



# Fiesta Especial 2012

April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Rackspace Parking Lot

5000 Walzem Rd., San Antonio, Texas

## **Background**

Fiesta Especial is an official Fiesta San Antonio event created for children and adults with physical, cognitive and developmental differences and the family and friends who love them.

Proceeds from this event support charitable, non-profit programs that improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities in our local community throughout the year.

Students at River City Christian School (RCCS) began Fiesta Especial in 2003 and turned it into an official Fiesta event in 2006. Until 2009, Fiesta Especial was held at the RCCS campus on Blanco Road. Fiesta Especial 2012 is being organized and hosted by four organizations that provide services and information for children and adults with special needs: River City Christian School, Reaching Maximum Independence (RMI), disABILITYsa.org and u|ability, a special needs ministry of University UMC. This year we are working with Rackspace to hold Fiesta Especial on their parking lot at Walzem and I-35.

## **Event Details**

Join the SA special-needs community for a family-friendly Fiesta experience for people of all ages and abilities. Enjoy virtual/simulated rides, music, dancing, food, games, crafts and much, much more at this alcohol & tobacco-free event. Local businesses and organizations serving children and adults with special needs will have booths with information and answers to questions about their programs and products.

Celebration Outreach takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Local schools, group homes, day programs, children's homes and senior living centers are invited to come out and receive \$5.00 in complimentary game/ride tickets with purchase of general admission. More information: 210-384-0297.

There will be a shoebox parade at 11am during the Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Outreach event where guests are invited to decorate shoebox floats, wagons, wheelchairs or walkers for the parade.

General Admission is \$5.00 per person. Special vouchers are not valid for use after 2 p.m. All food, game and ride tickets are sold separately. For more information, visit [www.fiestaespecial.com](http://www.fiestaespecial.com).

## **Fiesta Especial Royal Court**

For 2012, Fiesta Especial is adding a Royal Court consisting of a King and Queen, a Prince and Princess, two Dukes and Duchesses and four Pages. The members of the Royal Court will be selected through a fundraising process that gives organizations serving people with disabilities a chance to raise money and awareness for their mission or a nonprofit partner.

Contest runs November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The coronation for the Fiesta Especial Royal Court will be held at the Hand in Hand Runway Benefit on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Morgan's Wonderland. Tickets to this event are sold separately.

## **Fiesta Especial Parade**

On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Fiesta Especial will add an official parade within the City of Windcrest that will feature our mascot (Pedro the Piñata), the Fiesta Especial Royal Court, representatives from organizations serving people with disabilities and representatives and royalty from other official events.



# Levels of Participation

Thank you for your interest in the 2012 Fiesta Especial® Promenade & Parade. There are six ways groups may participate, depending upon the amount of time, money, and energy your group wants to invest.

The acceptance of any Entry is subject to approval by the Leadership Planning Team, whose decision is final. Entries of political or religious nature will not be accepted. Below for your consideration are the types of participation welcome by the Fiesta Especial® Parade:

- **AMUSEMENTS:** An amusement is a costumed group performing an act to entertain the crowd. Participants must be over the age of twelve (12), and the group must carry an identifying banner.  
**Approximate Cost: Costumes, banner, and time to perfect the routine.**
- **ANTIQUE/SPECIALTY CARS:** Should be heavily decorated and willing to host/carry parade dignitaries.  
**Approximate Cost: Fee for car rental or truck rental/loan and decorations.**
- **NON-PROFIT/DISABILITY SERVICES PROVIDER FLOATS:** Due to public safety concerns, there are some float requirements. Float preferably is a wire frame over a jeep. If towed, vehicle should be decorated.  
**Approximate Cost: Float construction and decoration, plus costumes for participants.**
- **NON-PROFIT/DISABILITY SERVICES PROVIDER PEDESTRIANS:** A Group of individuals on foot or in wheelchairs/scooters who represent a nonprofit or for-profit provider of services for individuals with disabilities. Participants must be over the age of twelve (12). Group must carry an identifying banner.  
**Approximate Cost: Individual Fiesta Décor and Banner**
- **FOR-PROFIT FLOATS/PROMOTIONAL VEHICLES:** Due to public safety concerns, there are some float requirements. Float preferably is a wire frame over a jeep. If towed, vehicle should be decorated.  
**Approximate Cost: Float construction/decoration, costumes for participants, plus \$750 entry Fee**
- **ANIMAL HANDLER PARTICIPANT:** Subject to prior approval. Refuse control must be provided  
**Approximate Cost: Costumes/Décor for person and animal.**
- **PROMENADE PARTICIPANT:** Walkers/Runners not associated with a nonprofit or provider of services for people with disabilities. Runners will be staged at the front of the parade with walkers staged second. Both groups will start 5 minutes prior to the floats. Walkers going at a rate slower than the Fiesta Especial Parade procession are asked to stay to the side so that Parade participants may easily pass. Individuals in wheelchairs or on scooters are encouraged to participate in the promenade.  
**Approximate Cost: \$10 Registration fee per person.** *Registration fee includes complimentary admission to the Fiesta Especial event.*

