



It is our pleasure to invite you to Lynden's 23rd annual **Lighted Christmas Parade** brought to you by Edaleen Dairy, on **Saturday, December 7, at 6:00 PM**. Many families consider this parade to be the grand beginning of their holiday season. Your entry is a special gift to them--we hope you decide to participate this year!

Prizes Awarded For The Following Categories:

**BEST SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ~ BEST LIGHT DESIGN ~ BEST FIRE TRUCK
BEST COMMERCIAL ENTRY ~ BEST GROUP/ORGANIZATIONAL ENTRY
BEST HORSE-DRAWN WAGON ENTRY ~ BEST OF PARADE**

To apply, please complete and return the attached application by **Monday, December 2nd** to: Lighted Christmas Parade, Lynden Chamber of Commerce, 518 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264. You may also fax your application to (360) 354-0401 or e-mail it to events@lynden.org.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT PARADE ENTRY?

MUSIC ~ LIGHTS ~ ANIMATION ~ FUN THEMES ~ HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Parade Entry is Free for Lynden Chamber Members!

The fee is also waived for all non-profit organizations, student groups, etc.

We do ask that you consider supporting this community event with an optional donation (of any amount) & help us continue this exciting holiday tradition in the future! *The Lynden Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization (consult your tax advisor; your donation may be fully deductible).*

All commercial non-member entries, please include a \$35 non-refundable fee

For general parade information, or if you have any questions about the event, sponsorship/volunteer opportunities, etc., please call the Lynden Chamber of Commerce at (360) 354-5995. Looking forward to another wonderful celebration!

Title Sponsor



Staging Number _____



Parade Application

RETURN TO: Lynden Chamber of Commerce
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Lynden, WA 98264
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E-Mail: events@lynden.org
DEADLINE: Monday December 2~ 4:00PM

Name of Entry (Group/Business) _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number (Daytime) _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Driver Name (if different from contact) _____ Phone Number _____

Will your entry have music? _____ Yes _____ No

Number of people in your entry _____ Approximate number of lights on your entry _____

Length of your entry _____ Total Number of Vehicles _____

Height of your entry (note: Maximum height is 12' 6") _____

Please fill out the attached sheet for the announcer.

Our entry will have (Check all that apply)

_____ Horse(s) & wagon (<u>MUST PROVIDE CLEAN-UP UNIT</u>)	_____ Tractor <u>and</u> trailer
_____ Pick-up truck or van	_____ Semi-truck or similar size vehicle
_____ Pick-up truck <u>and</u> trailer	_____ Semi-truck <u>and</u> trailer or flatbed
	_____ Other vehicle _____

Parade Rules

- ❖ All entries must be fully lighted.
- ❖ All horses must be attached to a wagon and come with clean-up unit during the parade.
- ❖ Candy throwing, flyers and handouts of any sort are strictly prohibited. You may quickly walk to the curb to distribute candy ONLY by hand as long as you keep pace with the parade.
- ❖ Due to the length of the parade, no walking entries or animals (excluding horses attached to a wagon) are permitted.
- ❖ All passengers must off-load in designated areas only (see Parade Reminders page).

I have read and agree to the Parade Rules.

Signed **X** _____ Date _____

Insurance Waiver

A Certificate of Insurance is **REQUIRED** from your insurance company, naming the Lynden Chamber of Commerce, the City of Lynden, the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, & the Lighted Christmas Parade as additional insured. Certificates of Insurance should accompany this form, be emailed to events@lynden.org or mailed to the Lynden Chamber of Commerce, 518 Front St., Lynden, WA 98264 by December 2, 2013.

We (I) hereby assume all risk of bodily injury or property damage that (I) may incur in participating in THE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE and we (I) hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors and administrators do hereby expressly and forever waive/release any and all claims against and agree to hold harmless THE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE, The Lynden Chamber of Commerce, the event director, the City of Lynden, the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, all their respective officers, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns of any kind from any and all claims which may be made for any cause whatsoever arising as a result of or in connection with the participation of me or my child in the herein mentioned event. I agree to all rules & will abide by any instructions given to me by the Lighted Christmas Parade volunteers & staff.

