

2018 Hometown Holidays Parade Application - 29TH Anniversary

Parade Date: Thursday, November 29th at 7 PM

2018 THEME: "CHRISTMAS IN THE SOUTH"

Sponsored by



ForsythCableNet

Name of Business/Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Float Theme/Portrayal _____

Contact

Phone _____ E-mail _____

What kind of unit are you entering into the parade? (Please check at least one of the following choices.)
Each float entry is allowed ONE vehicle (with a trailer if applicable). If you'd like to use more than one vehicle to represent your theme or to accommodate participants, *there is an additional \$10 fee.*

- Car/Truck
- Float
- Pageant winner.

Which pageant? _____ Title? _____

- Walkers/Marchers. How many are in the group? _____
- Band. How many will be marching? _____
- Horses or other animals *****ALL animals must be bagged or diapered.*****

What kind of animals? _____ How many are in the group? _____

Do you want your unit to be judged? (NOTE: Professional or rented floats are welcome to participate in the parade but will not be included in the judging.)

- Yes
- No

What category are you entering? (Please check one of the following choices.)

- Commercial (business-sponsored)
- Non-Commercial (non-profit organization & school)
- *Youth (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.)

All entries are required to submit a payment of \$30.

*The Youth Category is for floats created by people 18 years old and below. Most work should be done by the youth.

How many vehicles will you have with your group? _____

Our insurance requires us to have names of all the participants riding, carrying, walking, etc. This includes all persons riding on a float, carrying a banner, or participating in any way. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Name(s) of Driver of car, float, tractor, etc. _____

Name of person responsible for your kids drop off area: _____

PLEASE NOTE: all drivers and a representative for your kids drop off area MUST attend one of the safety meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th, 6:00p.m., Tuesday, November 27th, 10:00 a.m. or Tuesday, November 27th, 6:00p.m. The same material will be covered in all meetings. Please indicate which meeting they will be attending:

Please read the included rules and regulations and initial to indicate your understanding of the condition of your participation.

- _____ NO live Santa on floats
- _____ NO Throwing Candy—PERIOD!
- _____ NO Sirens during the parade
- _____ Lineup is between 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.
- _____ Must have float “completed” before entering lineup area
- _____ Only floats allowed in lineup area
- _____ Participant drop off will be on East Main Street behind Tractor Supply Company
- _____ All floats must use lights other than vehicle headlights
- _____ I have read through and agree to all of the Rules and Conditions of Participation

As the appointed representative of the above-named entity, I hereby release the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce from liability, either direct or implied, from any accidents or damages that might occur. We understand and agree that the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce has the right to delete any entry from the parade for any inappropriate display or behavior by any participant and, upon signing, agree to abide by all rules and conditions of participation.

Signed: _____

Please print your name here: _____

Please return this form, along with a \$30 payment to the Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce by **Tuesday**, November 13th, 2018. (We accept checks, money order, or Credit Cards). Mail or hand-deliver to 10 West Chambers Street, Forsyth, GA, 31029. If paying by check, please make payable to Forsyth-Monroe Chamber of Commerce (or FMCCOC). For additional information, call Priscilla Caldwell at 478-994-9239 or e-mail questions to events@forsyth-monroechamber.com.

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Please keep for your records.

1. **Santa Claus**

No life-like or live Santa's will be permitted – there is one Santa and he is at the end of the parade.

2. **Candy**

There will be ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING OF CANDY. Candy may be distributed only by hand to hand transfer.

3. **Lights**

All floats competing in the float competition must display lights in some fashion other than vehicle headlights. Christmas lights keep the spirit of our nighttime parade alive and attracting viewers.

4. **Fire Extinguishers**

All floats with a generator must be equipped with at least one, four-pound dry chemical or one, ten-pound carbon dioxide fire extinguisher placed within easy reach of the float's driver.

5. **Safety Meetings**

All drivers and a representative for your kids drop off area must attend one parade safety meeting. Meetings will be held in the Monroe County Recreation Department Gym (100 Dan Pitts Drive, Forsyth). There are three sessions; Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00p.m., Tuesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. or Tuesday, November 20th at 6:00p.m. Each representative may choose which meeting is most convenient for them.

6. **Children**

All children must be attended by an adult at all times. Those floats that include children must have an adult supervisor at all times. An adult must be on hand at the line-up site to escort children from the drop-off area to the float. At the end of the parade, an adult must accompany any child exiting the float in the drop-off area while waiting to be picked up by guardians.

7. **Animals**

All animals must be bagged or diapered to prevent droppings. Horses in the parade should be four abreast and kept under control at all times. NO rearing or tricks at any time.

8. **Parade Route**

The parade route will begin on Tift College Drive, circle the Courthouse, and continue down Main Street before ending just after Tractor Supply Co. All participants will be provided will detailed instructions regarding line-up and end procedures after each application submission.

9. **Float Line Up**

All floats and vehicles must be in line by no later than 6pm. Lineup will begin at 5pm. No vehicle will be allowed to line up before 5pm. Judges will take a walk around to begin preliminary judging at 6:20pm. Floats will also be judged in front of City Hall during the parade.

Float Competition Guidelines

1. All floats must be fully decorated before entering the parade line up. No decorating will be allowed in the street line up.
2. Decorations on floats, vehicles, and participants should reflect the theme of the parade.
3. Lights are required on all floats. Vehicle headlights do not qualify as use of lights. Christmas lights are strongly encouraged.
4. Music is permissible, however, must apply to the theme or holiday. Unrelated secular music is not allowed.
5. Performing groups are limited to one routine lasting no longer than one minute to be performed in front of the judges at City Hall.
6. Emergency vehicles participating in the parade are encouraged to use light but please, NO SIRENS.
7. No throwing any candy. Any participant throwing candy or other items will be disqualified from the parade and not allowed to participate in future parades.
8. Once the parade begins, riders on floats must ride through the entire route and walkers must remain walking. There will be no climbing on and off of floats or vehicles during the parade.
9. Drivers are to exercise extreme caution in the parade line-up area and along the parade route due to increased volume of traffic and people, especially children. Always follow the directions of police/sheriff's officers and parade officials.
10. Any entry with an inappropriate display or participant demonstrating inappropriate behavior will be removed.

Dismantling Floats

After the parade is finished, DO NOT bring your float into the Board of Education parking lot to dismantle as it is under construction. Violation of this provision could result in exclusion from participation in future parades. You are solely responsible for your trash. It is your responsibility to dispose of any floats pieces/decorations. Before parade night, have a site selected to locate to in case your float needs immediate dismantling.

Awards

Judges will choose the float competition winners based on originality, workmanship, presentation of theme, and since this is a nighttime parade, use of lights. Professional or rented floats are welcome but will not be included in the judging. Entries will be judged in the line-up area and during the parade. Barring unforeseen circumstances, winners will be announced the next day.

For more information, please contact Priscilla Caldwell at the Forsyth-Monroe Co. Chamber of Commerce by phone at (478) 994-9239 or by email at events@forsyth-monroechamber.com.