**Parading Through the “Snow”**

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 Winter is here, and Christmas is just around the corner! The air is cheerful and the snow falls gently upon the ground (just kidding…we live in Southern California)! The holidays are back, and they’re better than ever, thanks to the 25th Redlands Christmas Parade, or the Silver Anniversary Christmas Parade! This annual event will be held at 6 P.M. on Saturday, December 6th. The parade will feature classic cars, sports teams, marching bands, floats, horse riders, scout troops, and area dignitaries. Parade representatives said participants and spectators should dress warm, arrive early, and bring chairs and blankets. The best seats along the parade route fill up early. This parade will primarily take place in Downtown Redlands, beginning at Citrus Avenue near the Redlands Mall and making its way in a circle-like formation, ending on Eureka and W State St., just outside the Redlands Mall. If you’re too lazy to go out in the cold and watch the parade (like me), the parade will be televised on Time Warner Cable Channel 3 and Verizon Channel 35. In addition, a DVD of the parade will also be available for purchase. The Redlands Christmas Parade was started by the city in 1988, but later found it could not sustain itself. Larry Statler, chairman of the city’s Easter Parade at the time, and a few others took it upon themselves to continue planning the event. The Kiwanis Club of Redlands took over the parade in 1992 as a way to give back to area youngsters, and in 1995 changed the event from a daytime affair to a nighttime event. The parade is fun for the whole family. Have a merry Christmas!