



CLINTON *South Carolina*

2018 Clinton Christmas Parade - A Family Christmas

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

******PRE-PARADE MANDATORY MEETING******

A representative of each applicant **MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE PLANNING MEETINGS** for the parade to be held in conjunction with the Laurens Christmas Parade. Meetings will be **Monday November 19: 1PM in council chambers at MS Bailey Municipal building in Clinton and 5:30PM in council chambers of the Historic County Courthouse in Laurens. Monday, November 26: 1PM in council chambers of Historic County Courthouse in Laurens and 5:30PM in council chambers at MS Bailey Municipal building in Clinton.**

This meeting will help ensure a safe parade and an organized line up on the day of.

For further information, please contact Adele Alducin, Main Street Manager:
864-200-4579 or mainstreet@cityofclintonsc.com

This year the parade's theme will be: A Family Christmas.
To qualify for prizes entry must be decorated according to the theme.

Awards

- * A cash prize of \$100 and a trophy will be awarded to:
 - o Best Overall Adaptation of Theme
 - o Trophies will be awarded in each of the following categories.
(Note: 1 winner per category):
 - o Commercial Businesses
 - o Non-Profit/Religious/Government
 - o Education/Schools (floats and vehicles decorated by any school (pre-school – college))
 - o Performing Groups (dance groups, cheerleaders, school marching bands, etc.)
- * NOTE: Unless otherwise determined by the city of Clinton, you will be scored in the category selected on your application. Please select only ONE category.

General Rules

- * No entry may feature a live or life-size Santa Claus.
- * All participants (unit members, escorts, staff, etc.) must be in some type of uniform, holiday dress or color coordinated attire.
- * Bicycle and skateboard groups and/or organizations must build and ride on a float.
- * Alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol/drugs prior to or during the parade will be removed from the line-up, subject to arrest, and will not be allowed to participate in any future parades. No refunds will be given.
- * It is unlawful to throw ***ANYTHING*** from any moving entry, ***including candy***. This rule must and will be enforced for the safety of small children who might be tempted to run out into the street. Any participant caught throwing anything from their entry will be immediately removed from the parade and disqualified. Note: ***You may have walkers with your float to hand out candy, items, etc. to parade attendees, but please do not throw anything.***
- * No one is allowed on or off moving floats. Staff or escort changes should only be made when the float has come to a complete stop. (Exception: Emergency)
- * All units must remain in their assigned position throughout the parade.
- * Any and all music MUST BE themed and family friendly and not played at an unreasonable volume

Parade Line-Up

- * Position numbers and parade maps (including line up instructions) will be given at the ***MANDANTORY*** meetings.
- * Entries may begin lining up at 8:00 am. No one will be allowed to begin lining up until after East Maple Street has been closed at 8:00 a.m. in order to ensure the safety of participants.
- * All participants (float riders, escorts, staff, walking units, band members, etc.) with your entry must arrive and be in place before 9:45 a.m.
- * No one will be admitted to the staging area after 10:00 a.m. This will be strictly enforced.

Vehicles

- * No commercial or private vehicles will be allowed unless they are being used as a tow vehicle for a float or used to carry beauty queens or dignitaries.
- * All tow vehicles must be decorated and incorporated into the individual float theme which should be in accordance with the overall parade theme.
- * Parade organizers encourage businesses and organizations to explore sponsoring and/or partnering with civic organizations that may need assistance with their parade entry.
- * Flatbed trucks may be used in place of a trailer. The bed of the truck should be decorated according to float decorating specifications (see FLOATS).
- * The blowing of sirens or vehicle horns at any time during the line-up phase or during the parade is prohibited.
- * Pageant winners must be 13 years old or older to ride on top of a vehicle. If they are under 13, an adult must ride on top of the car with them.

- ❄ Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- ❄ All vehicles used in the parade must be street legal with current liability insurance and tag of the issuing state. *Exceptions are organized units using mini-vehicles such as Shriners and similar organized units.*

Bands, Performing Groups, Walkers & Marching Unit

- ❄ All walkers must be in uniform, holiday dress or color coordinated attire. Dress for walkers (staff and/or escorts) escorting floats should coordinate with the individual float theme which should be in accordance with the overall parade theme.
- ❄ Walking units not associated with a float must carry a sign/banner with their organization name at the front of their unit.
- ❄ No entries, in the performance of drills or other display, shall cause any delay in the parade.
- ❄ Performances are limited to 45 seconds. VERY IMPORTANT: Any group whose performance lasts longer than 45 seconds WILL be disqualified.
- ❄ Stationary performances are only allowed for the judges. All other performing should be conducted while moving in a forward motion.
- ❄ The judges will be located in front of the flag pole in Downtown Clinton.

