

THE CITY OF  
*Hanford*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARADE**  
*THE POLAR EXPRESS*

**NOVEMBER 28**

**6 PM**

**DOWNTOWN  
HANFORD**

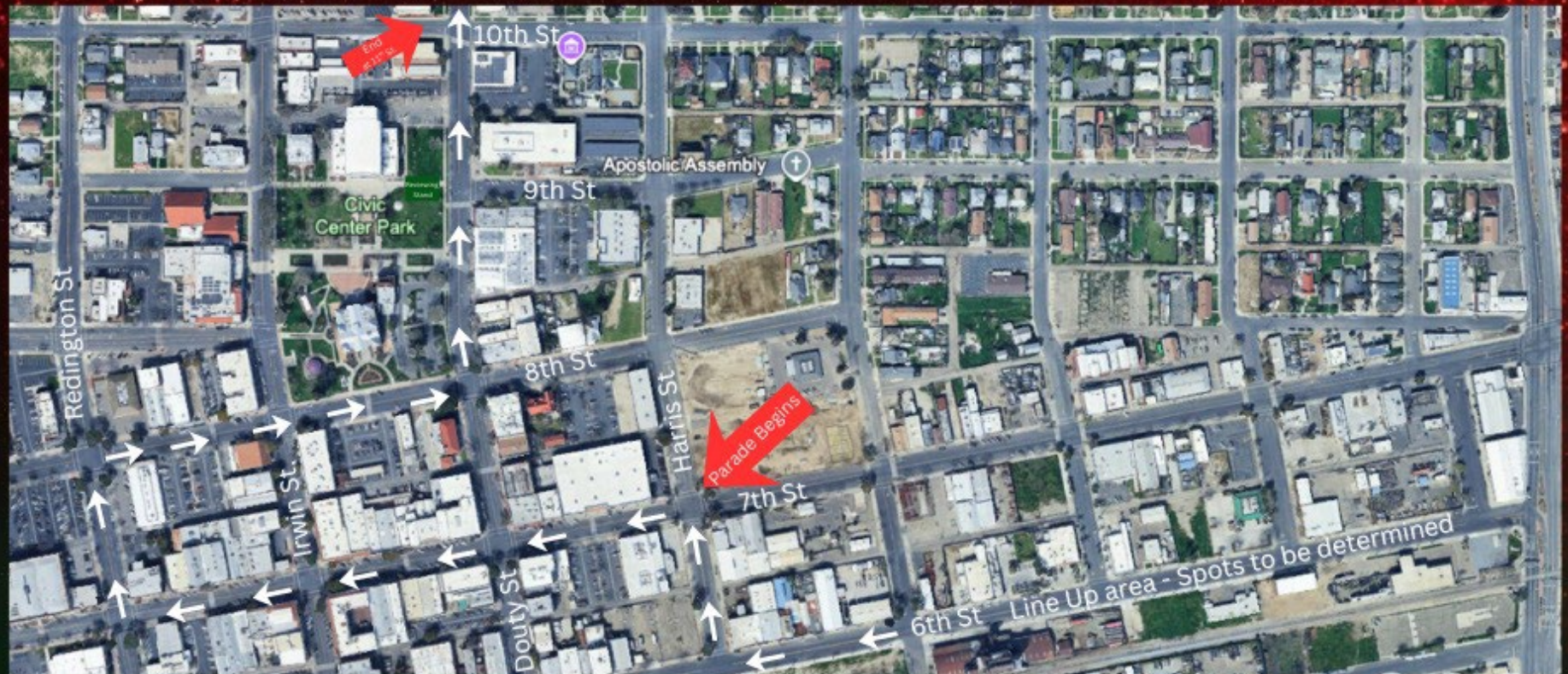
**SPECIAL GUEST:  
SANTA CLAUS!**

**Co-Host**





# 2025 Hanford Christmas Parade Map



## Big changes!

Line up on 6<sup>th</sup> St. between 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Harris

Route extended to Redington St. adds 2,000 ft. of additional viewing space - More security - More food options

2<sup>nd</sup> announcer stand - more restrooms



The City of Hanford Christmas Parade Presents...  
"The Polar Express"

**Deadline for returning a completed entry packet & fee:**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th by 5:30pm**

**You may also complete the online application at:**

**<https://www.cityofhanfordca.com/1616/Online-Entry-Packet>**

Incomplete entries will not be considered for the parade.