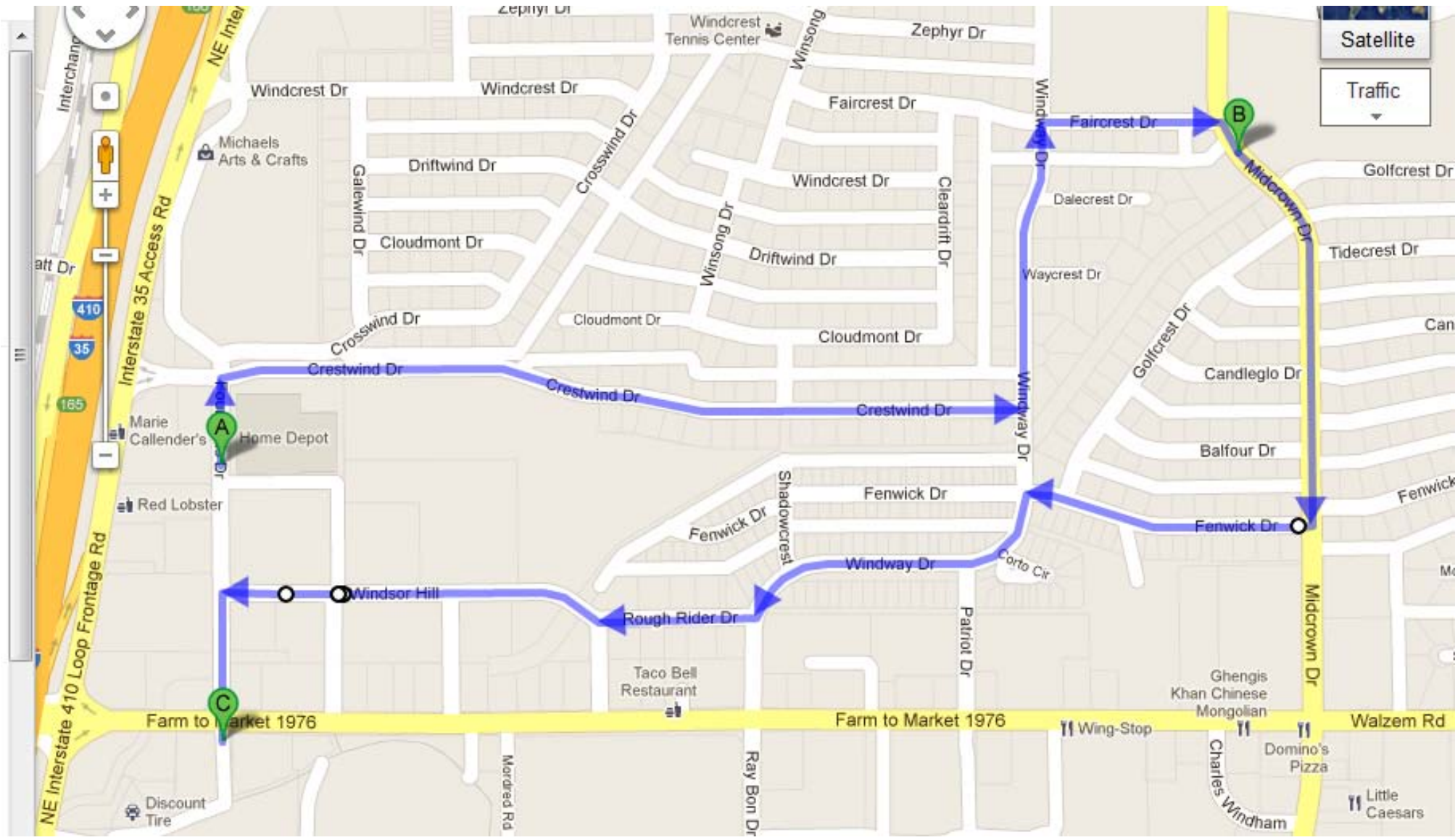
For further information regarding Entries, please send correspondence to [melanie@rmihomes.org](mailto:melanie@rmihomes.org).