Floats

- ❄ Floats must be a fully decorated trailer, flatbed truck, or other platform on wheels that is self-propelled or pulled by a tow vehicle. All floats MUST INCLUDE skirting and be decorated in accordance with the overall theme of the parade.
- ❄ Floats must not exceed a height of 14 feet.
- ❄ All floats must display a sign/banner with their organization name on BOTH sides of the entry.
- ❄ Adult supervision is required for any riders under 13 years of age.

For additional information:
mainstreet@cityofclintonsc.com
 864-200-4579

Email, Mail or Hand Deliver Application to:
 Main Street Clinton
 PO Box 748, 211 North Broad Street
 Clinton, SC 29325

****Late applications must be hand delivered with payment*

Retain pages 1-3 for your reference.

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Entry Name: This name should be used on the required signs/banners. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to inform all members of your group of your official entry name, number, line-up instructions and rules. You must complete a separate entry form for each group within organization. Example: Cheerleaders will need separate entry form from football team and marching band. If separate applications are not completed for each entry, your entry will only be judged one time. PLEASE COMPLETE EVERY BLANK ON THE APPLICATION (include N/A if necessary).

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Best Contact #: _____ Email: _____

The following information is necessary to allow ample room for entry placement. Please complete the following and add any additional information you feel is important for proper spacing and placement of your entry.

Total Length of Float (include both the float and the vehicle pulling float: _____

Walkers: Yes or No If yes, how many? _____

Horses: Yes or No If yes, how many? _____

*Due to safety and insurance requirements, only organized equestrian units with trained horses and experienced riders will be considered for participation. Riders must maintain a slow pace at all times. Any unit with an animal(s) is **100% responsible for cleaning after the animal(s) during the parade or having animals diapered.** Proof of insurance is required with the application.*

Detailed description of your organization and float.

Entry Category (check one)

Commercial Business

Non Profit/Religious/Government

Performing Groups/Marching Bands

Education/Schools

Important: The entry form must be completed, signed and received by November 17th. If you have questions concerning the rules and guidelines, please call the Main Street office at 864-200-4579 for further clarification. **Applications submitted after November 19th will incur a \$20 late fee.** Please do your best to adhere to the deadline so city staff can establish the line-up and inform participants in a timely manner.

LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Registered Name Entrant: _____

For and in consideration of the benefits to be derived from participating in the 2018 Clinton Christmas Parade and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, I, on behalf of the individuals making up the registered named entry, hereby acquit and forever discharge, indemnify and hold the City of Clinton, its successors and assigns, its employees, officers, officials, agents, and/or representatives, free and harmless from and against any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, losses, claims, demands, suits, damages, costs, judgments, and/or expenses of any kind or nature, including the payment of reasonable attorney's fees, resulting from any and all known and unknown, present or future, anticipated or unanticipated injury to or destruction of tangible property, or resulting in personal injury, sickness, disease, up to and including death resulting from or in any way arising out of the negligence, errors, omissions, or willful negligence of the City of Clinton.

Such losses, liabilities, expenses, damages and/or claims shall include, but not be limited to, civil or criminal fines or penalties, a taking, whether direct, indirect or inverse, of for loss of use and/or service, personal injury, death, libel, slander, and attorney's fees in the underlying action through all level of appeals.

Should the City of Clinton be named in any suit, action or claim under the terms thereof, the registered named entrant shall appear and defend the City of Clinton to the extent of its indemnification obligation hereunder, provided that the

City of Clinton shall have the right to appear and defend such action or claim on its own behalf. The foregoing indemnity shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement.

I/we understand that a representative of each entry MUST ATTEND ONE of the pre-planning meetings to be scheduled on Monday November 19 and Monday November 26. Failure to attend may result in applicant being removed from the parade line-up.

The undersigned hereby affirms that he or she is authorized to act for and bind the group, organization or persons so registered as the participant(s) in the 2018 City of Clinton Christmas Parade.

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY _____

WITNESS: _____

DATE: _____