

Please pass this information along to friends, area clubs, churches, individuals or businesses who may want to have a car, truck or float in the Christmas Parade!

2009 Hart County Evening Christmas Parade of Lights will be on Friday Evening, December 4th, 6:30 PM

Theme: Hometown Holidays

Please decorate all entries with Christmas lights!

Guidelines and Policies

• **Entry Fee for the parade is \$10. Make checks payable to the Hart County Chamber of Commerce.**

• Maximum height of entry—13 feet; Maximum length of entry—55 feet; Maximum width of entry—12 feet

• Horses and other animals will only be allowed by obtaining permission from the parade coordinator. (Animal owners are advised to have current veterinary health certificates for their animals.) All animal entries are required to have a person performing the task of "pooper scooper" behind each animal group. Each horse group entry must also have a walk-along escort for safety of children in parade route.

• Amplified sound other than appropriate Christmas sounds will not be allowed.

• All parade participants are required to fill out a parade entry form and display ID sign with name of group or individual.

• All vehicles must be properly decorated with a holiday theme.

• Flat-bodied trucks shall be considered as the tow vehicle and the body as the float.

• Live Santa's may not be used, in order to avoid duplication.

• Use of appropriate Christmas music on floats is encouraged.

• Units should carry or include identification easily readable from both sides.

• It is recommended that personnel on floats be dressed in a manner appropriate to the theme of the float and parade. All costumes must be in keeping with the Holiday/Christmas season.

• All entries other than special invited entries must portray a holiday message, which in some way should tie in with parade theme. No entry with a political or social theme and message will be permitted in parade.

• All float entries are required to be at their designated assembly point at the Hartwell Plaza (Athens and Howell Street) at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the parade.

• VIP entries (Queens, Characters, Politicians, etc.) that ride in vehicles must be

pre-registered.

• Parade sponsors require each entry distributing candy to have two walk-along escorts for safety of children in parade route. Parade sponsors will not be responsible for injuries.

• **The deadline for receiving entries, including a description of your entry - is 5:00 p.m. on Mon., November 30, 2009.**

• The parade committee will set the marching order of the parade and reserves the right to prohibit any entry at

any time.

• No four-wheelers or ATV's will be permitted in the parade.

• We hope everyone will decorate with Christmas lights, as this is an evening parade. Burning candles are not allowed, due to safety liabilities.

• Your organization or business may reserve a professionally decorated float by calling Jay Baskins Float Rentals at 706-599-4324 or 706-599-2336. Floats vary in price, call for amount.

2009 Entry Form for the Hart County Evening Christmas Parade of Lights

A \$250 cash prize will be awarded in the following category for the best overall interpretation of parade theme.

Mail to: Christmas Parade Committee
Hart County Chamber of Commerce - P.O. Box 793, Hartwell, GA 30643
Deadline: November 30, 2009

Group/Organization Name: _____

Group Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone Home: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

Yes, we would like to participate in the 2009 Hartwell Christmas Parade.

Our entry will consist of: (Check one)

Individual or Business: Car Truck Float

Organized Unit:

Military Dance/Novelty Group Band
 Civic/PTA/Church Group Scouts School Group
 Twirling Other - Please Describe: _____

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Line up begins at Bell's Plaza Shopping Center at 5:00 p.m. on Friday Evening, December 4th. The committee reserves the right to alter, combine or move your entry based on the number of participants and your type of entry. **Remember all participants must fill out an entry form ahead of time and display name on entry.** Entry fee is \$10, so please make your check made out to the Hart Chamber of Commerce. If you have any questions, call the Hart County Chamber of Commerce at 706-376-8590.