



2025 Dahlonge 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 11:05 am. 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 Dahlonge 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 too, 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 **highly encouraged**.
2. The area will be available from 8:30am – 11 am for setting up your entry. You will be placed at the check-in booth as entries' arrive. Entries arriving after 11am 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 temporary will 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 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 8, 2025, 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 or items.** **Handing** out candy by walkers (Elves) will be permitted and highly encouraged. There are no exceptions to this rule. This is a safety first issue.
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 5, 2025.

**Please mail application and check (payable to Dahlonge Christmas) to:
Dahlonge Christmas 340 Walmart Way Suite B, Box #163 Dahlonge, GA 30533
or drop off at Giggle Monkey Toys on the Square.**

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