

Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center Program
2013 RIVER OF LIGHTS PARADE

Friday December 6, 2013
6:00 p.m. Sacaton, Arizona



RIVER OF LIGHTS PARADE



2013 River of Lights Parade Theme:

“Celebrating The Holidays Through Music”



For a more information or to obtain a parade application contact:

Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center Program
Wellness Center 520.562.2025 or Tribal Recreation Office 520.562.6087
or email: amber.childs@gric.nsn.us

You can also pick up applications at your local service center recreation offices

ALSO...Don't forget the annual Genesis Program Arts and Craft Bazaar

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WELLNESS CENTER PARKING LOT

INTERESTED VENDORS CONTACT THE GENESIS PROGRAM AT 520.562.1237





2013 River of Lights Parade Entry Information



Celebrating the Holidays Through Music

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Parade Route

The parade route will be approximately one and a half miles long. The parade will begin at the Sacaton Middle School located at **150 Skill Center Road**. The parade will travel east down Casa Blanca Road, all units will turn left onto Church Street to the de-staging area.





Awards

Governors Award

*Best presentation of theme:
“Celebrating the Holidays
Through Music”*

Community Managers Award

Best GRIC Departmental Entry

Directors Award

Best Family Entry

Kids Choice Award

Best use of lights by an entry

Judges Award

Best community entry

Winners in the above categories will be recognized after the parade. Only one award per entry.



Judging criteria:

- **Quality** *Workmanship on entry*
- **Originality** *Creativity, quality and uniqueness of decoration*
- **Theme** *Recognition of display of parade theme*
- **Overall** *General appearance, eye appeal and music*



Performance Groups and Marching Bands

- Entries will be limited to 3 minutes to stop and perform along parade route in order to keep the parade moving smoothly.
- To maximize lighting, it is suggested that lights be placed one or two inches apart.
- The adult to child ratio will be 1 adult for every 20 children, chaperones that are part of the group should dress in costume or total black.

- All marching bands are encouraged to play holiday music the entire parade route.



General Parade Requirements

Children younger than eight years old may ride on a parade unit provided all regulatory rules are followed.

Proof of vehicle insurance for any motor vehicle in the parade must be submitted along with parade entry form.

An entry may not exceed 13 feet in height. However, there is no limit on length of a float entry. Pre-approval from the parade coordinator will be necessary for floats wider than eight feet.

It is recommended that entry materials be flame-retardant.

All wiring must be properly secured to prevent mechanical damage and injury to entry riders.

Portable generators or compressors used on the float must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base.

Religious expression is allowed, but proselytizing is prohibited. Please be sensitive to the faiths of others.

The driver must have an unobstructed view of the road.

Entries not abiding by the requirements will be pulled the evening of the event by parade organizers.

All equestrian unit waste must be bagged or unit must provide person to pick up waste along the route.

All entries may be subject to inspection by the Gila River Police, Fire departments, and/or Gila River Insurance department.

All drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and be adequately trained to drive their assigned float.

It is recommended that a fire extinguisher be provided on each entry or unit. If an individual is in an enclosed entry, there should be one extinguisher inside and another extinguisher outside.

A handhold or other support must be provided for all entry riders who are required to ride in a standing position.

No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed in the staging area or on the float or parade unit. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited and all unit operators are subject to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) laws.

Candy, gifts or other materials may **NOT** be thrown to the crowd from any float or unit participating in the parade; you may walk along the parade route and pass out candy, gifts or other material **ONLY**.

Failure by a participant or parents of participants to obey any police officer or parade official will be cause for that entry to be removed from the parade.

Children participating in the parade must comply with the following restrictions:

- Children walking must be at least eight years old.
- Children riding on a float must be secured by age appropriate vehicle child restraint.
- Children in strollers are not permitted in the Light Parade.

Violation of any of the parade rules will result in disqualification from the parade.



Important Dates and Times

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Monday December 2th, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.
- All applications and questions can be directed to:



**Gila River Indian Community
Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center Program**

Tribal Recreation Office
520-562-6087 phone 520-562-6122 fax

Amber Childs, Recreation Manager
520-562-2025 phone 520-562-3320 fax
Amber.Childs@gric.nsn.us



PARKING AND SEATING

Parking is available throughout the parade route. Seating along the parade route is on a first come first served basis. Spectators are allowed to bring chairs, blankets, and coolers. **Alcohol and glass containers are prohibited.**



PARADE CHECK-IN/STAGING

Check-in will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Sacaton Middle School parking area, staging will be set up along side of Skill Center Road in front of Sacaton Middle School. Units will begin staging at 5:00 p.m. Parade begins at 6:00 p.m.

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Official Entry Form

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Message Number: _____

Division:

_____ GRIC Member

_____ GRIC Corporation/Entity

_____ GRIC Department

_____ Other _____

Entry Title:

Script: (Please limit to 25 words or less)

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

Signature

Date

Please EMAIL entry form to Amber Childs at amber.childs@gric.nsn.us or
FAX parade entry form to Amber Childs at 520.562.3320 or
DROP OFF parade entry form to Amber Childs at the Sacaton Wellness Center

