



## 2023 Oxford Chamber Christmas Parade Participant Information



*Please read all the information below and please communicate it with the rest of your group to allow for a fun and safe parade!*

- Check-in starts at 12:00 PM with the Chamber at the First Baptist Church (150 Pontiac Street). **All members of your group MUST be present in order to be allowed to line up.** You can meet at Oxford Elementary School parking lot until you are all present and come line up as a group. *For safety reasons, children can NOT be dropped off at the check-in area. Please wait at Oxford Elementary School and come to the check-in area as a complete unit!*
- There is **NO** parking at the Church. Parking for participants is available at Oxford Elementary School, if needed.
- There is no entrance off Hovey St.! You must enter off Pontiac St. to check-in with the Chamber at First Baptist Church, 150 Pontiac St..
- **Parade begins at 1 PM.** Due to road closures we will not be able to hold the parade for any late arrivals.
- Parade order is set up on a first come first serve basis the day of the parade at check-in. As always, the parade will begin with a Village Police escort, American Legion Post #108 presenting the American Flag, the Grand Marshals, then the parade entries. Santa and Mrs. Claus close out our parade. **Once you are checked-in do not switch spots with another entry!** This will cause OCTV coverage and judging to be in the incorrect order and we will not be able to change it!
- When waiting in line in the parking lot for the parade to start, please stay tight with the group ahead of you (no gaps!) so that we have room to line up everyone and not block traffic on Pontiac St.! We will have Chamber volunteers helping so please listen to their instructions. Once the parade starts there will room to spread out for your walkers/dancers/etc..
- Dress appropriately for the weather! The parade happens rain, snow, or sunshine!
- Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed.
- The parade committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- **All entries with animals MUST provide their own clean up.** This is MANDATORY and your entry will not be allowed to participate if you fail to adhere to this rule.

- Candy/items CANNOT be thrown. If you would like to hand out candy/items you may have walkers with your entry hand it to observers of the parade.
- NO LIVE SANTAS ALLOWED ON YOUR FLOAT.
- **Please be aware that with the new addition of three (3) Pedestrian Refuge Islands (medians) on M-24, we are asking floats/participants to stay on the east (right) side of northbound M-24.** Tell your float drivers and walkers too so they are aware! Also, plan your float/group to be no more than two (2) lanes wide (approximately 20 feet).
- The Parade ends at East St.. Follow the entry in front of you and you will be led there by the police escort at the front of the parade. **Do NOT turn off early or stop during the parade!**
- Children can be picked up by their parents from you at the Northeast Municipal parking lot where the parade ends (behind Woodchips Express). Parents can enter the parking lot off westbound East St. or westbound Burdick St.. You are responsible to ensure all your youth participants are picked up by a parent! Do NOT leave a child unattended!
- When all your participants have been picked up and you are ready to leave with your vehicle, please be careful of pedestrians in the parking lot. You may leave the parking lot from the back and come out at East St. or Burdick St.. Do not try to reenter M24 while the parade is still occurring and the street is closed!

### **After the Parade:**

- Please join us immediately after the parade ends in Centennial Park for the announcements of the winners in each category!
- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photo opportunities!

*Thank you for participating in the 2023 Oxford Chamber Christmas! Be sure to tag @OxfordMichiganChamber on your Facebook posts and like our page!*

*Thank you,*

*Oxford Chamber of Commerce*

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