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Saturday, December 3, 2011 3:00 pm

PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION FORM
(Registration Deadline is Friday, November 18, 2011)

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

NUMBER ENTRIES: _____ # PARTICIPANTS _____

PARADE CLASS: **(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)**

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| 1. BAND – MUSIC GROUP | 4. BUSINESS | 7. COLOR GUARD |
| 2. DANCE GROUPS | 5. DECORATED VEHICLES | 8. INDIVIDUALS |
| 3. CLUBS-ORGANIZATIONS | 6. MOUNTED GROUP | 9. MISCELLANEOUS |

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: **(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)**

CAR TRUCK BUS FLATBED WALKERS MOUNTED BICYCLES

APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY FEET LONG IS YOUR ENTRY? _____

Parade entries will be announced to the public. Please supply a maximum of 4 total lines of information about your entry for the announcers. Due to announcing time constraints, information longer than 4 total lines will be edited to fit in the allotted space. **ENTRIES NOT SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION WILL RECEIVE NAME ONLY RECOGNITION IN THE PARADE.**

ENTRY FEES: SCHOOLS \$25 NON-PROFIT \$25 (tax id _____) BUSINESS \$40
DOWNTOWN BUSINESS \$25 CAR/MOTORCYCLE CLUB \$50

Parade awards will be announced at 5:00 pm in Bob Hart Square during the tree lighting ceremony.

Mail completed application to: Active 20-30 Club of Merced: 3144 North G Street, Suite 125-327, Merced, CA 95340. Make checks payable to Active 20-30 Club of Merced. Please e-mail christmasparade@merced2030.com for more information or call 209-658-5617.

FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL AND WAIVER FORM SIGNED IN ORDER FOR YOUR ENTRY TO BE ACCEPTED.

WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, including permission to participate in the Active 20-30 Club of Merced 17th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade (“Event”) and related activities, _____ (name of Organization), its affiliates, employees, volunteers, and any affiliated participants (collectively, “Participant”);

1. Agrees that, prior to participating, they will inspect the facilities, equipment and areas to be used, and, if believed to be unsafe, will immediately advise the person supervising the event, activity, facility, or area;
2. Acknowledges and has informed its affiliated participants that the Event may involve risk of serious injury or death, including economic losses which may result not only from Participants’ actions, inactions, or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, and the condition of the facilities, equipment, or areas where the Event being conducted;
3. Assumes any and all risks of personal injuries to Participant’s employees, volunteers and other affiliated individuals, including medical or hospital bills, permanent or partial disability, death, and damage to my property, caused by or arising from my participation in this event or activity;
4. Covenants, on behalf of itself, its employees, volunteers and other affiliated individuals, not to sue or present any claim for personal injury property damage, or wrongful death against the Active 20-30 Club of Merced, its related entities, including sponsors of the event, their officers, directors, employees and volunteers, attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Event;
5. Releases, waives, discharges and relinquishes the Active 20-30 Club of Merced, its related entities, including sponsors of the event, their officers, directors, employees and volunteers from any liability, loss damage, claim, demand or cause of action arising from or attributable negligence;
6. Acknowledges that photographs, pictures, slides, movies, or videos will be taken in connection with Participant’s participation in the Event, without compensation from the Active 20-30 Club of Merced or Event sponsors, and used for any legal purpose;
7. Warrants that all individuals affiliated with Participant are in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent such individuals from participating in this type of event or activity;
8. Acknowledges that the Active 20-30 Club of Merced is not a joint sponsor, partner, or otherwise jointly engaged in the Participant’s activities at the Event.

PARTICIPANT SHALL INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS, THE ACTIVE 20-30 CLUB OF MERCED, RELATED ENTITIES, INCLUDING SPONSORS OF THE EVENT, THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS, FROM ANY AND ALL LOSS, CLAIM, DAMAGE, COST, ALLEGATION AND EXPENSE (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ATTORNEY’S FEES AND COSTS OF SUIT) ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM THE EVENT. BY SIGNING BELOW, PARTICIPANT IS REPRESENTING THAT IT HAS COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER COSTS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND ARISING FROM PARTICIPANT’S ACTIVITIES AT OR RELATED TO THE EVENT.

THIS DOCUMENT RELIEVES THE ACTIVE 20-30 CLUB OF MERCED, RELATED ENTITIES, INCLUDING SPONSORS OF THE EVENT, THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, WRONGFUL DEATH, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE.

THE PERSON SIGNING BELOW IS AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF PARTICIPANT.

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

SIGNATURE

DATE