

The Edinburg Chamber of Commerce & City of Edinburg present
The 2023 Night of Lights Parade
"Santa's Workshop"

October, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Edinburg Chamber of Commerce and the City of Edinburg are pleased to present the 2023 Night of Lights parade, to be held on **Friday, December 1, 2023**. The theme this year is "Santa's Workshop" and it is our sincere hope that you will join us in inspiring the imaginations of children by decorating your float in the theme of your favorite children's toy's, games, or workshop. In true holiday spirit, we ask that you enhance your float with festive cheer. For example, if your toy is Lego oriented, we would hope to see your float still adorned with twinkling lights, a wreath, or some other form of holiday cheer.

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

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

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

Parade Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 @ 7 p.m.
Application Deadline is Friday November 17, 2023

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 or information@edinburg.com.

Sincerely,

The 2023 Night of Lights Committee

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Entry Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Entry Fee: \$100 (no entry fee for schools) AWARD TROPHIES WILL BE GIVEN TO:
School Division: 1ST, 2ND & 3RD Civic/Business Division: 1ST, 2ND & 3RD Marching Band Division: 1ST, 2ND & 3RD

	Competitive Float School Division (NO FEE)
	Competitive Float Civic Clubs, Businesses, etc.
	Non-competitive Float
	Marching Band Division (NO FEE for School Marching)
	Queen or Sweetheart
	Dignitary
	Miscellaneous

Please describe your entry in detail: _____

Length of entry (linear feet): _____

Type of tow vehicle: _____

Number of participants: _____

Will your entry include music? _____

Parade Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 @ 7 p.m. - Application Deadline: Friday November 17 2023. @ 5pm. Please mail application/ email and registration fee (if applicable), to Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 85, Edinburg, Texas 78540 or fax to (956) 383-6942.

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 Rio Grande Valley, the Night of Lights Committee, their directors, agents, volunteers, employees and attorneys, and all persons, natural or corporate in private 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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PLEASE NOTE: Category winners are heavily based on the ability to adhere to the theme of the parade. Therefore, floats not decorated according to the 2023 Night of Lights Parade, "Santa's Workshop", will be at a disadvantage in the overall scoring. We strongly encourage each entry to adapt to the annual parade theme. Appropriate attire is required.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The deadline for entering the parade is Friday November 17, 2023 @ 5pm.
2. **PARADE DATE AND TIME:** The parade will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023.
3. **PARADE THEME:** Santa's Workshop. All entries must follow the Night of Lights theme. We encourage everyone to have 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. **NO ATVS ALLOWED (ONLY ONE VEHICLE/ ENTRY PER BUSINESS)**
4. **PARADE ENTRIES** may be sponsored by businesses; however, the entry may not be used primarily for advertising purposes and must be in keeping with the spirit of the parade and theme
5. **LINE UP:** TBD. Parade numbers will be assigned upon arrival at location. Parade Monitors will be on hand to direct entries to their assigned locations.
6. **PARADE JUDGING:** All entries will be judged from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **ONLY.** No entry will be considered after 6:00 p.m. Parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. Judging will be based on beauty, presentation, workmanship, originality/theme and holiday spirit. **AWARD TROPHIES:** School Division—1ST 2ND & 3RD Civic/Business Division: 1ST 2ND 3RD Marching Band Division: 1ST 2ND 3RD. **Bands** will be evaluated in 4 categories: presentation, uniforms, music of the holiday spirit and drum majors.
7. **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 be allowed on float entries. If an entry is caught promoting politicians or distributing political items, it will be required to exit the parade route, and entry fee will not be reimbursed. The Edinburg Chamber of Commerce must approve all entries.
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 Town Square. **TBD**
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:** Richard Flores Stadium located at 1800 S Stadium Dr, Edinburg, TX 78539 to the Museum of South Texas History located at 200 N Closner Blvd, Edinburg, TX 78541.
12. **TOW VEHICLES:** 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. **WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRIES NOT COMPLYING WITH THE RULES** or deemed to be in poor taste will be removed from the line up. Parade officials will inspect all entries prior to the parade. We will have four Parade Marshals working the parade route. This will keep the parade moving at an enjoyable pace.

NOTE: PARADE ROUTE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.