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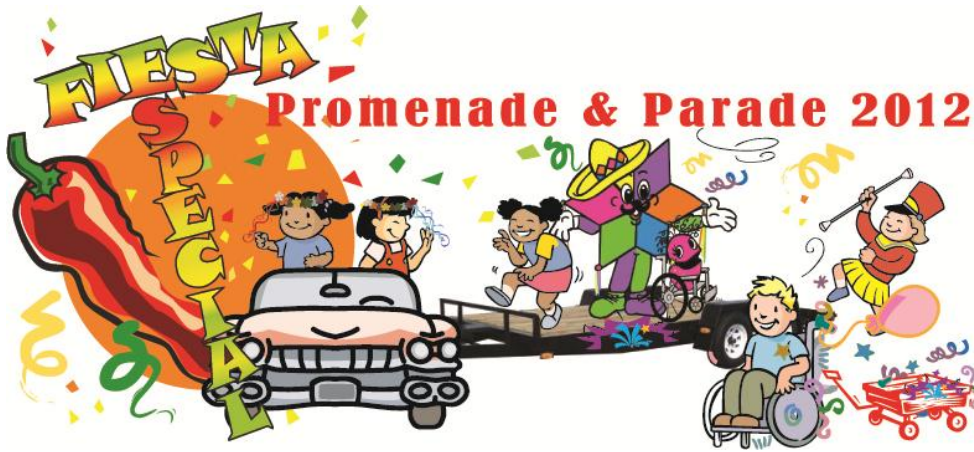
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**Fiesta Especial Promenade and Parade Route**  
**Parade Length - 2.5 Miles**





# Vehicle Entry Information

Saturday, April 21, 2012 | Parade Length - 2.5 miles | Parade Travels at 2.5 mph | Marching Time - 1 hour 30 min

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR Self Propelled FLOATS

**ENGINES:** The engine must be in good working order.

**AUXILIARY ENGINES:** Must have safety exhausts and be well ventilated. This equipment and any parts that it drives must be accessible for repair from the inside.

**BRAKE SYSTEM:** Approved hydraulic brakes and an emergency brake are required and must be in good working order.

**EXHAUST:** If needed to carry beyond the rearward overhang, an extension to the float exhaust shall be affixed. Exhaust manifold must be vented through a leak-free pipe projecting beyond the back or side apron.

**EXTENDED STEERING:** Extended steering must be braced every 48 inches.

**FRAMEWORK:** Framework must have at least a 12-inch street clearance.

**GASOLINE LINE:** All fuel lines must be thoroughly inspected for leaks.

**TIRES:** Tires must be adequate for total float load and in good condition. They must not rub any portion of the frame at any time. It is recommended that a commercial sealer be put into tires to avoid flats.

**TOWING ATTACHMENT:** Every float and vehicle must be equipped with a tow cable, tow chain or tow strap (7,000 lb.), attached to the frame of the prime mover. This cable, chain or tow strap must be long enough to reach the front of the float with a loop or hook at the end and concealed under the front of the float out of sight. In case of a tow this loop must be easily accessible (at the front of the float) to tow driver so he can hook to it with his tow strap. This tow cable must be attached to the float in a way so that it does not become entangled in, or tear off any casters. If there is an extension with casters, all riders on that section of the float must move back off of the caster supported section, when the float is being towed.

**WHEELS, DOLLIES:** Axles, bearing, wheels and casters of adequate sizes are required to support total load of float. Dolly wheels must be fastened securely to a steel frame. Clearance around wheels should allow for emergency tire or dolly change.

- ⊗ A float may negotiate the parade route under its own power, or may be towed by a separate vehicle.
- ⊗ If a float breaks down on the Parade route, it will be pushed or pulled to the right side of the street and removed from the Parade.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OTHER VEHICLES

**TRAILERS:** Trailers used as float entries must be licensed for street usage and be fully decorated. Passenger seating must be secured to the trailer body. Secured hand holds must be provided if individuals will be standing. Participants may not move about the trailer while it is in motion

**FARM TRACTORS:** Undecorated farm tractors may be used to tow decorated trailers. They must not carry more passengers than permanently installed seating allows. If used as parade entries, they must be decorated or display a banner.

