



2023 Dahlonega Old Fashion Christmas Parade

This is a holiday themed OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS PARADE and your creativity and enthusiasm in designing and decorating (HIGHLY ENCOURAGED) your float/vehicle/golf cart or walking group is part of the fun, joy and celebration of the Holiday Season!

This year we will be awarding CASH PRIZES for the top 3 entries Grand Prize - \$200 / Second Place - \$150 / Third Place - \$100. Judging will take place at 10:05am. Winners will be announced prior to the parade start. Decision of the judges is final.

The primary concern and reason for parade rules is to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants and spectators.

Rules / Regulations:

Code of Conduct: The Dahlonega Old Fashion 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 entries 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 **highly encouraged**.
2. The staging area will be available from 8:30am – 10:00am for setting up your entry. You will be placed at the check-in booth as entries arrive. Entries arriving after 10:00am 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 to clear road obstacles. All floats must be of safe construction and of appropriate design for a Christmas Parade. Flammable materials, back firing vehicle(s) 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. Only the One(1) float/vehicle in the parade will be allowed in setup area. One support vehicle will temporarily be allowed in setup area. All late arriving persons will be dropped off at the drop off tent/table to be transported/taken to their entry. **NO NON PARADE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN SETUP AREA.** Please see attached flow map.
5. 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, 2023, if intended to be used.
6. 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.
7. 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. Please maintain spacing that will be established at start of parade.
8. In order to prevent injury to parade spectators, no one will be permitted to throw candy. Handing out candy by walkers (Elves) will be permitted and highly encouraged.
9. Please follow the traffic flow map (included). This is new and is done for the safety of everyone.
10. **Entries must be received no later than 5pm, December 1, 2023.**

Please follow instructions on bottom of application form to submit application and payment.

Direct questions to: info@DahlonegaChristmas.com, or Larry 863-899-8519 or Tony 239-910-2791

2023 OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS
PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION

Parade: 11:00am Saturday, Dec. 9 Parade Entry Fee: \$30.00 (non refundable)
Parade fee waived for Old Fashioned Christmas sponsors.

Setup at 8:30am to 10:00am

Judging starts at 10:05am

Name of Group or Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone # or Cell #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name/ Type of Entry: _____

Float: (space required, ie. 15-18 ft. usual for flatbed, etc). _____

Walking/Marching: # of people _____ **Age of Participants from** _____ **to** _____

Horses: # of Horses _____ **# riders** _____ **Additional units (wagons, cleanup)** _____

Cars: # of Cars _____ **(please no back fire vehicle)** **Golf Cart/ATV #** _____

Will your entry include any sound/special effects? If so, please specify _____

Brief Description of your Organization and/or Entry (for parade announcers): _____

Has your organization been in the Christmas Parade before? _____ if, so, How many years _____

Would you like permission for performances within the parade? (limit 1½ minutes each) _____

Please read the attached rules and regulations and map before submitting your application. The Parade Committee has final decision on entrants and/or parade positions.

Parade will proceed, RAIN OR SHINE!

Entry Deadline: We must receive the application by 5:00pm December 1, 2023

Make check payable to Dahlonga Christmas:

_mail to: 340 Walmart Way Suite B #163 Dahlonga, Ga 30533 or
please put in an envelope drop off at Giggle Monkey Toys or Dahlonga Tasting room (on the square).

PARADE SETUP TRAFFIC FLOW



Application