

Parade Information

Thank you for entering the 2009 Queen Creek Holiday Festival and Parade. The following information will help make the day fun for all. Please check www.clubzona.org for the latest information on the Parade Route.

The parade route is 1-1/4 miles. **Staging will be located north of Hawes & Riggs Road Intersection on Hawes Road.** The parade will go north on Hawes Road turning right onto Ocotillo and heading east past the judges stand on the corner of Hawes and Ocotillo Roads ending at Desert Mountain Park.

Time:

Staging will start at 8:00 am and Float Check-in will be located north of the Hawes & Riggs Road intersection on Hawes Road. **No entries will be checked in later than 9:30am.** The parade will start promptly at 10 am and should be complete by approx. 11:30 am.

Float or Parade Entry Check-in:

Beginning at 8 am, Hawes Road will be closed from Riggs to Chandler Heights Roads for all traffic except the parade floats and entries. All parade floats must enter the parade staging area from the Hawes & Riggs Road Intersection since traffic will only be allowed to head northbound. At Check-in, located north of Riggs Road on Hawes Road, each entry will receive a line-up number, which needs to be placed visibly on the passenger's side of the Parade entry. After receiving your number at Check-in all entries will pull forward and follow the directional signs to your staging number. Equestrian entries will check-in and stage at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center, see below for details.

NEW* Drop off instructions:

For those dropping off participants, please meet at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center located on Riggs Road between Ellsworth and Hawes Roads. Follow the directions of the volunteers to the shuttle pick up location. The committee highly recommends an adult volunteer from each parade entry to meet their participants at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center. The participants will board a shuttle to the parade staging area located on Hawes Road. Please ensure your float arrives before your participants as the committee is not equipped to chaperone the minors until the floats arrive. For those dropping off participants please park at Desert Mountain Park or the Target Shopping Center for the best parade viewing. The committee will be providing a shuttle from Desert Mountain Park back to Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center from approx. 11:30am-3pm.

Parking:

General Parking will be located at Desert Mountain Park and the Northwest corner of the Vestar(Target) shopping center. Equestrian parking will be allowed in the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center or the trailer may be moved to the Desert Mountain Park.

Restrooms:

There will be restrooms available at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center and Desert Mountain Park. There will also be one portable restroom located on the parade line up located on Hawes Road between Chandler Heights and Riggs Roads.

Parade End & Demobilization:

The parade will conclude at the entrance of Desert Mountain Park off of Ocotillo Road. Demobilization begins at the north side entrance of the park with all floats, walkers and trailers pulling to the right in order to unload children into the Kids Korral (the kids will be directed to the Kids Korral located on the north side of the Desert Mountain Park, the vehicles will then continue east on Ocotillo. Parade Coordinators will assist and direct parade entries through the demobilization process.

Mandatory: Everyone must exit all floats and trailers. No one will be allowed to ride in a vehicle without safety belts after the parade has ended. Children are to report to the Kids Korral with Chaperones for parents to pickup. A marked area will be provided to facilitate coordination of children walking to the Festival, but it is the responsibility of the Parade Entry to ensure the safety of all Parade entry participants.

Equestrians:

Check-in will be located at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center located on Riggs road between Ellsworth and Hawes Roads. Please no mounted riders at the check-in table located on Hawes Road. Equestrians are asked to park their vehicle and trailers at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center. From the end of the parade, Equestrians can return to their vehicles by riding in the Queen Creek Wash and on the Montelena Path, a specific path will be marked. PLEASE, do not cut through Private Property. All equestrian entries will receive their line up number from the volunteer located at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center.

Judging and Awards:

Parade Entries will be judged based on:

- 1. Originality:** Creativity, quality, and uniqueness of decorations
- 2. Holiday Theme:** Recognition of display of Holiday theme.
- 3. Overall:** General appearance, eye appeal, and music.

The Award Ceremony will occur at 2pm on December 5th at the Holiday Festival located at Desert Mountain Park.

Fire Restrictions:

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General Information :

We ask that there be no stopping along the Parade route. Performances for the judges are acceptable as long as the entry continues forward motion.

- Judging will take place at the end of the parade route. **Entries need to continue to move throughout the parade and not stop in front of the judges' stand.**
- All entry drivers must possess a valid drivers license and adequately trained to drive their assigned entry.
- Vehicles must be able to go at least 10 MPH.
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to determine if an entry is unsafe.
- **No entries can have a Santa Clause.** The Parade Committee will provide Santa on the last float in the parade.
- No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed in the staging area or on the float or parade unit. Consumption of alcohol by any individual will result in immediate removal from the event.
- **Absolutely nothing is to be thrown from any parade entries. Parade participants are allowed to walk next to entries and safely hand out information or treats.**
- Failure, by a participant or parent of participants, to obey any police officer or parade official will be cause for that entry to be removed from the parade.
- Religious expression is not prohibited, but proselytizing is prohibited. Please be sensitive to other beliefs.
- Violation of any of the parade rules will result in disqualification from this year's parade and possible future parades.



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PARADE FLOATS

DEFINITIONS

Float vehicle: a vehicle onto which is built a decorated structure for the purpose of obscuring the vehicle.

Motorized Float: Any wheeled vehicle on or in which is a gas or diesel powered engine.

SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Verify that a parade permits have been obtained from the Town Of Queen Creek.
2. All float vehicle(s) either motored driven or towed shall comply with Arizona Revised Statutes Title 28.
3. Driver shall be able to egress a float vehicle without any special tools, equipment or help from others.
4. A minimum 2A10BC rated portable extinguisher shall be readily accessible to drivers of all motorized floats.
5. All floats shall have a minimum 2A10BC rated portable fire extinguisher readily accessible to participants riding on floats.
6. All decorative material shall be fire resistant or flame retardant.
7. Certificate of Flammability shall be with each float having combustible materials on them.
8. No open flames, burning or spark producing devices shall be allowed float.
9. All combustible materials shall be kept away from any source of ignition on the floats.
10. All floats shall be subject to inspection at any time.
11. All electrical cords shall be inspected for wear, fraying, and splicing, and ground all electrical extension cords in use on site shall be a minimum of 20 amps UL approved.

Questions? Please contact the Queen Creek Fire Inspector at 480.358-3000.