**BIG RIG TRACTOR/TRAILER:** Big Rigs are not allowable.

**GOLF CARTS/ ATVS:** Undecorated Golf carts and ATVs may be used to pull small trailers. If used as individual entries, they must be decorated or display a banner. Seating on the cart itself is limited to the number of individuals for which it was originally designed and participants must remain seated.

**PICKUP TRUCK W/ PASSENGERS IN THE BED:** Trucks must be street licensed Passenger seating must be secured to the truck bed, unless passengers are seated on the tail gate. A bar hand hold must be provided in this instance. Passengers may stand if they have a hand hold such as a headache rack at the rear window or secured utility racking is provided. Participants may not move about the bed while the vehicle is in motion.

**PASSENGER VEHICLES:** Passenger vehicles must be street licensed and occupancy is limited to the number for which it was designed.

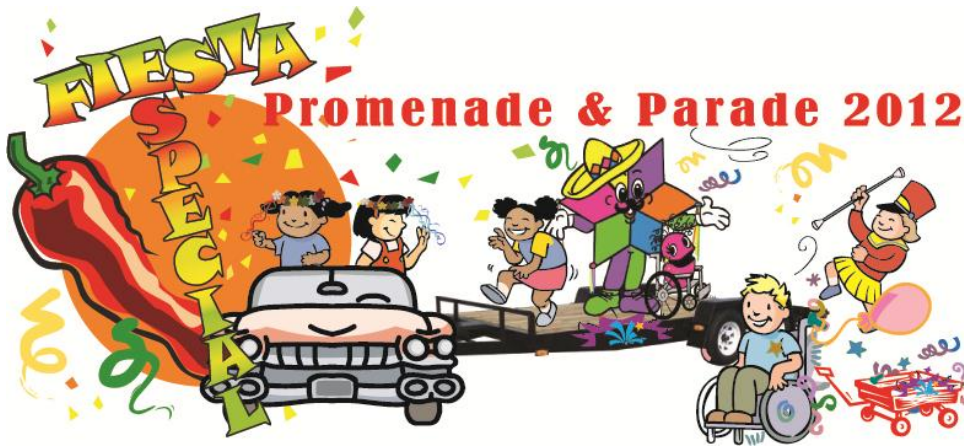
**MOTORCYCLES:** Motorcycles must be street legal and licensed. Only approved motorcycle trailers or side cars may be towed.

★ Vehicles with without registration or license may be allowed contingent upon case by case approval.

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**RELEASE INDEMNITY AGREEMENT FOR FIESTA ESPECIAL® PROMENADE & PARADE 2012  
CAVALCADE / CARRIAGE PARTICIPANTS**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY COORDINATOR: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ URL: \_\_\_\_\_

FACEBOOK: \_\_\_\_\_ TWITTER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPATION TYPE:  ANIMAL HANDLER

In consideration of Fiesta Especial’s® authorization of the undersigned to participate in the 2012 Fiesta Especial® Promenade & Parade, the undersigned individually and/or as the authorized agent, representative, or supervisor of the participating entry whether it be one or more horses, mules, or other animal ridden by individual riders or animal-drawn carriages or wagons, hereby agrees to the following:

1. The undersigned further agrees it has read the Parade Rules and Regulations of Fiesta Especial® as they pertain to this Promenade & Parade section and will abide by all the Parade Rules and Regulations of Fiesta Especial® and fulfill all requirements set forth by this organization.
2. To release, indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Fiesta Especial®, the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission, Inc., the City of San Antonio, the City of Windcrest, their officers, directors, members, and past presidents from any liability, all demands, or legal actions (including third party actions and cross-actions) resulting from or regarding the above-referenced rider’s, and/or animal’s participation in the 2012 Fiesta Especial® Promenade & Parade, including, but not limited to, death, injuries, and/or damages to person or property by any party, and all costs and legal fees incurred defending such demands or legal actions.
3. That the equine animal’s reaction to sound, a sudden movement, or an unfamiliar object, person, or other animal is often unpredictable, but the horse or other participating animals are healthy and parade worth, safe for rider and spectators, not unusually spirited and can be controlled along the parade route.
4. That each rider or animal handler is in good physical health and is not suffering from any condition which would impair his or her ability to participate in the 2012 Fiesta Especial® Promenade & Parade.
5. Should Fiesta Especial® decide that the undersigned’s animal-drawn carriage or wagon needs to be towed off the parade route for any reason, the undersigned agrees to release Fiesta Especial® and any towing company from liability for any property damage to the animal-drawn carriage or wagon caused by the towing.

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