



2013 Night of Lights Parade



6:30 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2013

October, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

Once again, the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, Edinburg CVB, City of Edinburg, Edinburg Economic Development Corporation, and the University of Texas Pan American are co-sponsoring the annual Night of Lights Festivities. Back by popular demand is the Night of Lights Parade.

Please find attached an application for parade participation, as well as a copy of the Rules and Regulations. We welcome and encourage your participation!

The parade route will begin at the UTPA Parking Lot C-1 (N. Sugar & W. Van Week) for setup. The parade route will continue at the corner of Sugar Rd. (& W. University Dr.) and end at the Hidalgo County Courthouse Parking Lot (town Square). The theme is Night of Lights. The more lights on your parade entry the better!!! Festivities for Night of Lights will be held at the City of Edinburg grounds.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please read the Rules and Regulations and complete the application accordingly. You should return the application and registration fee to:

Edinburg Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 85
Edinburg, Texas 78540

Application Deadline is Tuesday November 26th, 2013

We look forward to your participation in this grand event. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chamber staff at (956)383-4974.

Sincerely,

The 2013 Night of Lights Committee



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Entry Sponsored By: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Entry Fee: FREE for Everyone.

AWARD TROPHIES & PRIZE MONEY:

School Division—1st \$700, 2nd \$500, & 3rd \$300; Civic/Business Division: 1st \$700, 2nd \$500, & 3rd \$300

Please mark the statement best describes your entry:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Competitive Float (School Division)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Competitive Float (Civic Clubs, Businesses, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-competitive Float
<input type="checkbox"/>	Horses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marching Units (No fee)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Queen or Sweetheart
<input type="checkbox"/>	Car Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Miscellaneous

Please describe your entry in detail: _____

Entry Length Required(feet): _____

Type of tow vehicle: _____

Number of participants: _____

Will your entry include music? _____

Application Deadline: Tuesday November 26th, 2013. @ 5pm. Please mail application and registration fee (if applicable), to Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 85, Edinburg, Texas 78540 or fax to (956) 383-6942. For more information call: (956)383-4974.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION

By signing this statement, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Parade Entry Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, City of Edinburg, Edinburg Economic Development Corporation, University of Texas-Pan American, the Night of Lights Committee, their directors, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and all persons, natural or corporate in privity or affiliated with any of them or not specifically name herein, from any and all claims or causes of action of any kind, whatsoever which any representative, volunteer or participant might have, known or unknown, now or existing or that might arise hereafter, attributable to, involving, arising out of or in any manner, resulting from participation in Night of Lights.

Name of Sponsor: _____ Title: _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

YOU MUST REVIEW ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NIGHT OF LIGHTS PARADE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION. (SEE ATTACHED)



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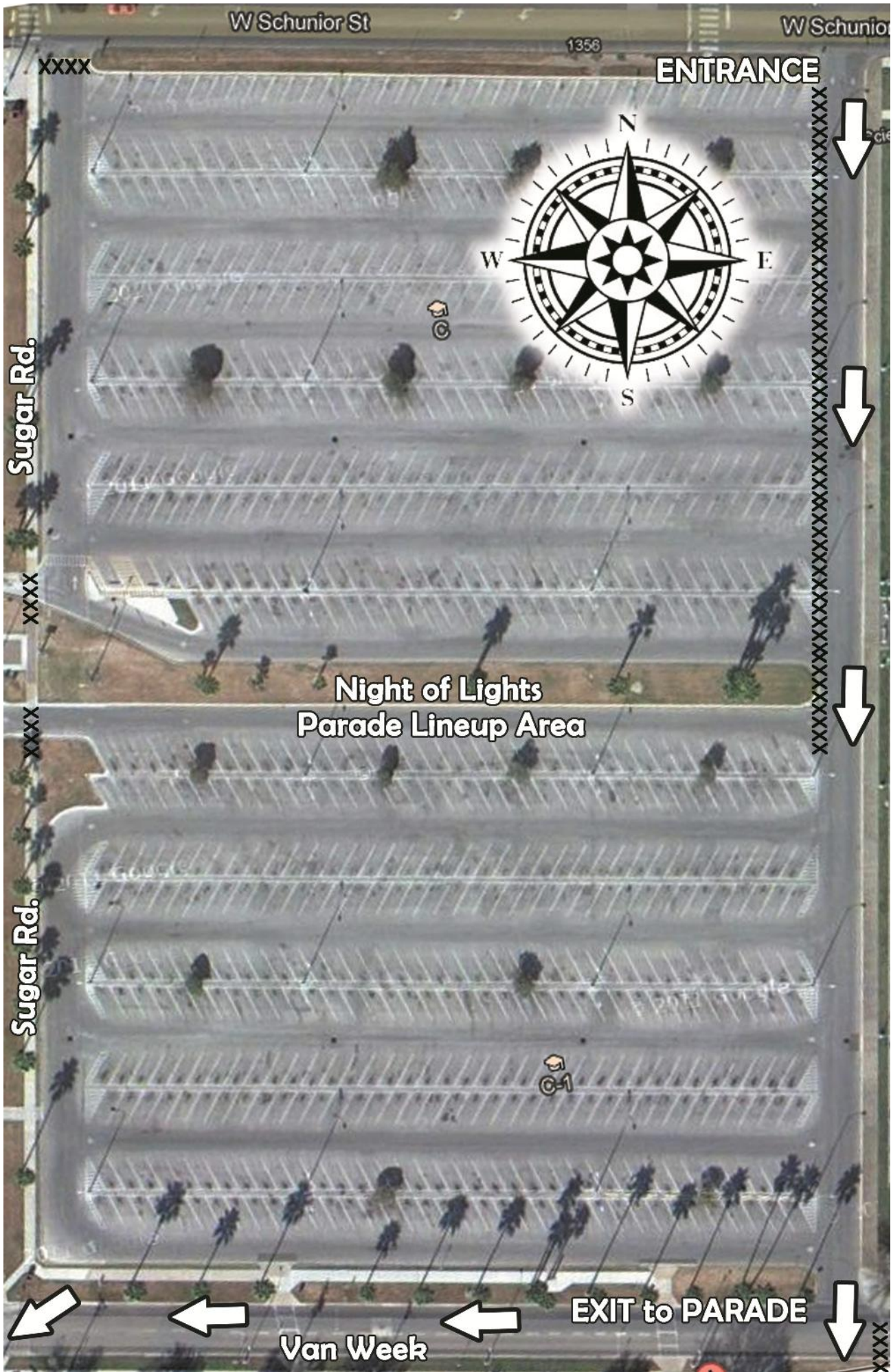


