

Bessemer City Christmas Parade Guidelines and Hold Harmless Agreement

All entries must be decorated in a Christmas theme & and comply with these parade rules and regulations.

Please read the following parade guidelines prior to submitting your application. Signature on the application indicates you and all participants in the parade entry understand and agree to follow the guidelines.

1. There is no cost to be in the Parade but no entry will be allowed in the parade line-up without a completed application.
2. Float/entry must adhere to the application description, be entertaining to all ages, decorated in festive and fun holiday style in keeping with the parade theme. Business/corporate vehicles without holiday themed decorations will not be allowed.
3. Parade units must select one person to be their Parade Team Leader. Parade Team Leader will be the primary contact person for the parade unit before, during and after the parade. The Leader's contact information must be on form.
4. Parade Team Leader should provide clear and specific arrangements for drop off and pick up before and after the parade. Scout leaders, Dance troops, etc. should make sure participants and their parents know their pack or troop number, Dance Group name, the leader's name and the parade entry number upon arrival at check in.
5. Due to overhead electrical wires and obstructions on the parade route, floats and entries cannot exceed the 14 ft. height limit from ground to top of float.
6. Drivers of floats or vehicles: must be over the age of 18, must be fully insured to drive the parade vehicle.
7. All Float entries should be accompanied by 2 float walkers, in safety vests, one on each side of the float to assist with crowd control over the entire parade route.
8. Signs designating the name of the group should be placed on both sides of each float or in front of each walking group.
- 9. Candy, toys and trinkets are allowed to be handed out; not thrown.**
10. All children under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult. Children under 5 years old, not directly accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian, will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
11. Only the official Parade Santa Claus will be allowed in the parade. No other live Santa Claus characters will be allowed to participate in the event.
- 12. No animals of any kind allowed in the parade.**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (required)

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in the parade, the undersigned and all participants of this entry agree to follow all guidelines and instructions given by City of Bessemer City, staff, parade officials, marshals, and police. Obey all laws for proper operation of a motor vehicle. Entrant and all participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Bessemer City and related entities, all agents, employees and volunteers of said organizations, from any claim or expense of whatever kind or nature arising from activities as a parade participant of the undersigned organization and any of its representatives or individual participants. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall be governed in all respects under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Signature of Parade Team Leader _____