



2017  
**Parade  
of Lights**



## **Downtown Odessa Parade of Lights Application**

The parade will start at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street on Andrews Highway and travel south on Andrews Highway, where it will turn west on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Medical Center Hospital parking lot for de-staging. All riders will de-stage at that point and ride the buses provided back to the OC parking lot.

**There will be NO pick up at the Medical Center Hospital parking lot.**

We suggest you have a prearranged area in the OC parking lot to meet your rides after the parade.

**The person in charge of organizing the entry is responsible for letting everyone involved know the rules.**  
**Make copies of this page and give to all parents.**

***Regular Registration Deadline is November 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration after this date will have a \$20 late charge added to regular fee.***

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In the event of severe inclement weather, the Odessa Police Department may require cancellation of the parade for safety reasons. Every effort will be made to reschedule in that case, but if that is not possible, all entry fees will be returned.

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# Downtown Odessa - Parade of Lights

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

**Every Entry, including support vehicles, horses and individuals  
MUST be decorated with working Christmas lights.  
Any entry not following this rule will be removed from the parade line-up.**

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 2, 2017

**ROUTE:** South on Andrews Highway from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, West on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Medical Center Hospital parking lot for de-staging. All riders will de-stage there and be bused back to the OC parking lot.  
**NO PICK UP AT MCH ALLOWED**

**TIME:** Line-up begins at **3:00 p.m.** in the Odessa College parking lot beside the Sports Center off University. The parade begins promptly at **6:30 p.m.** **All entries must be in the parade line-up by 6:00 p.m.**

**AWARDS:** Award announcements will be sent to the Odessa American and will be formally presented at the January City Council Meeting

**REGISTRATION:** Must be received by **12:00 noon, November 29, 2017**

**LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL HAVE A \$20.00 SURCHARGE TO PRICES BELOW**

## ENTRY CATEGORIES & PRIZES

Description	Entry Fee	Awards		
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd	3rd
<b>Commercial/Business</b> - best lighted float	<b>\$50</b> (\$25 for each additional vehicle) due with registration	\$2,000	\$1000	\$500
<b>Community Organization</b> - best lighted float <small>(Non-Profit, Churches, Boy/Girl Scouts, PTA's, Children's Associations, etc.)</small>	<b>\$25</b> (\$5 for each additional vehicle) due with registration	\$2,000	\$1000	\$500
<b>School</b> - best lighted school entry	No Fee	Plaque	Plaque	Plaque
<b>Mayor's Award</b> (Individual or family) <small>Most Original Interpretation of Float Theme</small>	<b>\$25</b> (\$5 for each additional vehicle) due with registration	\$500		

**All Entries are eligible to win the Mayor's Award which represents the best overall entry in the parade (plaque).**

## GENERAL RULES

- All entries will be given a number to be placed on the passenger's door of the float or lead vehicle at the time of line-up on the Odessa College parking lot.
- All entries **MUST:**
  - be able to **keep up** with parade speed)
  - be **DECORATED IN WORKING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**
  - **NOT STOP** to perform which causes gaps in parade, will be enforced
  - **NOT** exceed 13' 6" tall
  - **NO SANTAS!** There is only one official Santa who will make his appearance at the end of the parade. Any entry with a live or stuffed Santa will be asked to withdraw.
- **All entry fees must be cash or check only. Please make check out to Downtown Odessa Inc.**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Category\* (Check ONE only)    Commercial/Business    Community/Non-Profit    School  Band  Individual/Family

\*Downtown Odessa reserves the right to make final category determination

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

(Size, Theme of Entry/Car/Float, etc.)

I understand the following:

1. Downtown Odessa Inc., the City of Odessa, or any volunteer associated with the Parade of Lights, is not responsible for any personal injuries or property damage that may directly or indirectly occur as a result of participating in the Parade of Lights.
2. City ordinances do not allow toys, candy or any items to be thrown from a vehicle or float and/or handed out during the parade. If found in violation of the city ordinance, the parade entrant may be ticketed, fined and/or removed from the parade. An entrant that is removed from the parade will forfeit any award that may have been earned.
3. Entry fee is non-refundable and will be applied towards cash awards.
4. Participants agree to refrain from stopping to perform during the parade route.
5. Large floats and 18 wheeler floats will provide four (4) persons, (2) on each side, to walk alongside the float to maintain safety along the parade route. These persons are responsible for the safety of the persons riding on the float, making sure they do not get too close to the curbs and keeping spectators from getting close to the float along the parade route.
6. Downtown Odessa Inc. reserves the right to review all parade entries prior to the parade.

Any entry that does not meet the family-friendly nature of the event will not be allowed to proceed. The entry fee for such entry will be refunded. Additionally, boisterous, insulting, or profane language or engaging in disorderly, lewd or lascivious conduct of any kind will not be permitted and will be cause for removal from the parade without refund.