Signed **X** _____ Date _____

2013 LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE REMINDERS FOR ENTRANTS

There are a few details we need to make sure you understand so the event is fun and safe for everyone.

****TIMES TO REMEMBER -SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 ****

4:00 PM: Drivers & entries *must be* in their staging areas

4:15 PM: Judging begins (please turn your lights on)!

5:15 PM: Riders *must be* staged with their entries (riders arrive Gate 2)

5:30 PM: Mandatory Drivers' Meeting & Awards (Expo Building)

6:00 PM: PARADE BEGINS!

Staging:

- ✓ **Your staging number** will be issued when you check in at the Fairgrounds before 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 7.

Facilities:

- ✓ **Need a place to work on your entry before the parade?** The Fairgrounds' warm up horse arena (not the new Washington Tractor arena) is available for your use on the following date:
 - Friday, Dec. 6, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM.
 - Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
 - If you would like a dry place to remove lights, etc., you may return to the arena after the parade, but **all entries will need to be removed from the fairgrounds Saturday after the parade.**
- ✓ The **Expo Building** at the Fairgrounds has restroom facilities and will be open for a place to warm up. Refreshments will be available for parade participants beginning at approximately 4:00 PM Saturday provided by Taco Time.

Entries and Drivers:

- Parade entries will need to enter the fairgrounds at Gate 5 off Kok Rd.**
- All non-entry vehicles will need to be off the grounds by 2 p.m. Saturday. Please use the parking area located between Gate 2 and Ralphs Floor off Front St. for parking after that time.
- A stager in an orange vest will give you your staging number and advise you where to proceed. Only parade participants are allowed past this point after **4:15 PM.**
- THERE IS A MANDATORY DRIVERS' MEETING AT 5:30 PM AT THE EXPO BUILDING.** Please try to help out the volunteers who are responsible for staging and arrive on time!

Riders:

- All those riding your entry must be at the Fairgrounds and with your entry **no later than 5:15 PM.**
- Riders are asked to park in the parking area between Gate 2 and Ralph's Floor's. Please do not park inside the fairgrounds for you and your vehicles safety. Please encourage riders to carpool.

After the Parade:

When your entry has completed the parade, should you need to return to the Fairgrounds, please use the following route:

- Left onto Third Street
- Left onto Main Street
- Continue west on Main Street, turning left onto 19th Street
- At Front Street turn right and return to the Fairgrounds via the main gate.

(Lynden Police officers will be at 3rd & Grover and 19th & Front to assist you in making your turns.)

If you have riders who want to get off at the end of the parade route, **PLEASE** make sure your entry is at least past the Grover and 3rd Street intersection before stopping or unloading any passengers.

Questions?: If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office at 354-5995 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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This parade will be monitored. Should a Block Coordinator see anyone in your entry violating any of the following rules during the parade, for the safety of parade spectators, your entire entry will be removed from the parade.

- 1) **NO WALKING ENTRIES!**
- 2) **NO FLYERS OR HANDOUTS OF ANY KIND!**
- 3) **NO INDIVIDUAL HORSE & RIDER ENTRIES!**
- 4) **NO HORSE ENTRIES WITHOUT CLEAN-UP UNITS!**
- 5) **NO CANDY THROWING!** This rule is most important. We absolutely cannot risk having children enter the path of the parade to retrieve candy. You may quickly leave your entry to run along the curb area to hand out candy, as long as you keep pace with the parade.

Thank you very much for your entry. We know how much time and energy it takes on your part to participate in this Lynden family favorite. We encourage you to copy and distribute this sheet to the people who will be participating with you. Let's keep things safe!

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