Do not turn in your application before you have checked and completed all the items below:

- ☐ All Application parts Signed and Dated
- ☐ Description of Entry and Background information for Parade Announcer. Please be descriptive. Give an interesting point about your entry for announcers.
- ☐ Rules and Regulations acknowledgement form signed and returned.
- ☐ Copy of Group Liability Insurance: (a) Certificate of Insurance; and (b) insurance endorsements: (i) Naming "City of Hanford" as Additional insured; (ii) stating that the insured's coverage is primary and non-contributory with respect to coverage maintained by the City of Hanford; and (iii) waiving subrogation rights as to the City of Hanford.
- ☐ Copy of vehicle liability insurance (Towing Vehicles, Single Vehicle, and Vehicle Groups of Participants): (a) Certificate of Insurance; and (b) insurance endorsements: (i) naming "City of Hanford" as additional insured; and (ii) stating that the insured's coverage is primary and non-contributory as to coverage maintained by the City of Hanford; and (iii) waiving subrogation rights as to the City of Hanford.
- ☐ Copy of the Driver License of Vehicle Driver and copy of vehicle registration.
- ☐ Signed and Dated Release of Liability Form for Minor Children
- ☐ Appropriate Fee

- ☐ Line-up packets will need to be ***picked up when we contact you with a date and time.***

\*Submitting an application does not guarantee entry in the parade.

If approved, you will receive an email to let you know you are confirmed.

**Please scan all documents and send to  
aramos@hanfordca.gov or complete online application at  
<https://www.cityofhanfordca.com/1616/Online-Entry-Packet>**



Theme: "The Polar Express"

**Parade Date:** November 28, 2025 @ 6pm.

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Name of Organization:

Person in Charge of the Entry: \*All contact will be with this person.

Cell Phone:

Email Address: Please print CLEARLY.

## City of Hanford Christmas Parade: Float Information

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\*Both sections must be completed, you may use a separate page if needed or can be typed and submitted via email to [aramos@hanfordca.gov](mailto:aramos@hanfordca.gov)

1. Please provide information about your entry for announcer in 50 words or less. This cannot be a commercial, it is information for the announcers to talk about when announcing your entry. Be descriptive. *(Example: note a point of interest for your entry. How many years have you participated in the parade? Who decorated? Who's riding on the float? What is the focal point of your entry?)*

2. Describe in detail or include a picture/sketch of your entry and how it will be decorated for the announcers.

## ENTRY DETAIL

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**PARDE ENTRY:** *mark only one box entry per application, you may select a box and circle if applicable (will not need additional entry). If your group checks more than one box, two entries must be submitted.*

- ☐ Marching Band/Units
  - ☐ Drill Team
  - ☐ Color Guard
  - ☐ Drum & Bugle
- ☐ Vehicles Group (up to 12 vehicles or motorcycles)
  - ☐ Car club
  - ☐ Bike Club
- ☐ Float-Pulled by Semi
- ☐ Float-Pulled by Pickup Truck
- ☐ Single Vehicle
- ☐ Equestrian
  - ☐ Horse Drawn

Number of People  
Walking/Marching/Dancing  
in Entire Group:

- ☐ 1-10
- ☐ 1-20
- ☐ 1-30+
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**FLOAT DECORATIONS:** (please mark one only) only those floats entered under and “Decorated with the Official Parade Theme” will be eligible for awards.

- ☐ Official Parade Theme: “The Polar Express”
- ☐ Christmas

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## ENTRY DETAIL

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Entry will have music? Check one.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## FEES

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- ☐ City of Hanford Special: \$60 (Submission Date Range): 10/3-11/14

**\*PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL NOT PROCESS ANY LATE RATE APPLICATIONS AFTER 11/14**

**You can make a payment online via the QR code at:  
Or <https://square.link/u/6OTGgngn>**



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:30PM FRIDAY November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Once selected you will not be mailed a packet. We will contact you directly to set up a date and time to attend a **mandatory orientation meeting** and pick up your parade packet. Please scan completed items and send to [aramos@hanfordca.gov](mailto:aramos@hanfordca.gov) or stop by City of Hanford's Main Offices at 321 N Douty St.**



