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C H A M B E R O F C O M M E R C E

Dear Parade Entrant,

Please read this application in its entirety. There are several changes being made to the Christmas parade this year and how entrants are being accepted.

The 2021 Christmas Parade will be on Wednesday, December 8th at 5:30pm. The deadline for entry will be **November 8th at 4:00pm.** Accepted entries will be notified by **November 15th** via email or phone. More information about the line-up, directions, and guidelines will be sent at that time.

Please send cash or checks made out to:

**Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce
102 Depot Street
Fountain Inn, SC 29644.**

We look forward to seeing you on December 8th!

Sincerely,

The Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce staff



2021



Winners will be judged on creativity
and community spirit/enthusiasm
from members of the group.



**FOUNTAIN INN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY FORM**

December 8, 2021 5:30pm

(Please print legibly)

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Name of Entry _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

The entry fee is \$45 for non-chamber members and \$25 for chamber members

CATEGORY OF ENTRY

___ Business/Corporation ___ Community Organization/Nonprofit ___ Youth Group
___ Cheer/Dance Group ___ School/Marching Band ___ Church/Faith Based Group
___ Media ___ Beauty Queen ___ Dignitary

Describe your organization:

Marching Units or Walking Groups (no vehicles):

Approximate number of youth under age 18 in marching unit or group _____ Number of adults _____

Music? ___ Yes ___ No

Animals? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, type? _____ Include proof of up-to-date vaccinations

Vehicular or towed unit information:

Clarify what type of vehicle(s) you are entering in the parade.

___ Small pickup truck ___ Large pickup truck ___ Car ___ Convertible ___ SUV ___ Van

___ Small truck cab with trailer ___ Motorcycle ___ Flatbed trailer (trailer is ___ feet long)

Other _____

(Other includes: skateboards, emergency vehicle, fire truck, golf cart, antique car, heavy equipment, bicycle)

*****ALL FLOATS, CARS, TRUCKS, VANS AND ANY OTHER TOWED VEHICLES MUST BE DECORATED WITH LIGHTS AND/OR HOLIDAY THEMED DECORATIONS*****

Describe how you will incorporate Christmas into your entry design. Decoration is required for participation. *Example: Float with Christmas theme including lights, decor, and tree, participants in Santa hats and holiday sweaters* _____

Entry Design: Please attach a separate page that represents your entry. This may be in the form of photographs, diagrams, or other visual information that will provide an accurate representation of your entry. The Parade Committee is looking for entries that reflect the holiday spirit. Remember to be imaginative and incorporate lights, music and/or motion to your entry.

Special requests or special needs: _____

(Requests will be considered but not guaranteed)

1. General Parade Guidelines

- a. All applications received by the published deadline will be reviewed by the Parade Committee. Selected participants will receive additional information regarding the parade times, routes, and staging. Submitting an application to participate does not guarantee acceptance.
- b. The Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to accept or deny any entry application.
- c. All participants must be willing and able to follow the full route of the parade. The parade route, from staging to dispersal, is approximately 1 mile. Stopping to perform will not be permitted.
- d. Parade officials may cancel the event, at their discretion, due to severe weather or other emergencies.
- e. Groups must be dressed in uniform, costume or complementary attire (i.e. same color/style shirts, hats, etc.) that reflects the holiday spirit.
- f. Parade applicants are responsible for advising group participants of parade guidelines and rules.
- g. Santa Claus is our featured guest this year. Parade participants, floats, or entries may not use a live Santa Claus or a representation of Santa Claus.
- h. Fuel fired generators shall not be refueled during the event and floats will not carry additional fuel. Floats utilizing a generator must carry a 10lb ABC fire extinguisher.
- i. In keeping with the spirit of the holidays, we discourage any entries that strive to make a controversial or political statement or use divisive imagery.
- j. **Candy or ANY other items may not be thrown from vehicles or any other entry.** Candy or handouts may be handed out by walkers who remain along the outer edge of the parade route.
- k. Groups will not purposefully stop to perform along the route; all participants must keep the parade moving. Gaps in the parade line make onlookers think the parade is over and start to walk in the street as well as unnecessarily lengthen the time of the parade, and therefore create traffic delays.
- l. Riders on vehicles cannot get on and off during the parade at any time.
- m. This is a family event; therefore, participants may not act in a lewd manner or present lewd material nor dress inappropriately.
- n. There shall be at least one adult (18 years and older) supervising no more than 10 children under the age 18 in each entry.
- o. All entries will be reviewed prior to the start of the parade. Entries that fail to meet the intent of the parade or follow the parade rules will not be allowed to participate.
- p. All entrants and participants shall obey orders given by Chamber staff and parade organizers.

