



October 9, 2013

Chief Spradlin  
University Park Police Department  
3800 University Boulevard  
Dallas, TX 75205

Re: UPPA/ABPA/HPA Holiday Hayrides

The preschool associations of University Park Elementary School (UPPA), Armstrong and Bradfield Elementary Schools (ABPA) and Hyer Elementary School (HPA) are requesting permission to hold Holiday Hayrides as community fundraising events for our respective schools. This event has taken place for the past 3 years and is something our members and families look forward to immensely. The individual events raise approximately \$5,000 for each school.

The hayrides take place on consecutive nights for each elementary school December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. The UPPA and ABPA activities at Goar Park begin approximately at 5 pm and the hayride is from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. The HPA event at Smith Park is from 5:30 pm to 7 pm and the hayride is from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Southern Botanical generously donates the use of, and professional drivers for 7 flatbed trailers. The flatbeds provide a safe and easy way for approximately 40 UP families (120 to 140 people), from each individual preschool association, to see the holiday lights in University Park each of the three respective evenings. Families sign a release to ensure safety is of utmost concern. We have revised the route map and are resubmitting it to ensure it meets your approval. The revised route does not include any streets within the town of Highland Park.

There are two organizers from each of the three preschool associations who serve as volunteers at the event. In addition, each flatbed truck has two volunteers assigned. However it is the responsibility of the parents to provide supervision of their children prior to and during the hayride. Prior to the hayride, families spend approximately one hour at Goar Park enjoying dinner, cookies and hot chocolate provided by a food truck. In addition, a Santa entertains the children while at the park.

In conclusion, the preschool associations from University Park, Bradfield, Armstrong and Hyer Elementaries request approval to host this annual event in order to continue a tradition our UP families look forward to each year and from which our schools greatly benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

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