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- ☐ Parade entries must be decorated with holiday lights and decorations.
- ☐ No Santa's allowed in the Parade, except for the **"Official Santa"** designated by the Parade sponsors.
- ☐ Fees are non-refundable (unless unforeseeable circumstances)
- ☐ Parade numbers are assigned at random and you cannot be guaranteed a specific number/slot.
- ☐ Applicants are required to distribute the parade rules to all participants in their entry.
- ☐ Electrical wires and connections on Parade entries must be safe and in good repair. No Open Flames are allowed!
- ☐ All Support Personnel need to have proper ID visible.
- ☐ No drugs/alcoholic beverages, or smoking of any kind allowed.
- ☐ Proof of group liability insurance is required with submission of the entry application.
- ☐ Proof of automobile liability insurance for vehicles participating in the Parade is required with submission of the entry application.
- ☐ Proof of group liability and automobile liability insurance shall include:  
(a) Certificates of Insurance; and (b) endorsements: (i) naming "City of Hanford" as additional insured; (ii) stating that the insured's coverage is primary and non-contributory as to coverage maintained by the City of Hanford; and (iii) waiving subrogation rights as to the City of Hanford.
- ☐ A participating group shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City of Hanford harmless from all claims, liabilities, injuries and losses: (i) suffered a group, a group's member, or a group's Parade participant arising from any Parade-related cause; or (ii) caused by or arising from any Parade-related acts or omissions of a group, a group's member, or a group's Parade participant.

- ☐ All entrants must sign and submit indemnification/liability agreements with their entry application.
- ☐ Entrants must abide by all safety instructions provided by Parade Coordinators.
- ☐ Entrants must gather outside the Parade staging area and arrive at the staging area as a group.
- ☐ Late arriving vehicle entrants will not be allowed to enter the staging area or closed streets.
- ☐ Car club entries must abide by street safety laws.
- ☐ The height limit for vehicle/float entries is 13' (feet), Length of 40' (feet), including the towing vehicle.
- ☐ Entries with power generators must have the generator securely fastened and must have a fire extinguisher easily accessible to an adult rider. Extinguisher must be visible and checked in when entering. No combustibles may be placed next to a power source on Parade entries.
- ☐ Hay/straw may be used on vehicle/float entries if in complete bales
- ☐ Children may not ride on edges of open flatbed trucks or trailers.
- ☐ No items, including candy or paper goods, may be thrown or handed out along the parade route.
- ☐ Entrants must take with them all items brought to the event at the end of the parade, including hay, animal droppings, paper, etc.
- ☐ The parade marshal(s) reserves the right to exclude/remove entrants whose conduct or entry violate Parade criteria or pose safety concerns, this may result in the denial of future participation.

Your entry must comply all rules and regulations. Failure to comply could result in removal from the line up or expulsion from being able to participate in the 2025 Christmas Parade and future parades. You understand there is a firm deadline for returning entry forms to the City of Hanford

offices. If the entry does not meet this deadline, we will place you on an interest list for the 2026 Christmas Parade.

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for the 2025 City of Hanford Christmas Parade.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Turn in completed forms and all other items via email to:

Adam Ramos  
Recreation Manager  
Email: [aramos@hanfordca.gov](mailto:aramos@hanfordca.gov)  
559-585-2526

OR

In Person at City of Hanford  
Main Offices. Located at  
321 N Douty St.  
Hanford CA 93230



# Release & Indemnity Agreement for Minor Children

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## FORM #1

Group/organization/parade entry: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [name] am the parent or legal guardian  
of \_\_\_\_\_ [name of child/children] ("Child").

I acknowledge that Child will participate in the 2025 City of Hanford Christmas Parade ("Parade").

In exchange for Child's participation in the Parade, I acknowledge that there is a potential risk of injury to Child and agree to the following:

1. ON CHILD'S BEHALF AND MY BEHALF, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE CONDITION ON THE CITY'S PROPERTY OR THE NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OF THE CITY or others, that are associated with Child's participation in the Parade; or (b) any City facilities or property used in connection with the Parade (collectively "Covered Conditions and Events"). The City will have no responsibility for any injury, disability, or death suffered by Child as result of Covered Conditions and Events.
2. On behalf of Child, Child's heirs, personal representatives, and next of kin, including, without limitation, myself, I will INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY AND ITS OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, OR DEATH OF CHILD ARISING FROM COVERED CONDITIONS AND EVENTS.

In the event of a lawsuit to enforce the terms of this Release, the prevailing party will be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, which will be promptly paid by the non-prevailing party.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND SIGNIFICANCE, UNDERSTAND THAT, ON CHILD’S BEHALF AND MY BEHALF, I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY IN EXCHANGE FOR CHILD’S PARTICIPATION IN THE PARADE.

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Date signed\_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Once application is received the review processing will take two business days. A mandatory Parade Participant Meeting will be held at the City of Hanford’s Training Room located at 321 N Douty St Hanford, CA 93230 on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6pm. This is a mandatory meeting for all participants, snacks and beverages will be provided.

Thank you!

City of Hanford Parks and Community Services Team!