

**\*\*\*Note: New Lineup Change\*\*\***

## **Downtown Henderson Christmas Parade 2023 Rules and Regulations**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**2:00 pm**

- 1- All Floats, Fire trucks, and vehicles with trailers are to line up at 1:00pm. All other parade entries begin line up at 1:15pm and NO LATER than 1:45pm. The ONLY entry into the parade will be on **Raleigh Road at the light near Burger King. The parade will end on Breckenridge Street.**
- 2- Once the barriers are in place **NO ONE** will be allowed to drive on Raleigh Road to drop off parade participants. **Parents will need to park and walk their children to their parade spot.**
- 3- **Floats will be judged based on attractiveness, best use of theme, and riders dressed according to theme.** Judges decisions are final. Prizes are awarded as follows: 1st = \$100 ~ 2nd = \$50 ~ 3rd = \$25 - PLEASE NOTE: **Only paid entries will be eligible for prize money!**
- 4- Unless using a professional float, all entries are responsible for parade transportation.
- 5- ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A CHRISTMAS THEME. For example: Antique autos are to be decorated for Christmas. In a car club – **All Cars in the Group Must Be Decorated!** Scouts should carry a Christmas banner. Musical groups are encouraged to play Christmas music. NO ONE will be allowed to participate in the parade WITHOUT a Christmas theme; this includes businesses, cars, trucks, marching units, etc
- 6- Due to safety reasons, **MOTORCYCLES AND HORSES ARE PROHIBITED.** Three or four Wheelers are not permitted
- 7- Vehicles with loud mufflers or engines are prohibited (No engine revving/burnouts allowed). Groups with multiple entries are to come through the parade 2x2. **There WILL BE NO swerving of cars or driving with open doors!**
- 8- **The parade entry fee includes UP TO 3 VEHICLES for car clubs. Additional vehicles are \$10 each. Example: 1 to 3 cars = 1 entry fee of \$55; 3 cars +1 = \$65.**
- 9- Henderson City Code Section 10- 23 states: *“No one participating in a parade or proceeding along the route of a parade shall distribute handbills, advertising matter, candy, cigarettes, prizes, or favors of any kind, within one hundred feet of any moving motor vehicle or within one hundred feet of any group of parade participants marching in an organized marching formation.”*
- 10- **Each entry must include a sign or banner with the organizations name.**
- 11- Only preauthorized groups will be allowed to participate in the parade. No more than 25 individuals representing a single organization or club will be allowed. (This EXCLUDES organized walking or marching units)
- 12- Any unauthorized persons/vehicles will be turned away. NO ONE will be allowed to enter into the parade at the parade. **ALL ENTRIES MUST MEET DEADLINES.**
- 13- A distance of one car length is to be maintained between entries. Parade volunteers will instruct you to increase or close gaps.
- 14- Entries with animals are responsible for cleaning up their own animal waste.
- 15- **No refunds will be given for no shows or entries that are removed due to rule infractions.**
- 16- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited by all 2023 parade participants.
- 17- It is the responsibility of each person participating in the parade to adhere to all applicable local, state and/or federal laws. The Vance County Arts Council, The City of Henderson, sponsors, contributors, and supporters deny liability for any damages, injuries, or losses as a result of participating in the 2023 Henderson Christmas Parade.

**In the event that we have severe inclement weather on 12/02/23, the parade will be held on 12/03/23, A telephone call will be made to all parade contacts if this change occurs. Therefore, please have a valid working number on the parade form.**

# 2023 Downtown Henderson Christmas Parade

## Saturday, December 2, 2023, Parade begins at 2:00pm

Floats, Fire trucks, and Vehicles with Trailers Line-up on Raleigh Road at light near Burger King  
(The parade will go down Raleigh Road and turn right onto Garnett Street.)

between 1:00 to 1:15pm

All Other parade entries 1:20pm and NO LATER than 1:45pm

Please note that the parade will end on Rose Avenue near Sunrise Biscuit

**Deadline for Entries and Fees: November 24, 2023**

**PLEASE NOTE: No One Will Be Allowed To Participate Without an Entry Form Turned in by the Deadline**

**For additional information, contact Dr. Alice Clark Sallins Executive Director, 252-767-4579**

Organization/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry includes music \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Type/Fee: \* Basic entry fee \$55 all exceptions are listed below**

\_\_\_\_ All entries not listed below **\$55**

\_\_\_\_ Professional Float = **\$55 per entry** (Does not include float rental) \_\_\_\_ Original Float = **\$55 per entry**

\_\_\_\_ Walking/Marching Units = **\$55 per entry** \_\_\_\_ # of Participants

\_\_\_\_ Car Clubs – up to 3 cars = **\$55** \_\_\_\_ # of Additional Cars or Trucks = **\$10 per entry over 3**

\_\_\_\_ **High School and Middle School Marching Bands/Drum Lines = no charge**

\_\_\_\_ All other School Organizations = **\$25** \_\_\_\_ float \_\_\_\_ Marching or \_\_\_\_ Vehicle (s)

\_\_\_\_ Fire Trucks, Ambulance, Military = **no charge** \_\_\_\_ Marching or \_\_\_\_ Vehicle (s)

\_\_\_\_ Tractor/Trailer or oversized trucks = **\$100 per entry** \_\_\_\_ # of Tractors/Trailers or Trucks

\_\_\_\_ **Vendor Fee = \$75** Parking Lot on the corner of Garnett and West Orange Street

**Applicable Entry fees should accompany this form. Please make checks payable to:**

**Vance County Arts Council ~ P.O. Box 34 ~ Henderson, NC 27536**

I have read the attached list of rules regarding the 2023 Christmas Parade and agree to comply with them as set forth by the Vance County Arts Council and the City of Henderson. I understand that if I do not comply with the rules and regulations, I and/or my group will not be allowed to participate in the parade. I understand there is a **\$50 charge on returned checks.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title of Applicant

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**\* All dance routines must advance forward and not leave a space longer than a car length in the parade route. No Stopping allowed please.**

Professional floats: Triangle Float Company (Contact Mark Harris: ([trianglefloats@yahoo.com](mailto:trianglefloats@yahoo.com)) 919-410-5543)

