





Plain Elementary <u>Panda Spirit Squad</u> will perform and participate in the <u>Simpsonville Christmas Parade</u> on Sunday, December 8th this year! Facts and Requirements:

- *This is NOT a mandatory event for Plain.
- *All participating *Plain* students MUST have a chaperone *walking in parade* with our group to help keep our large group together and safe.
- *All Students, Teachers, and Chaperones **representing Plain Elementary in the Parade** <u>are required</u> to purchase a PES parade-wear hoodie.

Our theme is Totally Awesome 80's

Parade route and meeting information will be released before Monday, December 2nd.

Please fill out the order form attached or pick up in the main office at Plain. Return to OFFICE with EXACT CASH OR CHECK payable to PES before Thursday, November 14th at 2:00 pm.

Please remember to check the website by clicking the small blue box-Panda Spirit Squad Information



Plain Elementary Parade-Wear Order Form Simpsonville Christmas Parade

NO ORDERS AFTER NOV. 14 2:00 PM

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^{*}Spirit Squad Members will wear their new Plain Elementary Hoodie with their Panda Squad Black Cheer Skirt and sneakers.

^{*}Below 50 degrees must have black leggings under skirt.

^{*}Parent/Guardian in Parade Please wear Jeans with Parade Hoodies Designed by Cheeky T's

^{*}Extra Hoodies \$25

SIMPSONVILLE'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

PRESENTED BY WEICHERT, REALTORS - SHAUN & SHARI GROUP

~ 2024 Parade Theme: Christmas Through the Decades ~

Sunday, December 8th, 2024 3:00pm - 5:00pm N.E. & S.E. Main Street through downtown Simpsonville

INFORMATION PACKET FOR ENTRIES & SPONSORS

On Sunday, December 8th, 2024 the Simpsonville Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Simpsonville will proudly host Simpsonville's Christmas Parade, Presented by Weichert, Realtors -Shaun & Shari Group. This year's event will feature an overall theme: Christmas Through the Decades and awards for the best entries.

All local businesses and community groups are invited to be a part of the parade by entering a decorated float, performance group, or vehicle in keeping with this year's theme: Christmas Through the Decades. This packet includes the Rules, Guidelines, and Restrictions as well as the application to enter or sponsor the parade.

PARADE LOCATION

The 2024 parade route will run north to south along N.E. & S.E. Main Street through downtown Simpsonville. The official starting point for the parade will be on N.E. Main Street at S. Pliney Circle. The end point will be on S.E. Main Street at Loma Street. The line-up and staging area will begin at the intersection of N.E. Main Street and HWY 14 and all entries should enter from that point once the road is officially closed by SPD officers. A map of the route and full instructions will be emailed closer to the event date.

Plain Elementary

EVENT DATE & TIME

- Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024
- See Map Event Times: 3:00-5:00pm Line Up is A+ 2:00pm
- Sponsor/Vendor Application Deadline: Friday, November 24th.

2024 PARADE THEME

The theme of this year's Christmas Parade is "Christmas Through the Decades." Each entry should choose their favorite decade and decorate to the theme of that decade. Plan Pandas We a

Celebrating the 80's The interpretation of the theme is up to each individual entrant; we require that each entrant MUST be decorated to the best of their ability.

2024 AWARDS

Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners of the People's Choice Award. Entries that opt into the judged contest will be included on the ballot for public voting. Spectators will be able to vote online during and after the parade. Winners will be announced via social media no later than Wednesday, December 11th.

FIND AND SHARE EVENT DETAILS ONLINE

All event details and updates can be found on our website and social media channels. Help us share this event with the community by liking, sharing, and engaging with our pages.

Chamber Website: www.SimpsonvilleChamber.com Facebook.com/SimpsonvilleChamber (Look for our event page!)

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GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES FOR ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS - By submitting your completed entry form, you agree to abide by these rules, guidelines, and restrictions!

Simpsonville's Annual Christmas Parade is an entertainment event designed to foster community spirit and holiday cheer. The parade is not a forum for intolerance or political messages. Some of the parade units may be designed to honor the religious significance of the holiday season, and/or the cultural heritage and ethnic diversity of our community. The Simpsonville Area Chamber of Commerce has sole discretion as to the content, design, and participants in the parade.

TYPES OF ENTRIES

Vehicles: Appropriately **DECORATED** vehicles will be admitted as entries in the following categories:

- Vans or vehicles with and without a trailer or flatbed in tow.
- · Antique vehicles,
- · Organized motorized units of recognized club or other organization,
- · Cars transporting pageant winners and dignitaries,
- Vehicles transporting children (Example: a Scout troop).

Bands, Dance Groups, Performance Units:

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- Organized performance units shall be in uniform or costume, shall maintain good marching order, and shall have a banner or other identification.
- Walking units must keep a steady pace. These groups are allowed to perform while marching, but <u>will not</u> be allowed to stop for show or demonstration during the parade.

Miscellaneous: Entries not covered in the above categories will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the parade committee.

RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES

- 1. All entries MUST include holiday decorations, uniforms, and/or signage in keeping with the parade's theme: Christmas Through The Decades. The appearance of entries is of utmost importance for acceptance consideration.
- Entry Sizes: Each entry should submit their expected length (including all vehicles, trailers, etc)
 as part of this application. Entries judged unsuitable because of size, safety hazard, or structural
 weakness may be subject to removal.
- 3. No Santas: No parade entry of any type or origin will be permitted to include a live Santa in their unit, except for the pre-approved finale float. All live/human Santas that are not pre-approved by Chamber staff will be asked to leave the event <u>immediately</u> and could be escorted by police if necessary.
- 4. Candy & Handouts: No candy or other objects may be thrown or handed to spectators from floats, vehicles or walkers. Doing so creates a MAJOR safety hazard for all involved. Entries seen to be throwing or handing out anything from vehicles/floats/walkers will be asked to leave the event immediately.
- Set-Up & Staging: All parade units should enter the parade staging area from the intersection of S.E. Main Street and HWY 14 beginning at 2:00pm. All units must be fully assembled and in place within the staging area by 2:45p.m. Only vehicles that are part of the parade entry will be

