

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual “Night Lights”  
Christmas Parade  
Friday, December 4, 2015  
Downtown Grand Ledge  
7:00 p.m.**

Parade participation is FREE to all organizations and groups.  
Political entries will incur a charge of \$50.00 payable at the time of registration.

**Organization/Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person for Parade Updates (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person phone: \_\_\_\_\_ mobile - home - business (please circle)

**Parade Unit:**

Approximately how many people will be in your group? \_\_\_\_\_

How will your group participate in the parade? (check only one)

\_\_\_\_\_ ALL will walk

\_\_\_\_\_ Some walk/some ride in a vehicle/on a float

\_\_\_\_\_ ALL will ride in a vehicle/on a float

If you have a float, what type of vehicle will pull it? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are riding in a vehicle, what type is it? (car, pickup, bus, semi etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you play music as you walk or ride? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Total feet of space your group/float/vehicle will need in the staging area prior to parade start? \_\_\_\_\_

Please use this space for any additional information or comments:

**Signature:**

- The signature below waives and releases all rights and claims against the Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce for any injury or property damage incurred during this event.
- The signature below confirms that you are an “authorized representative” acting on behalf of the listed organization/group and have read, understand and agree to abide by the parade policies.

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

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parade Policies**

**The Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce** coordinates this parade on behalf of the Grand Ledge community and area businesses. We are committed to providing a safe and exciting event, and require parade participants to comply with our policies listed below. Please mail, fax or email this completed and signed two-page registration form to the Chamber address listed.

**Registration:**

- The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes the participation of all people regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, sexual orientation or religion affiliation and prohibits parade participants from engaging in any type of discriminatory action.
- Organizations/groups must register in advance and registration forms will be reviewed and approved. The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to deny any registration form.

**Lineup/Staging Area:**

- Assigned lineup and cone number will be communicated to the contact person listed prior to the event day.
- Route subject to change as warranted by emergency personnel.
- **Christmas Parade 7pm** - line-up cone #1 will be along the G.L. Fire Station and continue down Halbert Street. Parade route will proceed down N. Bridge St. across the bridge to S. Bridge St. and end at the Sun Theater.
- **Yankee Doodle Days Parade 11am** – lineup cone #1 will be at the Sawdon Administration Building (The front of the building is on Lamson Street and the back of the building/parking lot area is on Jenne Street.) Parade route will proceed to S. Bridge St. across the bridge to N. Bridge St. and end at the G.L. Fire Station.

**Safety:**

- Two designated chaperones **MUST** walk alongside all floats and large vehicles to ensure a kid-free safety zone throughout the parade route.
- Participants shall follow all direction and guidance provided by police/fire personnel and parade coordinators.
- All drivers must have a current and applicable driver's license, vehicle registration and vehicle insurance.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be on or in any unit.
- Vehicles and float unit length may not exceed State of MI requirements for truck and trailer or tractor-trailer units.
- It is recommended all vehicles and/or floats have a working ABC Fire Extinguisher.

**Throws and Item Distribution:**

- Safety for spectators and parade participants is critical. Therefore, **ALL ITEMS MUST BE HANDED** to spectators along the parade route. No throwing of candy or similar items will be allowed and parade participants must be alert for children at all times. Organizations/groups may distribute candy, small toy items, literature, brochures...etc. Offensive and sexually explicit materials are strictly prohibited.

**Political Entries:**

- Political entries – please enclose \$50.00 payment with registration.
- Checks may be made payable to the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce.