

Parade entry forms can be obtained from and must be returned to the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce 9 East Oak St. McRae-Helena, GA 31055 Ph: (229) 868-6365 Email: rogers@telfairco.org Web: www.telfairco.org

*Note: Please do not email or fax entry forms as payment must be made with registration.

All participants in the parade must complete an entry form, pay entry fee and have a decal.

All entries must be registered by 12 noon on December 5, 2018

NOTE:

***Candy throwing is NOT allowed. Walkers may hand out candy but CANNOT THROW candy.**
***No Live Santa Claus will be allowed. Live Santa will be featured at the end of the parade on the McRae-Helena Fire-truck.**

Parade Entry Fees

Entry fees are to be paid to the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

Fees are as follows:

- *\$10 Floats (to be judged)** (trailers, flat beds, or anything that would be considered a float entry)
- *\$5 All other entries (not to be judged)** (walkers, cars, trucks, atv's, golf carts, motor bikes, bicycles, skate boards, skates, horses)

**Parade Theme
"Celebrate the Music & Melodies of Christmas"**

Floats only will be judged.
1st place trophies will be awarded in the following categories:
*Non-Profits|Civic Groups|School Groups|Churches
*Industry/Business 30 or less employees
*Industry/Business 31 or more employees

All categories will be judged on:
*Overall Appearance
*Special Effects
*Creativity & Workmanship\
*Use of Theme

Winners of each category will be announced on Monday, December 10, 2018

Mission

The primary mission of the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade is to provide a safe, enjoyable and quality family environment, in and on the streets of Telfair County, GA.

Rules and Guidelines are on back of this form. Please read carefully before submitting your entry form and inform all your float participants of these rules and guidelines.

**2018 Telfair County
Lighted Christmas Parade**



**Friday
December 7, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

Parade Route
Eighth St & Oak Street (Hwy 341)
McRae-Helena, GA

Sponsored by:
Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

Rules & Guidelines for the 2018 Telfair County Light Christmas Parade

PARADE ASSEMBLY & DISBURSEMENT

Participants are responsible for obtaining spaces for decorating and building the floats. Beauty queens and other entrants are responsible for obtaining their own vehicles. Work on all entries should be complete at the time of lineup. No materials will be available for last minute repairs and additions. When working with floats, please dispose of materials properly to prevent litter.

PARADE LINEUP

Must check in with Parade Official located at the intersection of Eastman Ave & 5th St. All entries must enter from the intersection of Eastman Ave & 5th St. Parade entries will line up on Forsyth St. Please see the attached map for entry onto the lineup street. Lineup will be the first to arrive/- first in line. If you have multiple entries they will all have to arrive at the same time to be in the same lineup location.

PARADE DECALS

Window Decals will be given out as you register. Please keep this decal and have them with you on Parade night. Parade entries will not be allowed to advance in the parade if decal is not displayed. Decal will only be given to those who have registered and paid their entry fees by November 27, 2017. Window Decal is to be displayed on the driver's side door window. Decal number does not determine your location in parade lineup.

TIRES

Tires may not rub any part of the frame or float decoration when making turns.

FLOAT DIMENSIONS

Floats must not exceed twenty (20) feet in width and must not be taller than twelve (12) feet overall height. Maximum float length must be no longer than fifty-five (55) feet. All parts of the fully decorated float must clear the ground by a minimum of ten (10) inches, with the exception of the fringe. The flooring must be strong enough to support all riders. A turn radius of forty-five (45) degrees to the right and left is mandatory for all Parade entries.

GO-CARTS, 4-WHEELERS, MOTOR BIKES, HOSES, ETC.

SAFETY IS FIRST PRIORITY!! At all times Riders must be under the supervision of a responsible adult of age 18 years or older. Law Enforcement and Parade Workers will monitor riding status during the parade. Out of concern for safety, riders might be pulled from the parade route if the proper safety measures are not considered by the riders. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED!!!!**

SYMMETRY

Floats shall be constructed and decorated so that viewing from either side is equally appealing to the eye.

ELECTRICAL WIRING

Wire AND Lighting devices must have sufficient capability for the use intended for them on the float. Wiring should be properly secured to the float to avoid mechanical damage and injury to float riders and other participants.

PORTABLE GENERATORS

Portable generators used in conjunction with float lighting must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of twelve (12) inches clearance must separate any part of the generator from light, combustible fabrication or decorating materials.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

At least one five-pound dry chemical or 10-pound carbon dioxide fire extinguisher should be placed within easy reach of the float driver. There should be at least one fire extinguisher near each generator. (Check with the McRae-Helena Fire Department for a listing of fire extinguisher providers.)

FLOAT & VEHICLE DRIVERS:

All drivers must be licensed and adequately trained to drive their float. The driver should have perfect visibility of the road ahead. Once the float is in position in the lineup area, the driver must be in attendance at all times and available to move the unit as necessary.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FORM

All entries, including horses, (no exception) must have an entry card on file at the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce located at 9 E. Oak St. McRae, GA on or before Noon December 5, 2018.

ILLUMINATION

To maintain the overall effect of the nighttime parade, ALL entries must be thoroughly decorated with lights and follow the "A Magical Christmas" theme. Entries will not be accepted without lighting. Equestrians, clowns, bands, dignitaries, pageant winners, marching units, drill teams and colorful performing groups are excluded from this rule.

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

A description or history of the entry, in about twenty-five words, must be submitted. This should be included with the entry card at registration.

FLOAT RIDERS

Do not drive onto Forsyth St. to unload riders. They must unload from a side street and walk to their float. Only vehicles that are registered to be in the parade are allowed on Forsyth St.

No persons under the age of 18 can ride on a float in the parade without direct supervision of a responsible adult 18 years of age or older. All riders must stay on the float and/or /vehicle until they have reached a designated drop-off location and the float and vehicle has come to a complete stop. After the parade, it is the responsibility of the parents with children participating in the parade to make necessary arrangements to have children met and picked up at a designated location.

CANDY THROWING

As a safety precaution. NO CANDY THROWING is allowed during the parade. Walkers may hand out candy but cannot throw candy.

PARADE ETIQUETTE

During the parade, individuals and organizations are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times. Parade participant must refrain from using body language, signs and music with profanity or vulgar language or actions.

AUTHORITY

Parade workers have the authority to seek the removal of any person or entries from the parade, when, in their judgment, parade guidelines are being violated.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SMOKING

No smoking or alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed in or on the float or tow vehicle. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited and violators will be prosecuted. **No advertisements are allowed for alcohol or tobacco usage.**

COSTUMED CHARACTERS

Float builders are encouraged to use costumed characters on floats. However, **NO LIVE SANTA CLAUS will be allowed.** (Santa is featured at the end of the parade on the McRae-Helena Fire Truck.)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Remember, we cannot control the weather. If weather conditions are considered extreme and unsafe by the Parade Coordinators, the parade may be canceled and rescheduled for the following weekend.