

## NEWS RELEASE

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In conjunction with the Pioneer Christmas weekend, Mile Branch Settlement and the Washington Parish Fair Association are sponsoring the first ever *Pioneer Christmas Parade* that will roll at 10 a.m. from the General Parking Lot on Fairground Road on Saturday, December 3, 2011. Santa will greet Washington Parish residents and visitors and will set the stage for a great old fashioned weekend at Mile Branch Settlement.

Parade participants are asked to dress in costumes appropriate to the mid-1800s to the early 1900s and only pre-technology horse and buggy/wagon entries will be accepted in the parade said Parade Chairman Judy Dale.

Dale advises anybody who is interested in taking part in the parade to visit the Washington Parish Free Fair's website at [www.freefair.com](http://www.freefair.com) to review a copy of the rules for the Pioneer Christmas Parade and to print an entry form. Entries may be emailed to [jdale06@yahoo.com](mailto:jdale06@yahoo.com); faxed to 601-876-3056; or mailed to Judy Dale, 23618 Hwy 25, Franklinton, LA 70438 before Saturday, November 19.