





Rockmart Civic Arts Commission City of Rockmart 2012 Christmas Parade

September 2012

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RCAC c/o City of Rockmart ATTENTION: PARADE COMMITTEE P. O. Box 231 Rockmart, Georgia 30153 Phone 770-684-5454 / Fax 770-684-4435

We look forward to seeing you there!

Very truly yours,

Parade Committee Rockmart Civic Arts Commission City of Rockmart

Signature to pick up:

"The Hope of Christmas"

CHRISTMAS PARADE MONDAY, December 3, 2012 6:00 P.M.

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- Walkers are PROHIBITED from HANDING OUT anything including, but not limited to candy, toys, goodie bags, etc.
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- VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES CAN BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.
- Winnings will be available for pick up or mail AFTER Friday, December 14th.
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2012 Christmas Parade Safety Tips for Parents

A safety message for all you parents out there...

Please, when dropping your child off to be in the parade, **do not stop or stand** in the drop off area.

Your child will need to be ready to *exit your vehicle immediately* when in the Hilburn Field parking lot of the Rockmart Recreation Department located at 815 College Street, Rockmart.

One of our Parade Committee members will be there to direct the flow of traffic and to help direct parade participants to their designated areas. (*Please coordinate connection of your child with the leader of his/her group before arriving.*)

You **CANNOT** park in the parking lot of Hilburn Field where the parade is being staged. You will need to find a different area to park to view the parade. The end is at the former Rockmart Street Middle School located at 100 Morgan Valley Road. Please make arrangements to meet your child there for pickup after the parade. Please instruct your child to stay with his/her group until you arrive to pick them up.

Other safety tips...

- If your child has a cell phone, make sure he/she has it with him/her with the volume ON.
- Remind your child to stay with his/her group until you arrive to pick him/her up.
- Remind your child to NEVER get into a vehicle with a stranger no matter what they are told. If
 someone attempts to pick up your child, stress to your child to contact you or another trusted
 family adult for verification or talk to a police officer first. If your child does not have a cell
 phone, plenty of other children and adults will and can let your child borrow one in case of an
 emergency.
- Temperatures play a big factor in how you should dress your child. Please be sure to dress your children accordingly, even providing an extra jacket or blanket in the event of cold weather.
- Restrooms will be open in the Rockmart Recreation Gymnasium for parade participants.

Thank you for participating in our parade. Have fun and Merry Christmas!

If you have any more questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call 770-684-5454.