



2009
Christmas
Parade

Parade: Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 11:00 AM
Line up begins at 9:30 AM, Parade steps off at 11:00 AM
Co-Sponsors: Nelsonville Community Center & North Pole Nelsonville Committee
Deadline: November 30, 2009
Theme: A North Pole Nelsonville Christmas

Type of Entry: Float _____ Band _____ Queen _____ Other (please specify) _____

BAND & ORGANIZATION ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Person responsible _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Number of people _____

Name of Company/Group represented _____

VISITING QUEENS ENTRY FORM: Please fill out this section.

Festival Name: _____

Queen's Name: _____

Attendant's Name: _____

Please Check One:

Car: _____ **SUV:** _____ **Float:** _____ **Approx. Length:** _____

Brief Comments to be read by Parade Announcer:

Send completed application to:

North Pole Nelsonville Parade Committee,
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2009 Parade Information

GENERAL: North Pole Nelsonville's 2009 Christmas Parade starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009. There is no weather date. If the parade must be canceled, every attempt will be made to contact all participants.

All parade entries must check-in at the Parade Registration Desk located at on Chestnut Street beside Kroger's. Signs and volunteers will direct participants to the area.

A brief description of your float or group should accompany your registration. This will be read at the first announcing/judging station.

CANDY HANDOUTS: Throwing candy or anything else into a crowd from a moving vehicle is dangerous. Candy should be handed to spectators by walkers near the curb.

PARADE CHECK-IN: All entrants should report to the check-in area located on Chestnut Street, beside the Kroger store. Check-in is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All units must be checked in by 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise specified. Upon check-in your unit will be given a parade number which corresponds to your place in the parade. You will be instructed by the staging area coordinator where to line up, based on your assigned number. By parade day, much review has already gone into the line-up. The decision of the staging area coordinator concerning participation and position in the parade is final

FLOATS: Floats should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. Float judging takes place in the staging area prior to the parade. Any float wishing to be judged for the prizes should indicate such when they register for the parade. All floats wishing to compete must have a representative with their float at the time of the actual judging.

BANDS:

A representative from each of the bands should check-in at the registration desk on Chestnut Street, beside the Kroger store.

Competing high school bands will be judged, with prizes awarded at the reviewing stand at the conclusion of the parade.

WALKING UNITS & OTHER ENTRIES: Follow the general check-in information. Entries must be kept to a reasonable length, and generally reflect the description on the entry form (For example, if the form says you will have 10 cars, don't show up with more). The registration form asks for number of marchers accompanying your entry. With the exception of bands and scouts, the parade committee must give approval to all walking group of more than 50 people. All political entries will be limited to a maximum of 50 walkers, no exceptions. If you are a non-political organization and have more than 50 people interested walking, please indicate this on your entry form, so the committee can review your entry and contact you. We appreciate your cooperation!

POLITICAL FLOATS & ENTRIES: Parade entries representing political candidates will not be eligible to compete for prizes. Entrants are encouraged to make their entry as entertaining as possible for the audience. Floats, marching units and other units in the spirit of the day are encouraged. Please remember that political entries are limited to 50 adults or children. Failure to comply risks exclusion of all or part of the entry. The decision of the parade committee and staging area coordinator is final.

PACING: To prevent gaps, please maintain pacing. Entries may stop or slow down to perform at the judging stand at the first announcing station. Keep a short, safe interval from the unit in front of you. Please be aware that there may be marching bands near your entry. Please do not blast horns or sirens or otherwise interfere with performing bands.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Prize awards for the competing Marching Bands and floats will take place immediately after the parade.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: The North Pole Nelsonville Christmas Parade is a family event with many students and children present and participating. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by parade participants in the staging area and throughout the parade route is prohibited. Open alcoholic beverages are prohibited in any motorized vehicle by law. Violators and their entries will be removed by the Committee.

MORE INFORMATION: For more information or if you have questions, please e-mail rhonda@nelsonvillecommunitycenter.com or call 740-753-4100.