2025 PARADE OF LIGHTS
PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 9NEWS Parade of Lights *Presented by American Furniture Warehouse and Intermountain Health* is an entertainment event, designed to appeal to families and to bring the community together. The parade will not be the forum for intolerance or political messages. As the parade producer, Downtown Denver Events / Denver Civic Ventures will make decisions at its sole discretion as to the content, design and participants selected to appear in the parade. Please be aware that there will be no Marching Band competition in 2025. Marching bands will be charged a $500 participation fee.

1. All groups must participate in the parade on Saturday, Dec 6th at 6:00pm.

2. All participants must use lights as a part of their entry.

3. All participants must use creative costuming/decorations to meet the parade's criteria of entertainment value.

4. During the performance in the "televised zone", each band is required to be prepared to perform between 1.5-2.5 minutes while moving forward as directed by parade officials.

5. No one may be dressed as Santa Claus.

6. All movement must be in a continuous forward motion.

7. All participants must be able to complete a two-mile route within a one-hour time span.

8. All band participants MUST currently be a High School Student, either with the applicant school or with an international exchange program if approved in advance by the parade producers.

9. No participants may be in the parade or accompany the unit on the route without an approved costume or uniform.

10. Any additional individuals wishing to walk along the route to assist the unit will be allowed only when deemed necessary by parade producers. The number of support people will be limited to a ratio of no more than 5% of the group's total participants and must be incorporated into the overall unit presentation including wearing costumes or uniforms that coordinate with those of the participants. These individuals must be pre-registered with the parade producers and will formally check in on parade night. Children or other family members may not accompany support personnel on the route.

11. All music must be pre-approved by the parade producers to avoid duplication of music selections.

12. Nothing (including candy, gifts or printed materials) may be thrown or otherwise distributed from any parade unit.

13. Motorized vehicles are discouraged and will not be allowed unless pre-authorized in writing by parade producers. If approved, you will be required to present proof of insurance.

14. Generators or car batteries may be allowed for powering lights but must be moved down the street without the aid of a motorized vehicle. Units using a generator must carry a fire extinguisher with them at all times.

15. Marching bands will be allowed to carry one school banner identifying their band. School banners may not include any 3rd party or sponsor and must be carried by school participants wearing uniforms or costumes.

16. Units that include animals will be considered for participation only if the animals are trained and can be safely controlled under parade conditions. Units with horses, dogs or other animals must provide their own sanitation helpers to follow the unit and provide clean up along the route as well as in the staging area.

17. All individual participants must return a signed waiver (signed by parent or guardian if under the age of 18) prior to the parade. If invited to participate, your group will receive a waiver form that must be photo copied, distributed, and returned in one submittal.

I have read the parade rules and regulations and recognize that our participation in the Parade of Lights is based upon adherence to these rules. I understand that acceptance in the parade is at the sole discretion of the parade organizers. I agree that if my group is invited to participate in the parade, we will adhere to all rules and regulations as stated above. (Sign this page and enclose it with your completed application.)

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Signature   Date

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Organization   Title

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