

# OPELIKA CHRISTMAS PARADE

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 P.M.  
OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

## GRAND MARSHALL SPONSOR



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### Parade Application

Theme: **Christmas Showcase**

**December 01, 2018 Start Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER 5:00 P.M. OCTOBER 19TH**

**\*Please return form with NON REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE OF \$ 25.00**

**\*Deadline: Friday, October 19, 2018\***

**\*NO LATE ENTRIES**

**To: Opelika Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 2366 Opelika, AL 36803-2366**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**(This Person is the responsible adult for the group.)**

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### NON REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE

**1. Handcrafted Floats: \$25.00** Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

(Requirement: Measurements when application submitted) **HANDCRAFTED FLOATS** are judged on **Creativity, Originality, Neatness and Overall appearance and adherence to the theme.** Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100

Brief Description of decorations \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Truck /Trailer \$25.00** Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Car, Motorcycle or any Vehicle Entries \$ 25.00** Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Decorations: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Vehicles (automobiles and vans not pulling floats) entered for the sole purpose of advertising will be placed on wait list status.**

**4. Marching Groups \$25.00:** Be sure to complete top portion with information.

Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Number of Marchers: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Number of marchers will be checked on parade day.*

**\*DUE TO OPELIKA POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY POLICIES & INSURANCE PURPOSES, DRIVERS OF ALL VEHICLES / FLOATS MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY MEETING AT THE CHAMBER. THE GROUP CANNOT PARTICIPATE IF MEETING IS NOT ATTENDED!**

**PLEASE CHOOSE: Thursday, November 15 @ 7:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Or 4:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_**

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In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Opelika Christmas Parade, I, the undersigned, have read the guidelines and understand that failure to comply with them will result in my organization being excluded from future parades. I also do hereby release and forever discharge and indemnify and hold harmless the Opelika Chamber of Commerce as well as its insurers and participants against loss from and against any and all claims, demands or actions in law or inequity that may hereafter at any time be made or brought by myself, my organization, or anyone on behalf of such for the purpose of enforcing a claim resulting in damage, injury, death or any other adverse result which may arise in connection with any association and/or participation in this parade. It is agreed that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is to relieve parties herein from any and all liability or exposure to liability regardless of the nature and regardless of causation. I also give permission for the Opelika Chamber of Commerce to take photographs for publicity purposes and use.

The Opelika Chamber of Commerce accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen items before, during, or after the Christmas Parade. I hereby acknowledge that the terms herein are contractual in nature and that I have read and understand this Release Agreement.

**Founded in 1941, the Opelika Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that responds to and assists its members with current and crucial business issues. It is its own nonprofit organization and is not a division of the City of Opelika.**

**Mission Statement: The Opelika Chamber of Commerce promotes and fosters economic and business success, maximizes member investment, while enhancing the community.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Line-up #          Payment Type \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_



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## Parade Guidelines

**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DRIVERS MUST ATTEND SAFETEEY MEETING**

**Parade Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**Time:** Floats must be in place by 9:00 a.m. and marching units and vehicles by 9:15 a.m. **The parade starts promptly at 10 a.m.**

**Theme: “Christmas Showcase”** Each handcrafted float entered will need to be decorated with fun tributes to the best Christmas Film/TV Moments, Dancing and Singing according to the holiday season and all of its magical wonders.

### Who May Participate?

Clubs, troops, churches, businesses and social organizations may enter a marching group and/or a float (preferably handcrafted) that you create. Approval by the Parade Committee will be required on other type units.

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### Float Guidelines:

#### ***Handcrafted Floats and Vehicles Pulling Trailers:***

- 1) Maximum height, 13ft. 6 in. No tractor trailers or 18 wheelers.
- 2) Do not place too many people on your float or trailer...if your float is too crowded you will be asked to remove people in order to participate. **There must be one adult per every 5 children on your float.** For safety reasons, please be sure to have one rider for each individual who has difficulty maneuvering independently. In addition, each float may only have TEN (10) walkers beside the float. If there are more, you will need to also have a walking group entry.
- 3) For safety reasons **participants are not allowed to throw anything from floats.**
- 4) Do not have anyone dressed as Santa on your float. *Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the end of the parade in grand fashion and we don't want to confuse the children!*
- 5) Handcrafted Floats will be judged on creativity, originality, neatness and overall appearance and adherence to theme.  
**Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100.**
- 6) No participants may have their arms/legs dangling over the side of their float/entry.



**8) Drivers of all vehicles, including vehicles pulling handcrafted floats must be at least 21 years of age or older to drive.** In addition, all eligible drivers must be available to attend **mandatory drivers' meeting** presented by the Opelika Police Department. This is a requirement from Opelika Police and Chamber insurance company. NO EXCEPTIONS. If the driver does not attend the meeting, you will not be allowed to be in the parade and the entry fee will not be refunded.

**9) Non Refundable Entry Fee: \$25** must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, October 19, 2018 (even by mail). NO exceptions. To participate, entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Seventy (70) entries will be accepted. All money is due with the application to ensure your spot in parade. **Only one entry is accepted per application and we recommend no more than three entries per group.**

**10) Walking Groups and Marching Units (10 or more people):**

Walkers must be 3<sup>rd</sup> graders or older.

**Walking Groups must provide an estimated number of participants per group. Please enter number here: \_\_\_\_\_**

**11)** All bands, Musical Groups and vehicles playing music are asked to play Seasonal Music or Christmas Music.

**12) Pageant Winners & Queens.** The Chamber will not provide or secure transportation for pageant winners or Parade Sponsors.

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Any concerns or questions (334) 745-4861.

**Thank you!**

\*Please note that a float is a handcrafted design. The design must be built from scratch. A vehicle pulling a trailer with riders does not constitute a float. A trailer with garland/poster board/costume character is not a float.