

MIDDLE GEORGIA CHRISTMAS PARADE



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The Middle Georgia Christmas Parade will be held on **Sunday, December 7, 2014**. We hope that you will consider participating in this Christmas tradition. This year's theme will be **Macon's Musical Christmas**. Please complete the attached application and return it with your \$100 entry fee. Professional floats are available for rent from Kip Dinger and are \$600 for For-Profit organizations and \$400 for Non-Profits.

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2014

Time: 3:00 pm

Check-in: Corner of MLK and Poplar by Raffield Tire

Check-in begins: 12:00 pm

Must be in line by: 2:00 pm

Theme: Macon's Musical Christmas

Deadline for entries is November 28th, 2014. The Parade Committee will notify you of your line-up number and staging area by Wednesday, December 3. Parade packets will be available for pick-up at the Terminal Station on Friday, December 5.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas Parade. If you have any questions please contact Steven Fulbright, Main Street Macon Manager at 478-803-2436 or SFulbright@maconbibb.us.

Thank you,

Steven Fulbright
Main Street Macon Manager

MIDDLE GEORGIA CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Christmas Parade will be held **Sunday December 7, 2014**, starting at **3:00 PM**. Please fill out the entry form and return it along with a \$100 entry fee to:

Macon-Bibb County
C/o Economic and Community Development
200 Cherry Street, Suite 300
Macon, GA 31201

Professional floats are available. Tow vehicle not provided.
\$600 - For-profit Professional Christmas Parade Float Rental
\$400 - Non-profit Professional Christmas Parade Float Rental

All checks are to be made payable to the **Macon-Bibb County**.
Please include Reference **-Christmas Parade**.

Deadline for entries is **November 28, 2014**. Parade line-up will begin at the corner of Cherry St and Martin Luther King Blvd. You will be notified of your line-up number by **Wednesday, December 3**. Parade packets will be available for early pick-up on **Friday, December 5** at the Terminal Station. Parade check-in will begin at 12:00 pm and you should be in place no later than 2:00 pm.

Type of entry: Professional Float _____ Self Made Float _____
Band _____ Horses _____
Marching/Walking Unit _____ Dignitary _____
King/Queen _____ Vehicle _____
*Marching Units must be in uniformly dressed or in festive costume

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Brief description to be used on TV:

Hold Harmless Clause:

Middle Georgia Christmas Parade Entrant shall assume all risks incident to or in connection with the permitted activity and shall be solely responsible for damages or injury, of whatever kind or nature, to persons or property, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the Middle Georgia Christmas Parade or the conduct of entrant's operation. The entrant hereby expressly agrees to defend and save the City harmless from any penalties for violation of law, ordinance or regulation affecting its activity and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, injuries, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees and other litigation expenses, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the Middle Georgia Christmas Parade or conduct of its operation or resulting from the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of entrant or its officers, agents and employees.

If the entrant agrees to operate a vehicle in connection with the Middle Georgia Christmas Parade he/she shall be validly licensed to drive such vehicle and be responsible for complying with all laws that apply as a driver of a vehicle.

Entrant also agrees to obey the guidelines put forth by the Middle Georgia Christmas Parade, including (but not limited to) abstaining from throwing candy and other items from parade units and the consumption of alcohol during the lineup, on a parade unit or along the parade route.

Date: _____

Signature of person in charge of Unit: _____

MIDDLE GEORGIA CHRISTMAS PARADE GUIDELINES

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Self Made floats should submit drawings for approval by the Parade Committee no later than **Monday, November 17**.

Please **do not** have anyone dressed as Santa Claus.

Entrant will provide cars for dignitaries and "royalty".

Signage should be professionally printed.

If your unit, on parade day, is different or differs greatly from your application, your unit may be dismissed from the parade while still in the assembly area. No refund of registration fees will be given to the dismissed unit.

No candy, samples, political materials or other materials of any kind can be thrown or tossed from a Float or Specialty Unit while the parade is in route. Unit members walking near the crowd line may hand out items.

The Parade Committee will determine order of appearance to establish variety and best use of participants.

Individuals and organizations participating in the Christmas Parade are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times during the assembly, execution and dispersal of the parade.

Drivers of all vehicles in the Parade and those entering the parade line-up area must have a valid drivers license, have proper proof of insurance as required by state law, and be at least 18 years old.

Tow vehicles should be decorated to accent and compliment the unit.

The consumption of any alcoholic beverage by any participant is strictly prohibited. The police will strictly enforce all City, County and State statutes concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages before, during and after the Parade. If this policy is broken, the unit will be pulled and towed from the parade, the operator is subject to arrest, and the unit will not be asked back by the Christmas Parade Committee. The Christmas Parade will not issue any refunds if your unit is removed from the parade route due to any issues concerning intoxication, and/or the possession of alcohol.

Marching Bands will be allowed 30 seconds to stop and perform. If your unit is not a Marching Band, continue moving forward through the entire route.

The Christmas Parade plans to proceed with the parade, rain or shine. We request that you make provisions for foul weather and we will not refund registration fees because of parade delay or cancellation due to inclement weather.

Horse/Equine Units

Coggins Requirement – Georgia law requires that all horses that come together for public display (i.e. parade) must have a current negative Coggins Test. (GA Administrative Code: 40-13-3-.06)

Proof of Negative Coggins Testing must be provided before parade day.

A test is not required for suckling foals accompanying a negative dam.

All horses must either have diapers on or someone to follow them to clean up.

You are responsible for cleaning up any hay or bedding in the staging area.

Canine Units

Rabies Vaccination Requirement – State law requires that any and all canines must have a current certification of rabies vaccination.

Proof of rabies vaccination must be provided on request.

City of Macon Ordinance – All dogs in a public place must be effectively restrained by chain or leash not exceeding eight (8) feet in length and any person having the custody or control of any dog shall have the responsibility for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner.