

# Parade Rules

2007 Caroline Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade  
December 1, 2007 11 A.M.  
Main Street, Bowling Green, VA

The primary focus of the Caroline Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade is to provide a safe, enjoyable & quality parade on the streets of Bowling Green. Your cooperation is appreciated. The parade is sponsored in cooperation with the Bowling Green Town Council and the Caroline County Board of Supervisors.

1. All parade entries should follow the theme of a "Fairytale Christmas."
2. All entries are due by November 21, 2007 by 3PM. No Exceptions! All individuals, organizations and businesses are eligible to place entries. The Parade Committee reserves the right to deny admission to any entry in its opinion that is inappropriate or unsafe.
3. **NO SANTA CLAUS SUITS ALLOWED!!** Santa will be the last entry in the parade to greet children. Remember there is only one Santa!
4. All participating units must be lined up by **9:45a.m.** Check in will begin at Lafayette Street at **8:00a.m.** Please access Main Street from the south side of town at the by-pass. This will head entries in the right direction for the parade and make lining up easier. If you are dropping off participants, you will be allowed to exit Main Street by way of Maury Street.
5. The parade will begin promptly at **11:00a.m.** and proceed North on Main Street, right on Oakridge to the Town Hall.
6. Walkers can end their participation in the parade by going left into the Rite Aid shopping center or continue with the parade to the Town Hall. Make arrangements to meet participants after the parade route. You **will not** be allowed to walk back up the parade route.
7. Floats and others vehicles must turn on Oakridge Street and make a circle around to where they began or go to the Town Hall. Please have vehicles for "pick up" located there.
8. Equestrian units should turn right on Oakridge Street and proceed to the trailer drop off area.
9. All units must proceed to the Town Hall, unless otherwise instructed.
10. Participating units will travel down the center of Main Street and maintain appropriate distance and keep parade moving.
11. All presentations before the judges' stand are limited to three minutes of stop time. If time is exceeded you entry will not be judged for a trophy.
12. Sirens are prohibited while lining up or waiting in line. Emergency vehicles called out of line will be given priority; however, use good judgment when sounding sirens.

REMEMBER – we have lots of children and animals in the parade. Maury Street will remain open so traffic can safely leave the parade staging area.

13. All motorized vehicles must be operated in a safe manner - Excessive speed, operating too close to by-standers, or other unsafe practices may result in expulsion from parade. Once lined up, motorized vehicles are to remain parked and turned off until instructed to move.
14. Candy, souvenirs and trinkets MAY NOT be thrown from floats or vehicles. Handing out candy, etc. to the crowd is permitted by walkers only.
15. Parade numbers used to identify entries must be clearly visible on the left side of the entry so they can be easily seen by the judges. Numbers will be provided by the Parade Committee at lineup.
16. There must be an adult on floats with children.
17. All entries are subject to inspection before the parade. The Parade Committee reserves the right to deny admission to any entry which in its opinion is inappropriate or unsafe.
18. No jumping onto or off parade entries once the entry is in motion.
19. No firearms or any weapons allowed.
20. Each entry is responsible for cleaning up after themselves; at staging area, after the parade and if necessary along the parade route (including equestrian Units).
21. Officials and dignitaries are required to provide their own open top vehicles and drivers.
22. If at any time leading up to or on parade day the weather/street conditions are deemed unsafe, the parade will be cancelled. A decision regarding the parade will be made by 8:00 a.m. on parade day. Information will be available on local radio stations or by calling the Chamber Office at 804-633-5264.
23. All entries shall obey directions of Parade Directors at all times.
24. Trophies will be awarded at the Town Hall at 1PM or as soon as possible after the parade.