Treasure Valley Night Light Parade

"Let Freedom Glow! Christmas in America."

To join us for this festive event, please complete the Float Entry Form at this link.

2026 Theme: "Let Freedom Glow! Christmas in America."

Only fully completed applications with payment will be entered into the parade line-up. The deadline to enter is **Friday, November 21st , 2026**.

Payment Options:

- **By phone**: Call the Caldwell Chamber at 208-459-7493 to pay with a debit or credit card.
- **In person**: Bring cash (exact amount only) or a check to the Caldwell Chamber office, 702 E. Chicago Street Caldwell, ID 83605. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am -4:00pm

Parade Float Award Info:

- **Theme**: **Let Freedom Glow. Christmas in America.**
- **Awards**:
  - Best Demonstration of Theme
  - Best Use of Lights
  - Mayor's Choice
  - Chamber's Choice

Award winners will be announced at our January 2027 Noon Break Lunch event. Registration for January's Noon Break Lunch event will be announced soon.

Registration Fees:

- $150 Non-Chamber Member Business
- $125 Chamber Member Business
- $75 Non-Profit Club/Organization
- $60 Non-Commercial Entity, Residential/Private Party

Important Dates to Remember:

- **09/25/26 Parade entry period opens**
- **11/21/26 Deadline to submit payment and parade application**
- **TBA Mandatory parade safety meeting**
- **12/05/26 Float staging (time slots for will be sent to participants by December 3rd)**
- **12/05/26 Parade starts promptly at 6:00pm**

Important Parade Rules & Information:

- **Accurate Measurements:** It is **extremely important to get accurate measurements** of your float for staging. Do not estimate! We cannot create additional space for your entry on the day of the event.
- **Lighting & Decorations**: All participants must incorporate holiday lights (at least 1,000 lights per float). Only **holiday-themed music and sounds** are allowed; air horns or non-holiday sounds are prohibited.
- **Prohibited**: For the safety of children and insurance liability, **no alcohol consumption** or **throwing of candy** is permitted. Any items given to spectators **must be handed to them**. Violators will be removed from the parade, prohibited from future participation and held liable for any accident/injuries caused. It's not worth the risk! Please don't do it!
- **Walkers must have on high visibility safety vests or shirts or have lights on their body.** Many will choose to wear battery operated lights wrapped around their body.
- **Drivers**: All vehicle drivers must have a valid driver's license.
- **Float Safety**: Each float must have 2 guides/walkers must wear safety gear. The fire department requires a fire extinguisher (5lb, dry chemical, certified or purchased within the last year) on all floats. Yes, they will ask for proof of purchase or certification.
- Parade entries **must be family-friendly** and in the spirit of the holiday.
- Entries must avoid political, protest, or controversial themes. All floats should reflect positive, festive, and family-oriented messages. All entries are subject to approval/rejection by Caldwell Chamber Board of Directors and Staff.
- Each float will have a MINIMUM of 1,000 lights.
- **Confirmation Package**: You will receive your confirmation package by **Monday, November 24th**. If not, please contact us ASAP.
- **Mandatory Drivers Safety Meeting**: At least one person in charge from each float is required to attend the safety meeting.
- **Staging Time**: The staging window is from 11am to 5pm. In your Confirmation Packet email you will be assigned your staging time window to get your float into place. You don't have to stay with your float all day but you must be in place with your float no later than 5:00pm.
- **Spacing**: Maintain at least two car lengths between units during the parade. Float participants near animals (e.g., horses, dogs) should leave extra space and be mindful not to spook them.

- **Fire Extinguisher**: As required by Caldwell fire codes, each float must have a fire extinguisher on board that was purchased or Re-Certified within the last 12 months. The Caldwell Fire Department will inspect all floats before the parade starts. Bring proof of purchase.
- **American Flag**: Proper use of the U.S. Flag is required according to the U.S. Flag Code.
- **Parking**: Instructions will be provided in your Confirmation Packet email.
- **Street Legal**: Trailers must have full lighting, including functional tail lights and **displays have a strict height limit of 13 ft.**
- **Transportation**: We do not provide transportation back to the staging/parking area after the parade, so please make your own arrangements.
- **Music**: Only Christmas music can be played on the floats. We encourage people to tune into the radio station we've made arrangements with to play uninterrupted Christmas music during the parade. Info will be in your confirmation packet.
- **Children & Adults on Floats**: All children under age 18 in the parade must be under adult supervision at all times.
- **Absolutely No Open Flames or Fuel Containers on Floats**!
- **One Santa Only!**: There will be only **one** live Santa Claus in the parade, provided by the committee. Please **do not have people dressed as Santa on or walking with your float.**

Please ensure your registration and payment are received no later than **Friday, November 21st, 2026**.

We look forward to celebrating the 2026 holiday season with you and creating lasting memories at this year's **Treasure Valley Night Light Parade** brought to you by the **Caldwell Chamber of Commerce**. 208-459-7493 Info@CaldwellChamber.org