Community Services Department - Parade Registration Coordinators
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Official: **River Of Lights Parade Entry Form**
Theme: "Southwest Country Cowboy Christmas"

Application Deadline: November 25, 2026

Title for Float Entry: _____ Organization/Business: _____
Contact Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Mailing Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Parade Categories (Check Only One) ☐ Non Judged Entry

☐ Float (School/Club) ☐ Float (Department/Entity) ☐ Marching Unit ☐ Dance Group

☐ Royalty Tribe: _____

For non-band entries: Will your entry have music? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number of Participants: _____

Parade Entry Announcement (Print/Type- Limit to 50 words or less)

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Entry Transportation
☐Walking only, no vehicles
Indicate the type of parade vehicle. *Check all that apply, and indicate multiple vehicles.*
☐ Motorcycle(s) #: _____ ☐ Car(s) #: _____ ☐ Pickup(s) #: _____ ☐ Large truck(s) #: _____ ☐ Bus #: _____

☐ Other (*Please Describe*): _____ #: ____
☐ Horse(s) #: _____ ☐ Horse Drawn *Total Dimensions: Length*_____*ft. Width*_____*ft.*
☐ Trailer(s) #: _____ *Total Dimensions*: *Length*_____*ft. Width*_____*ft.*

Safety Officers (walking officials)
Safety is always a priority during the parade. It is MANDATORY that each parade entrant supplies two Officers to accompany its Parade entry. Officers must be 16 years of age or older and must be able to walk on left front and rear right of the parade entry.

Please provide the names and contact information for your two (2) safety officials for your float:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I hereby enter the above at my own risk and am subject to all parade rules. I further agree that the Gila River Indian Community, the Fair Coordinators and Parade Committee will not be liable and/or responsible for any bodily injury, theft or damages, incurred prior, during, or after the parade. I will make no claim against the Gila River Indian Community, Fair Coordinators, and Parade Committee or institute any legal proceedings for the personal bodily injuries or property damage arising from an accident by an employee or entry of mine.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gila River Indian Community
River of Lights Parade
"Southwest Country Cowboy Christmas"
December 4th, 2026

Parade Entry Liability Waiver and Release of Liability

(Please read this entire document and return the signed and completed form with the rest of your parade entry forms)

IN CONSIDERATION of being granted a position as an entrant and/or permission to participate in the River of Lights Parade (Southwest Cowboy Christmas), or on behalf of a minor child, the undersigned agrees and states as follows:

1. The undersigned is aware of, understands, and assumes all inherent risks, hazards and dangers associated with parade participation (printed below) and, notwithstanding that the actual conditions at the Parade may pose more or less risks, hazards and dangers than those so enumerated below;

2. The undersigned, for himself or herself and for his or her heirs, successors, assignees, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby releases, waives, discharges, covenants not to sue and agrees to hold harmless the Gila River Indian Community and the Community Services Department, as well as their officers, directors, agents, volunteers and employees, from all liability for any and all causes and claims of every type and nature whatsoever, including but not limited to property damage, personal injury and/or wrongful death or otherwise, without limitation, arising out of or alleged to be arising out of the conduct of the Parade, the pre-Parade formation, staging, placement, judging, organizational meetings, post-Parade ceremonies and any other Parade event sanctioned by the Community or Community Services Department;

3. The undersigned hereby promises that the state of his or her physical health (or if this release is on behalf of a minor) will, on the day of the Parade, be sufficiently sound to permit him or her to safely participate. If the undersigned (or if this release is on behalf of a minor) will be handling any animal, motorized vehicle, apparatus, device, firearm, or other thing in the Parade, he or she is possessed of sufficient experience in doing so that the life, limb or property of self and others will not be exposed to unreasonable risk of harm.

4. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that the Gila River Indian Community ("Community") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe and that the departments and programs of the Community are tribal departments of the Community; and

5. The undersigned, further, hereby acknowledges that the Community, its Departments and programs are protected by the doctrine of tribal sovereign immunity, not subject to suit by the undersigned (or if this release is on behalf of a minor, the minor, the minor's parent(s) or legal guardian(s)), and that the Community has not waived its sovereign immunity from suit with respect to any claims, demands, or causes of action asserted by the undersigned for any loss, damage, injury, including death, or negligence, which may have resulted from my or my child's or my children's participation in the above- referenced Parade event.

RISKS, HAZARDS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH PARADE PARTICIPATION

Parades involve inherent risks, hazards and conditions that may be dangerous to life, limb and property and that can arise in an incalculable variety of unforeseeable or foreseeable ways which may include, but are not limited to, the following: The presence and use of horse and other animals, motor vehicles, machinery, firearms, floats, projectiles, wind, rain, hail and other forces of the elements, and other threats to life and limb, such as the possibility of slipping and falling and complications associated with weather conditions and physical exertion (such as heat stroke, fainting, collapse, exhaustion or other more serious complications).

I acknowledge that I have read the above Liability Waiver and Release of Liability, understand its content, agree with its terms, and by signing it I agree it is my intention to exempt and relieve the Gila River Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community, the Community Services Department, and their officers, directors, agents, volunteers and employees from liability for property damage, personal injury, and/or wrongful death caused by negligence or any other cause. I voluntarily sign this Liability Waiver and Release of Liability of my own free will and without any coercion or duress.

Participant Name (Print)_____ **Date** ____/_____/

Participants Signature_____**Date** ____/_____/

Participants Address _____ **Date** ____/_____/

Emergency Contact Name_____ **Date** ____/_____/

Parental/Guardian Consent: (To be completed and signed by parent/guardian for participants under 18 years of age). I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above participant and that I am entitled to his or her custody and control and I do hereby give permission for the Child to participate in the above activities. I further certify that the Child is in sufficient health to participate in these activities. I realize that by participating in these activities, the Child could be exposed to a risk of injury or death. I understand the dangers incidental to participating in these activities and the need for safety precautions, and I have discussed the dangers of these activities and the need for safety precautions with the Child. I hereby execute the above Liability Waiver and Release of Liability on his/her behalf.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____**Date**____/_____/

Parent/Guardian Name Signature _____**Date**_____/_____/