



The Children's Christmas Parade Code of Conduct

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a not-for-profit organization, has a mission to make kids better today and healthier tomorrow. In pursuing this mission, Children's helps children get better faster and live healthier lives. The following Parade Code of Conduct ("the Code") is designed to allow Children's to preserve its long tradition of integrity and credibility in the community and within Children's. This Code applies to all applicants, participants and volunteers at the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Christmas Parade.

1. Always act with fairness, honesty, integrity and openness; respect the opinions of others and treat all with equality and dignity without regard to gender, race, color, creed, ancestry, place of origin, political beliefs, religion, marital status, disability, age or sexual orientation.
2. Promote the mission and objectives of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in all dealing with the community on behalf of Children's.
3. Take responsibility for your actions and decisions as you are acting as an extension of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.
4. Always provide a positive and valued experience for those attending, participating and volunteering at the parade.
5. Follow all parade rules set forward by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Argonne Parades:
 - a. All volunteers must wear parade t-shirts at all times as your outermost layer of clothing unless previously arranged.
 - b. Keep all personal items with you. Children's and Argonne Parades are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
 - c. No child under the age of 12 is allowed and will be removed from the route. The group will also forfeit any future participation.
 - d. Strollers are strictly prohibited.
 - e. Parade participants are prohibited from using cell phones, PDA's, or MP3 Players while participating in parade.
 - f. Parade units must follow instructions from parade staff and volunteers. Unit leaders accept responsibility for the behavior of their members.
 - g. Units are restricted to 6 staff members or chaperones marching with unit. They must be dressed uniformly.
 - h. Any additions or changes made to parade units after acceptance must be approved by the Parade Committee. Parade units with changes that have not been approved will not be allowed on the parade route.
 - i. No vehicles are allowed on the parade route with participating units unless approved by the Parade Committee.
 - j. Parade units are not to stop in the television zone unless otherwise directed; always keep a forward motion.
 - k. Parade participants are not allowed to distribute candy, pamphlets or other materials along the parade route. The Parade Committee may give prior approval for distribution along sidewalks (outside of parade barricades) to spectators. Participants found tossing materials to spectators will be removed from the parade route and are subjects to the laws of the City of Atlanta.
 - l. The Parade Staff reserves the right to remove any unit from the line of march without advance notice for any reason or cause, including but not limited to, use of any political signs, social or political material or improper use of the American flag based upon U.S. flag policy set forth in the U.S. code, inappropriate costumes, inappropriate gestures or behavior and participants under the influence.

I, (Participant/Volunteer), have read, understand and agree to abide by the Parade Code of Conduct of the Children's Christmas Parade and I understand that such adherence is a condition continued volunteer work or participation in the parade. I understand that a violation of the Parade Code of Conduct may be grounds for termination as a parade participant or volunteer.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Phone: _____

Participant/Volunteer, please print

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