



21st Annual

Veneta Light Parade

December 12th, 2024

The more lights you use, the merrier it is for all!

You can return the registration and waiver form to the Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce office in the West-Lane Shopping Center (24949 Hwy 126) in Veneta or you can mail it to 24949 Hwy. 126, Veneta, Oregon 97487. If you have questions, please contact Veneta Fern Ridge Chamber at 541-935-8443 or staff@venetafernr ridgechamber.com.

REGISTRATION FEES

\$10 entry fee if registered and paid by December 6th, 2024

\$20 entry fee if paid after December 6th, 2024

Loading of "group entries" will begin at 6 p.m. in the Veneta Elementary School parking lot (See attached Map). Staging will be at the **West** end of Jack Kelley Drive. Entries will be inspected and approved at that time. The parade will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Judging begins @ 6:00 p.m. on Jack Kelley Drive

IMPORTANT: All entries must be registered before joining the parade.

A completed registration form and a signed waiver is REQUIRED

for participation in the parade.

For the safety and convenience of our participants and spectators, please follow the following guidelines:

All entered floats must be **READY TO GO**, including riders, prior to arriving at the staging area on **WEST** end of Jack Kelley Drive. If you are part of a large group (*i.e., the local school choir*) riding on a float, please meet and load your float in the Veneta Elementary School parking lot **BEFORE** moving to the staging area on **WEST** end of Jack Kelley Drive.

ONLY COMPLETED floats/entries will be permitted on Jack Kelley Drive. Jack Kelley Drive will not be open to the public during the staging of the parade.

For safety reasons, always stay with your float during the staging lineup on Jack Kelley Drive. (*PLEASE, no running back to the car for forgotten items.*)

PLEASE decorate your entire float with lights, not just the trailer. If your float is drawn by another vehicle, please put some decorative lights on it as well. **All entries must keep pace with the parade at all times. No stopping or delaying of the parade will be permitted. Please keep the spacing between floats to no more than 25' (1½ car lengths) between floats.**

Note: For safety reasons, PLEASE be sure that any animals in the parade are well lit, too. It's good for the parade watchers and it's safer for the animals.

FLOAT DIMENSIONS: Entries more than 25 feet in length must have 2 walking escorts.

- a) Height: Entries cannot exceed 14'0"
- b) Width: Entries cannot be wider than 15' 0"

No off-road motorcycles.

Parade safety for the entrants and the spectators is an absolute priority. Candy may be passed out by the walking escorts.(Not thrown from the float)It is the participant's responsibility to provide their own "walkers". **Walkers are responsible to wear a reflective safety vest.**

Alcohol is not permitted on the floats during the parade. If alcohol is detected, you will be asked to remove yourself and your float from the parade.

No open fires are permitted on the floats.

Each entry must have at least a 5-pound fire extinguisher with their float; parade officials will be checking all safety requirements before the parade begins.

During the parade, should your float break down on the route, SAFELY move it to the side of the road.

Please use as many lights as you can on your float or parade entry. This is a light parade! The more lights, the merrier the parade!

If you enter an animal(s) in the parade, PLEASE plan on doing any scooping that is required. It helps ensure that everyone has a good time and doesn't have to "clean-up" after others. Please provide your own scoopers!

All groups and clubs are encouraged to participate. Football team, Equestrian groups, Llama clubs, Scout and 4-H groups, Church Groups, Social organizations, Antique car clubs. If you live in our area, we hope you will put some lights on something and join us in this great community event.

Santa Claus will be the Grand Finale of our parade.
To preserve the magic of Santa for our younger attendees,
We ask that floats do not provide their own Santa.
Hats and decorations are encouraged, but please,
do not wear Santa costume or similar.



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REGISTRATION-WAIVER FORM

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EVENT WAIVER

In consideration of the Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce and the City of Veneta (hereinafter referred to as the **Light Parade**), I/We hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims of any nature that I/We may have against the Parade of Lights, their officers, employees, agents, assignees, licensees, and cooperating entities for and against any and all injuries and damages of any nature which I/We may suffer while taking part in any activities connected with this event. This release shall be binding upon my/our heirs, executors, administrators and/or assigns. I/We have read and agree to abide by all Parade of Lights guidelines including:

- **Motorized vehicles over 25' must have 2 walking escorts with each entry as a requirement.**
 - **Alcohol *IS NOT PERMITTED* on the floats or during the parade.**

Registration Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Driver's Email Address: _____

Contact Person (*Please print*) _____ Phone: _____

Entry description: _____

Please specify length of entry: _____ ft.

Number of walkers: _____

I, and the driver of our float, understand that the parade route begins and ends on Jack Kelly drive.

We will be participating in the Veneta- Fern Ridge Light Parade: _____

(*Signature of Responsible Party*)

Parade safety for entrants and spectators is an absolute priority so be careful and have fun!

Judging Criteria

Theme	max 10 points
Originality	max 10 points
Workmanship/lighting/music	max 10 points
Overall Effect/Eye appeal	max 20 points

1st Place -\$100.00 2nd Place -\$75.00 3rd Place -\$50.00

Judges Choice -\$25.00 Best Animals - \$25.00

Attention Float Participants!!

This year, the judging booth will be located at 2nd and Broadway. Be sure to take your time and show off your float as you pass by! This is your chance to really shine and impress the judges, so make the most of it.

We can't wait to see the creativity and effort that goes into each float this year !

Contact: Veneta Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce 541-935- 8443

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2024 Parade Route and Parking Details

