



Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Subject: Prosper Christmas Festival DATE CHANGED

Prosper, Texas (December 8, 2008) -- This year's Prosper Country Christmas festival is has been rescheduled to Sunday, December 14th, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

This year's festival will feature a Santa parade. The parade will begin at the PISD Central Admin building, located at 605 E 7th Street. The parade will proceed west on 7th Street, and turn south onto Church Street, turn west onto Broadway street, and will finish on McKinley Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Prosper High School Marching Band and the Talonettes, among others, will march in the parade. It will begin at 4:00 p.m., so be sure not to miss it!

We'll have plenty of live entertainment. Several classes from the elementary and middle schools will be performing, as will the children from Whispering Farms Montessori Academy, the PHS Talonettes and the Raising the Barre dance troupe.

There will be lots of fun and free activities for the kids, too. They can take a pony ride, visit the petting zoo, ride the Barrel Train, enjoy the bounce house and Super Slide, ride a Bungee Bull, be a Guitar Hero, and much more!

You might just find the perfect Christmas gift at the festival, so come prepared to do some shopping. There will also be several dining options, so come hungry! One important note – some of the vendors may not take credit cards, so be prepared with cash or checks.

The festival finale will be a fireworks show. It will close out the festivities at 8:15 p.m., weather permitting.

Due to the large number of vendors at the event, there will not be any parking available in the downtown Prosper area. Event parking will be available at Prosper High School, 300 Eagle Lane. The Town has contracted shuttle buses to run continuous routes between the High School and the festival. The first shuttle departure is schedule for approximately 3:30 p.m. The shuttle will drop riders off at the corner of Coleman Road and Broadway Street, at the side parking lot of Maggie's. Please note that during the parade, the shuttle buses will drop passengers off at the corner of Fifth and Main streets. Handicap parking will be available on Main Street, in the parking lot of the Park.

An event of this magnitude could not be accomplished without generous donations from area businesses. The Town would like offer a very big THANK YOU to the following sponsors. Platinum Level Sponsors are The Mooreland Companies, and Whitley Place and Prosper Town Center. Bronze Level Sponsors are Forest City Enterprises, Goodman Land Advisors, Pogue Construction, and Rodman LLC. Green Level Sponsors are Alford Homes, American Bank of Texas, and Danny Wilson – Allstate Insurance. White Level Sponsors are John Baker – State Farm Insurance, STW Inc., and Whispering Farms Montessori

Academy. We couldn't provide this level of event for our citizens without the generous donations from these companies.

We would also like to thank the following folks: Linda Guthrie, volunteer extraordinaire! Linda was instrumental in raising funds and organizing the activities for the kids. Her creativity and dedication are amazing, and we are so thankful to have her help again this year! We would also like to thank the many volunteers who will be working the event. We couldn't do it without their support!

We'll see you at Festival!