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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The deadline for entering the parade is Tuesday November 26th, 2013@ 5pm.
2. **TIME:** The parade will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.
3. **PARADE THEME:** All entries must follow the Night of Lights theme. We encourage everyone to have loud music and lots of lights. The more lights the better! **NO SANTA CLAUS SUITS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Santa Claus will be the last entry in the parade.
4. **LINE UP:** All entries must enter the UTPA Parking Lot C (Schunior entrance- See Map) for line up on the UTPA Parking Lot C-1 (N. Sugar & W. Van Week) for setup by 4:00 p.m. Parade numbers will be assigned upon arrival at location. Parade Monitors will be on hand to direct entries to their assigned locations.
5. **PARADE JUDGING:** All entries will be judged from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **ONLY.** No entry will be considered after 5:00 p.m. Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Judging will be based on creativity and beauty. **AWARD TROPHIES:** School Division—1st \$700, 2nd \$500, & 3rd \$300; Civic/Business Division: 1st \$700, 2nd \$500, & 3rd \$300
6. **NO POLITICAL ENTRIES** will be accepted. This includes floats, cars, or any other type of entry. Absolutely no political items (shirts, signs, stickers, buttons, etc.) will allowed on float entries. If an entry is caught promoting politicians or distributing political items, it will be required to exit the parade route. The Edinburg Chamber of Commerce must approve all entries.
7. **COMMERCIAL:** Commercial entries must conform to the Night of Lights theme. (ONLY one per business)
8. **HANDOUTS:** **Absolutely NO** throwing of candy or any object from parade entrants will be permitted. Handing out of candy only is permitted to parade walkers. The handing out of other objects or literature will not be permitted.
9. **DISASSEMBLE:** The parade will disassemble at the Hidalgo County Courthouse Parking Lot (Town Square).
10. **PERFORMANCES:** There will not be a limit on the number of moving performances. Individuals are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with safety in mind at all times during the parade.
11. **PARADE ROUTE:** The parade route will begin at the UTPA Parking Lot C-1 (N. Sugar & W. Van Week) for setup. The parade route will continue at the corner of Sugar Rd.(& W. University Dr.) and end at the Hidalgo County Courthouse Parking Lot (town Square).
12. **TOW VECHILES:** All tow vehicles **must** be decorated according to the Night of Lights theme.
13. No one shall get on or off a float or entry once it has started down the parade route.
14. **NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON ANY PARADE ENTRY AT ANY TIME BEFORE OR DURING THE PARADE.**
15. Parade officials will inspect all entries prior to the parade. Entries not complying with the rules or deemed to be in poor taste will be removed from the line up. We will have four Parade Marshals along University working the parade. They will keep the parade moving an enjoyable pace for all to enjoy.

THANK YOU FOR ABIDING BY THESE RULES. LET'S HAVE FUN AND MAKE THIS PARADE A SUCCESS!!!



W Schunior St

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ENTRANCE

Sugar Rd.

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Sugar Rd.

Night of Lights
Parade Lineup Area

Van Week

EXIT to PARADE