

2021 Dahlonega Christmas Parade

This is a holiday themed CHRISTMAS PARADE and your creativity and enthusiasm in designing and decorating your float/vehicle/golf cart or walking group is part of the fun and joy of participating!

This year we will be awarding CASH PRIZES of \$150 in each of four categories - Walkers/Animals, Golf Carts, Vehicles (passenger car/truck), and Floats (trailers pulled behind truck) as well as a Grand Prize of \$250 for Best Overall Parade Participant. Judging will take place at 3:00pm. Winners will be announced prior to the parade start. Decision of the judges is final.

Rules / Regulations:

Code of Conduct: The Dahlonega Christmas Parade is a family-friendly event for all ages, and every unit in the parade is expected to respect this. All costumes, outfits, behavior, attitude, language, and dance moves must be Christmas related and appropriate for a young audience and will be held to a high standard. Examples of inappropriate attire or behavior include, but are not limited to, nudity, foul language, and suggestive dance moves. No Political parties will be included. The Parade Committee has the final decision on entrants and parade positions as well as the right to refuse any application/ entry.

1. Because the REAL Santa will be at the end of the parade, no other entries should have Santas in them. However, Elves and other seasonal characters are encouraged.

2. The area will be available from 12noon to 2:30 for setting up your entry. Final line up is between 2 and 2:30 in the rear parking lot of Dahlonega Baptist Church (234 Hawkins Street) Entries arriving after 3:00 pm cannot be guaranteed placement in the parade.

3. Floats must be short enough (max 25 ft) to safely negotiate turns around the square with sufficient ground clearance (min 12 in) to clear road obstacles. All floats must be of safe construction and of appropriate design for a Christmas Parade. Flammable materials are not allowed

Those individuals riding on floats shall not move around the edges of the float while it is in motion. Children shall be seated on the float and accompanied by an adult on the float.

4. In order to maintain a clean environment in the downtown area, participants are NOT allowed to disperse any pamphlet or other documentation to the audience at the parade site unless they provide people to clean the sidewalks and streets after the parade or they may be billed by the town for clean-up. Pamphlets, etc. must be approved by committee by December 1, 2021 if intended to be used.

5. Equestrian entries are required to provide sanitary cleanup personnel as part of their entry. Failure to clean up could jeopardize future equestrian participation in city events.

6. No stopping: Units are not allowed to stop along the parade route to perform, unless prior authorization is given by the Parade Manager. Abbreviated performances will be allowed as the parade stops at random intervals for performances by other parade entries at the designated stops.

7. In order to prevent injury to parade spectators, no one will be permitted to throw candy. Handing out candy by walkers will be permitted.

8. Entries must be postmarked no later than 5pm, December 3, 2021

**Please mail application and check (payable to Dahlonega Christmas) to:
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340 Walmart Way Suite B, Box #163
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

Direct questions to: info@DahlonegaChristmas.com, or Jane O’Gorman – 229-395-5089