



“Christmas In Clinton” Parade

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Deadline:

Parade applications, home-made float sketches and fees must be received by **November 25, 2009**. **Regrettably, applications will not be accepted past this deadline.** Applications returned without descriptions, sketches and entry fees will not be valid until all items are received. The application must be complete with all items by the above stated deadline.

Entry Fee:

	<u>Chamber Members</u>	<u>Non-Chamber Members</u>
Float—Full Professional	\$375.00	\$440.00
Float—Half Professional (Shared w/ another organization or business)	\$190.00	\$260.00
Float—Homemade, Business	\$175.00	\$225.00
Float—Homemade, Other (Civic Group, Church, Dignitaries, etc.)	\$50.00	\$75.00
Business Sponsorship of Marching Band	\$325.00	\$400.00
Repeat Business Sponsorship of Marching Band	\$200.00	\$275.00
Vehicle—Business (Decorated)	\$175.00	\$225.00
Vehicle—Non-Profit (Civic Group, Church, Dignitaries, etc.)	\$35.00	\$50.00
Vehicle—Queen	\$65.00	\$75.00
Vehicle—Antique, Collector, etc.	\$15.00	\$15.00
Vehicle-6000 lbs GVW (decorated with Christmas)	\$35.00	\$35.00
Marchers/Walkers—Commercial	\$50.00	\$75.00
Marchers/Walkers—Non-Profit (Civic Group, Church, Dignitaries, etc.)	\$35.00	\$50.00

Rules & Regulations:

- ALL entries must be decorated in a **Christmas theme** and should play **Christmas music only**. Absolutely **no candy** may be distributed from any entry other than the Chamber (Santa Claus) float.
- All professional floats should note on the application the exact way the organization/company name is to be displayed on the float (under Organization).
- All homemade float entries **MUST** be decorated in a Christmas holiday theme. All banners must be neatly lettered and easily legible. All entries using electrical devices must adhere to generally accepted electrical standards. (e.g. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.) Sketches of homemade floats must be submitted along with the application. The float should be no larger than 12' x 24', and no decorations and/or float construction material may protrude from the side of the float. All floats must have a handhold or stand-up hold for each rider on the float. Each float must have a spotter beside the float.
- Interested businesses may sponsor a marching band entry. The Chamber will make banners for such businesses with the company logo. The sponsorship includes the cost of the banner. Banners, which will be made of durable plastic, may become the property of the sponsoring business to use during the year.
- Vehicles carrying Queens are not permitted to advertise businesses unless entered under the Vehicle-Business class.

Line-Up is scheduled to begin at **8:00 a.m.** Report to the Sampson County-Agri-Exposition Center to receive line-up instructions and an identification number. **All traffic will be blocked off at 9:00 am.**

Route: *Please be aware of the route for the 2009 Christmas Parade.* Entries will depart from the Agri-Exposition Center on Warsaw Road. The parade starting point will be at the Clinton City Schools Administrative Offices (Old College Street School) and will go through downtown Clinton and around the court house on the Vance Street side. The parade will continue down Fayetteville Street turning left onto Chestnut Street and then left onto West Main Street. The parade will continue down Main Street making a right onto Lisbon Street. The official parade route ends at the Clinton City Market; however, floats and entries are not permitted to unload at this point. Marching units may exit at the Clinton City Market. **ALL** other entries must continue down Lisbon Street to return to the Agri-Exposition Center. **DO NOT EXIT THE PARADE ROUTE UNTIL THE END OF THE UNLOAD POINT, WHICH IS AT THE SAMPSON COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER.** (See map on reverse side.)

Santa Claus: The Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce will secure Santa Claus for the parade. No other Santas will be allowed to participate in the parade.

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Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (w) _____ (f) _____ E-mail: _____

Indicate your type of entry with a check mark:

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In order for your entry to be properly described on the radio (WCLN 1170) and TV (StarVision/Waccamaw Media), please provide us with a brief biography of your organization/group and a brief description of your entry. Applications without descriptions **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Please note there is no guarantee of your entry being broadcast.

(You may attach your biography/description to this form)

WAIVER OF CLAIM: (Must be signed by participant)

I/We do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce and the City of Clinton and their respective officers, agents, members and employees of any sponsoring organization and underwriters, individually or collectively, from all fines, penalties, liabilities, losses, claim, damages and expenses including court costs and attorney’s fees, incurred or suffered as a result of or relating to my/our participation in the event known as the “Christmas In Clinton” Parade.

Signature _____

Date _____

Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce
414 Warsaw Road, P.O. Box 467 Phone: 910-592-6177 Fax: 910-592-5770

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It is important that a representative from **ALL** entries report to the Agri-Exposition Center to receive an identification number. Without an identification number your entry will not be properly announced during the radio broadcast.

Marchers: Marching units will line-up at the Clinton City Schools Administrative Offices on College Street. One representative from your group must report to the Exposition Center to register and collect the group's identification tag. Marchers may exit at the parade end-point, which is the Clinton City Market on Lisbon Street. Any vehicles that are part of a marching entry must return to the Exposition Center to unload.

You're invited to stay downtown after the parade. Santa Claus will be at his house, located in front of the court house. Warm up with lunch and hot beverages at one of our downtown restaurants or use the afternoon to Christmas shop with any of our downtown merchants.

