



2017 Hernando Christmas Parade

Presented by:



PARADE THEME: "Let it Snow"

Date: Monday, December 4, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m. (Lineup begins at 5:30)

Rain Date: Monday, December 11, 2017

Fee: \$10 Chamber Members & Non-Profit Organizations
\$20 Non-Members

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Mail or deliver completed application and remittance to:

Hernando Main Street Chamber of Commerce; 421 West Commerce Street; Hernando, MS 38632

Contact Information

Name _____
Address _____
City ST ZIP _____
Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Type of Entry

Please write the appropriate number of units in each category that are applicable to your entry. In cases with multiple units, please include the number of each.

___ Marching Band ___ Float
___ Automobile ___ Tractor
___ Golf Cart ___ Other _____

Description of Entry PLEASE INCLUDE APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF FLOAT (FEET) _____

Please provide a brief description of your entry. If a float, please include a description of the contents of the float (e.g.: "A float decorated with blinking lights"). _____

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that I have read the attached rules and regulations and that the facts set forth in this application are true and complete. I understand that any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my dismissal and forfeiture of my entry fee.

Hernando Main Street Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to refuse any application.

Name (printed) _____ Date _____
Signature _____

HERNANDO CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO "LIVE" SANTA CLAUS ON ANY ENTRY** – Due to the fact that young children can be confused by more than one Santa Claus, please refrain from including a live Santa Claus in your entry. Santa Claus will be at the end of the parade.
2. **Load-in will begin at 5:30 p.m.** No participants may load in before this time as businesses along the parade route will need to access their lots. The parade will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m., so all entries must be in place by 6 p.m.
3. **All participants must enter the lineup route, via McCracken Road in the Hernando Industrial Park. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Entries must check in with the Chamber Parade Volunteers, located on Vaiden Drive (west of the railroad crossing) in the Hernando Industrial Park.
5. No entries may stop at any point during the parade, except at the request of a parade official. NO EXCEPTIONS.
6. A safe but reasonable distance must be maintained between entries. No participant should exceed a distance of greater than 25 feet from the entry in front of his/her entry.
7. **ABSOLUTELY NO CANDY MAY BE THROWN FROM FLOATS.** Candy may be passed out by parties walking beside the floats only. This is a safety issue that must be adhered to strictly to ensure welfare of spectators (especially children) along the parade route.
8. No political messages may be displayed on the float or on the person of participants.
9. Large vehicles, floats, semi-trucks, etc. must provide spotters to walk alongside the unit to watch for spectators that may be too close, especially in turns.
10. Undecorated vehicles will not be permitted to participate! Antique cars and tractors are the only exception.
11. Limit of five (5) vehicles per entry form.
12. We restrict the number of regular "street vehicles" participating in the parade to the following categories:
 - a. Vehicles representing a recognized club, organization, group, church, school or a local business.
 - b. Antique vehicles with antique car tags.
 - c. Car clubs may enter antique or vintage vehicles, but not regular street vehicles.
 - d. Individuals may not enter street cars unless they have antique tags.
13. Entries deemed offensive or inappropriate to the theme including but not limited to music, costuming, etc. may be rejected before or during the event, at the discretion of the parade committee (i.e. Hernando Main Street Chamber of Commerce).
14. Participants will not hold the Hernando Main Street Chamber of Commerce or any of its agents, sponsors or affiliated parties responsible for injuries or damage to personal property suffered before, during or after this function.
15. For safety reasons, horses are not allowed in the parade.
16. Failure to comply with any or all of the above rules may result in participants being asked to leave the event, and may result in participant being barred from participation in future parades and other events.

HERNANDO CHRISTMAS PARADE JUDGING

The Hernando Christmas Parade is a judged contest. Awards are presented for the following categories: Best Interpretation of Theme, Best Marching Band, and Best of Show.

1. All entries will be judged on the following criteria: a) *Compliance with theme*, b) *Originality*, c) *Creativity*, d) *Overall appearance & neatness*.
2. Judging Station will be located on the second floor balcony at the corner of Panola Street and Loshier Street.
3. Trophies will be presented to first place winners in each category, and will be announced the following day. A representative from each entry should be available to accept the award when notified. Please include contact information on application. Photos of the parade winners will be provided to area newspapers for publication.
4. All judges' decisions are final.