



North Augusta Lions Club - 2019 Christmas Parade

"All I Want For Christmas Is..."

Sunday, December 8th at 3pm

Applications are requested by November 18th and NO LATER than November 25th, 2019.

Table with columns: Entry Type, Judging, Music. Rows include Commercial Float, Group Float, Auto Clubs, Equestrian, and Elected Officials and Queens.

The North Augusta Lions Club will have an "official Santa". NO other Santa will be permitted in the parade.

(75% of ALL entries MUST be embellished with Christmas décor)

Entry Name: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Alt. Contact: _____ Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Number of people in group: _____ Line-up footage needed (ex: truck/vehicle pulling flatbed = 30ft) _____

REQUIRED: Please describe your entry & organization: _____

Please make checks payable to: North Augusta Lions Club
Return completed entry forms and payments to: P. O. Box 6385, North Augusta SC 29861 or deliver to the North Augusta Chamber, 406 West Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841. Call (803) 624-2487 for assistance.

Media & Liability Release: I have been presented with the Official Rules and Regulations. I understand that failure to comply may result in disqualification from the judging and/or ineligibility to participate and forfeiture of entry fee. It is understood that parade entry and its participants may be shown on television, on the internet and/or in print media. Participation in the event is at your own risk; I /We certify that the North Augusta Lions Club, The International Assoc. of Lions Clubs, their employees and any/all volunteers involved in the event are not liable for any injuries or losses that may occur as a direct or indirect result of participation in this event. All entries are subject to approval by the Lions Club. Please sign below to agree to these terms:

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____



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North Augusta Lions Parade Rules & Regulations

1. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from police and parade officials or be barred from the parade. The Lions Parade Committee reserve the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, while assembling or any time during the parade.
2. Vehicles not pulling a float or providing transportation for pageant entrants MUST have at least 75% of vehicle decorated in a Christmas theme of some sort.
3. **NO MATERIALS MAY BE THROWN ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. WALKERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAND MATERIALS TO SPECTATORS.**
4. Forward movement maneuvers only by marching units are permitted. No units may stop forward motion for performances except in the areas designated by the Lions Club Parade Committee. This stop may not exceed **15 seconds**.
5. A space of 20 feet between each unit will be enforced. All units are required to close gap between units when instructed by parade officials. Failure to do so may warrant removal from the parade.
6. Alcoholic beverages are **forbidden** on any float, in any vehicle, or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup. All city, county and SC State statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police before, during and after the parade.
7. Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade areas must possess a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old, and possess all liability vehicle insurance.
8. **Livestock, reptiles, wild and domestic animals shall not be in the parade unless special written approval by the Lions Club Parade Committee is obtained.** If approval is granted, all horses must have someone to clean up, along the parade route. **PLEASE DO NOT STOP FOR SPECTATORS TO PET YOUR ANIMALS, THIS IS A SAFETY HAZARD.** Failure to comply with the officials' instructions will result in immediate removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation.
9. **Use of high intensity sound making devices is strongly discouraged.** Sounds of any type must be approved by the Lions Club Parade Committee and must be at a compatible sound level. Only Christmas theme music will be allowed. Parade officials have the complete authority in this matter and reserve the right to withdraw any unit that does not comply with their instructions to turn down or turn off sound when instructed to do so. Failure to comply with the officials' instructions will result in immediate removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation.
10. Discharging of firearms or any semblance thereof is **not permitted. Failure to comply will result in banning from future parades.**
11. The Lions Club Parade Committee reserves the right to withdraw any unit of which costume or performance does not meet the Christmas parade rules and regulations or conform to the standards of reasonable public taste and fit the parade theme.

12. Entrants that do not appear on parade day without prior notification to parade officials or entries that do not comply with the rules and regulations jeopardize future participation in the Lions Club Christmas Parade.
13. Political campaigning is **not permitted**.
14. The Lions Club Christmas Parade Committee's decision regarding all entries is final.
15. The Lions Club Parade Committee does not accept the responsibility for travel, food, or lodging expense of any unit.
16. Application fees are non-refundable for accepted entries. Each entry must pay the appropriate fee.
17. **The Lions Club Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.**

FLOATS

1. Only vehicles pulling floats or providing transportation for pageant entries will be allowed in the parade. Exceptions will be considered for antique vehicles and other organized specialty car groups. Vehicles that are pulling floats should be incorporated as much as possible into the float and decorated accordingly.
2. At least 75% of all entries must be decorated with a Christmas theme. All banners must be neatly lettered and legible.
3. NO decorations and or float construction material may protrude from the side of the float. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.
4. Participants may be costumed according to the parade theme, with **no participant dressed as Santa Claus.**
5. No participants will dismount from a float during the parade route. Participants will not have body parts, particularly legs and feet, extending past the sides, front or rear of the float. This is an extreme safety hazard.
6. The Lions Club Parade Committee will secure Santa Claus for the parade. **No other Santas are allowed to participate.**

BANDS – MARCHING/WALKING UNITS

1. All marching units must maintain forward motion. Routines that cause significant gaps will not be permitted. Dance moves should be kid friendly and absent of provocative movement. Excessive stopping or reversing motion will result in removal from the parade and will jeopardize future participation. Only Christmas theme music will be allowed.
2. No unit may stop forward motion to perform except in areas designated by the Lions Club Parade Committee. Performance stops may not last more than 15 seconds.
3. If for any reason a gap of greater than 20 feet is created, marching units must increase their pace to close the gap.
4. All members of any marching unit should be at least 5 years old. Participants must be suitably costumed with **no participant dressed as Santa**. Walking groups must be dressed in uniform that easily identifies walkers as a part of the same group.
5. No vehicle may accompany marching units without prior approval.

LINEUP

All entries will be receive further instructions about the parade position upon receipt and approval of the application.

KINGS/QUEENS

Kings/Queens from any Elementary, Jr. High, High School, College or recognized pageant will be considered for the parade at the discretion of the Lions Club Parade Committee. Eligible entries for consideration will include private/public, elementary/secondary, college institutions and recognized pageant winners. Kings/Queens must be at least 5 years old. Kings/Queens from the same school must ride in the same convertible. Kings/Queens are required to furnish their own convertibles. The driver must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. A maximum of 2 persons per vehicle (driver excluded). The King and/or Queen must have been selected as a part of an official school pageant. The King/Queen must attend the school they represent.

ROUTE

The parade will start from the assembly area (Martintown Plaza) on E Martintown Road @ Big Lots. It will continue up Martintown Road to Georgia Avenue, then turn LEFT onto Georgia Avenue. The parade will end at W. Buena Vista. You will be required to take a RIGHT onto W Buena Vista. To return to the Plaza you will then turn RIGHT onto West Avenue and follow it back to Martintown Road.

Parade Winners will be announced immediately following the parade. Two representatives from each winning entry will be invited to attend the Lions Club meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00pm (NA Community Center) for formal recognition and interview with the newspaper.

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