2. Driver & Automobile Guidelines

- a. As stated above any vehicles beyond what is accepted in your parade packet will be turned away.
- b. The driver of the vehicle should be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and proof of current automobile insurance. This will include entries and support vehicles such as golf carts, miniature cars, motorcycles and any other motorized vehicle. All vehicles will adhere to all applicable safe vehicle operations and will be subject to citation for unlawful and unsafe acts.
- c. Drivers are responsible for maintaining control of their vehicle. Do not tailgate or leave gaps. Keep about two car lengths between each entry at all times.
- d. Floats and vehicles may acknowledge their sponsors with poster, banners, or similar. Entries deemed to be advertising or promotional only in nature and fail to promote a Holiday theme may not be allowed to participate.
- e. Signage and decorations shall not obstruct the driver's ability to safely operate the vehicle.
- f. We are prohibiting large tractor trailers or 18 wheelers due to their size and difficulty navigating in the parade route. If you have questions about this for your entry, contact the parade organizer.

3. Pet & Animal Guidelines

- a. Intention to use live animals must be stated in your description of entry.
- b. All pets and animals must be properly restrained by leash or harness.
- c. Applications without proof of up-to-date vaccinations will not be considered.
- d. Participants will be responsible for cleaning up pet or animal accidents that occur along the parade route and surrounding areas.

Application and Parade Rules and Guidelines

By signing below, I, as the Applicant, acknowledge that I am either the person responsible for or am an authorized agent for the organization responsible with full authority to bind the organization for the legal requirements contained herein. I, as Applicant, do hereby release and discharge the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce from any and all liability for loss or damage to persons, including death, property and merchandise used by the Applicant in the operation of the parade due to theft, fire, storm, flood and damages through any force of nature or otherwise, including but not limited to the damage(s) and liabilities set forth below. I further understand that if I, as Applicant, am permitted to participate in the parade ("Permittee"), all legal obligations contained herein shall be binding upon me or my organization, as applicable, with full authority to bind me or my organization for all the legal requirements contained herein.

As a participant in the parade, I recognize that there are certain risks of physical injury, death and/or property damage associated therewith, and I or my organization, as applicable, agree to assume all risk and responsibility for all personal injuries, including loss of life, property damage and expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, that may be sustained or which may be caused by the Applicant or by persons under the control of the Applicant while participating in any and all activities associated with the parade. As Applicant, I or my organization, as applicable, agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims and demands, including any damages, judgments, costs and attorney's fees arising out of, connected with, or any way associated with any parade activity which arises out of my or any person under my or my organization's control, as applicable, in the participation in any and all activities associated with the parade. For reasons of safety and security, I, as Applicant, or any person under my or my organization's control, will be under full command of the parade officials from formation leading up to the parade until the end of the parade when it officially disbands. I, as Applicant, further understand I am or my organization, as applicable, is responsible for any person under 18 years of age and all responsibility and indemnity requirements contained herein for the benefit of the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce shall apply to any person under 18 years of age who sustains personal injury, including death, and property damage arising out of the parade and its associated activities.

I, or my organization, as applicable, understand and agree to provide only South Carolina licensed drivers at least 18 years of age for the operation of any and all vehicles and motorized equipment used in the parade. I, or my organization, as applicable, also understand and agree that each vehicle and motorized equipment used in the parade will be in compliance with the limits of vehicular/motorized equipment insurance coverage in accordance with South Carolina law. I, or my organization, as applicable, agrees to provide the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce with proof of such insurance as set forth herein upon the Chamber's request. I also understand that either I, or my organization, as applicable, is solely responsible for abiding by traffic laws, regulations, and maintaining a safe and controlled operation of the vehicle(s) and motorized equipment used in the parade at all times.

I, or my organization, as applicable, further grant the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce permission to use any and all photographs, motion picture(s), recording(s) or any other record of me or my organization's participation, as applicable, in the parade for any legitimate reason(s) in the Chamber's sole discretion.

I, or my organization, as applicable, have read and will follow all the parade guideline restrictions and agree to do so if I or my organization, as applicable, become a Permittee of the parade.

All the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Print Name & Title

Name of Organization

Signature

Date