7. I agree to inform all parents or other responsible parties that for safety reasons, parade participants will be returned by an ECISD shuttle bus to the Odessa College campus at the end of the parade. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PICK-UP AT THE MCH PARKING LOT.** This will be enforced by the Odessa Police Department.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Option #1: Mail registration form to:**

**Downtown Odessa, Inc.  
PO BOX 4398  
Odessa, TX 79760**

**Option#2: Email Registration form to:**

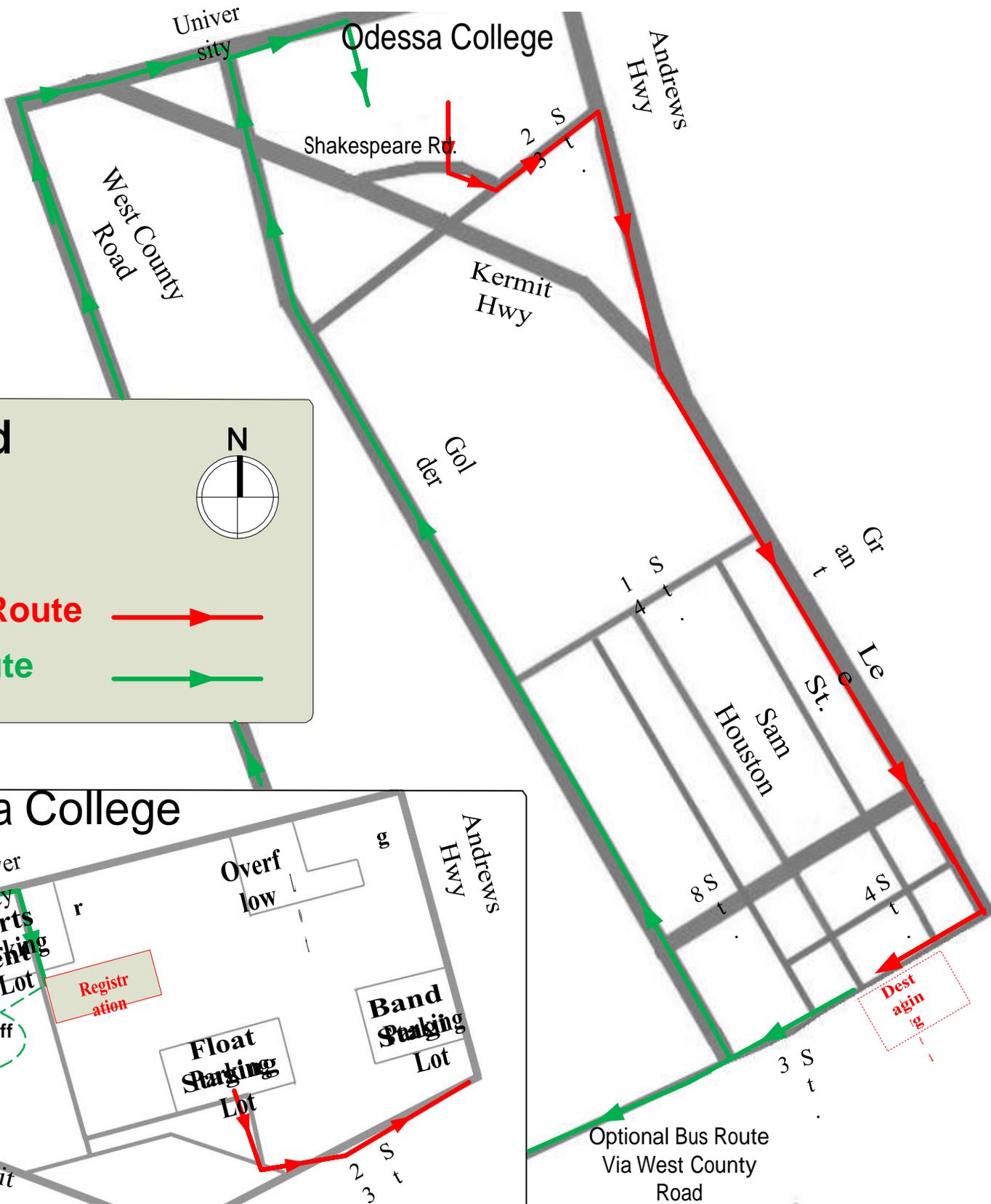
**[hhowey@odessa-tx.gov](mailto:hhowey@odessa-tx.gov)**

**Option #3: Drop-off at:**

**Downtown Odessa, Inc.  
119 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 103  
Odessa, TX 79761**

**For questions or further information, please contact: Downtown Odessa, Inc. –  
(432)335-4682**

# Downtown Odessa Parade of Lights Map



**Legend**

**Parade Route** →

**Bus Route** →

