

CHRISTMAS IN THE CREEK

2021 Goose Creek Holiday Parade

Dear Parade Participant:

Thank you for your interest in City of Goose Creek's Christmas Parade. This packet includes the 2021 application and rules. Please read through this **ENTIRE** packet carefully before submitting.

This year the parade will be held on **Saturday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m.** (rain date December 18th.)

Enclosed you will find a Parade Entry Application Form, Parade Rules and Policies, Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, and an Emcee Information Form. There will also be local guest judges to vote on the "Best Float", "Best School Participant" and other categories!

Please fill out **ALL** attached forms completely, sign and return to the Goose Creek Community Center at 519A North Goose Creek Blvd, or email to Allison Carter at acarter@cityofgoosecreek.com, **no later than DECEMBER 1, 2021.**

Please note that **ALL** parade participants must sign and submit the Holiday Parade Waiver, Release & Hold Harmless Agreement. Groups must gather and submit all individual waiver together before the group is confirmed.

Please return these forms as soon as possible, the parade committee will review your entry, secure your line-up space & number. The parade Committee reserves the right to reject any application. ***Participant Fee of \$25 can only be included if your group has been approved by the Event Coordinator.***

Please include an active e-mail address and cell number - all applicants will be notified by email and phone. If no email address is provided, you will be notified by phone. All registered parade participants concerning the safety protocols, participant expectations, and more parade line up information will be sent to all Participating Group Leaders to be distributed the week of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Event Coordinator Allison Carter on my work cell number (843) 459-4113. For a quicker response, please contact me by e-mail at acarter@cityofgoosecreek.com.

Additional waivers can be printed from this application or downloaded from the city website at www.goosecreekrecreation.com under the special events / Christmas Parade page.

****One final note, SANTA will arrive at the end of the parade****
No matter how jolly they may be – **NO SANTA IMPOSTERS WILL BE ALLOWED!!!**

Sincerely,

Allison Carter

Events Coordinator - City of Goose Creek

City of Goose Creek's Christmas Parade Entry Application

City of Goose Creek's 2021 Christmas Parade

The parade will be held on Saturday, December 11th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

(No applications accepted after Wednesday, December 1, 2021)

We cannot guarantee participation if application is received after deadline or the max number of entries has been filled.

\$25 payable to Goose Creek Recreation Department

(Check to be mailed after approval of application OR may be paid over the phone with prior approval from Event Coordinator, No Refunds. Contact Allison for questions.)

Name of Organization/Business: _____

Name of Group Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail (required): _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Brief Description of your entry: Float (propelled or pulled by vehicle) car, motorcycles, marching, walking, horse unit, etc. : _____

CHECK ONE:

- Non-profit/Organization Unit/Clubs (provide certificate)**
- Band Unit**
- Commercial Unit**

List all holiday music (song title/artist/volume/type) & advertising that will be used in entry:

Music must be holiday related and subject to approval. Music / noise must maintain a set level as to not interfere with other units.

• **FLOAT ENTRY:**

Length of space needed for line up: _____ Pickup: _____ Flatbed: _____ Pickup/Trailer: _____ **Entry Size Limitations: Height 15' Width 12' Length 35'**

• **COMBINATION WALKERS, FLOAT, VEHICLE:**

At least 4 to 6 adults must walk with vehicle or float for purposes of safety and handing out items to spectators.

of Adults walking: _____

All children must be on the float or in a vehicle if not accompanied by an adult/responsible party at all times.

• **NON-FLOAT ENTRY**

Length of space needed for line up: _____ Walking Unit: _____ Other _____ (age range) _____

Be very specific on spacing size due to line up space on Old Moncks Corner Road.

of Cars/Motorcycles/Vehicles in your unit: _____ **Car Units will be limited to 5 cars(15 motorcycles) per group.**

Length of space needed for line up: _____ Marching Band: _____ Number of participants: _____

Be very specific on spacing size due to line up space on Old Moncks Corner Road.

**Please return to: Goose Creek Recreation Department, Attn: Events Coordinator
519A North Goose Creek Blvd., Goose Creek, SC 29445.**

Name of Group / Participant _____

City of Goose Creek's 2021 Christmas Parade - Rules and Policies

Rules and Policies:

1. Line up along Old Moncks Corner Road (from St. James Ave. to the old Casey Center lot) will begin at **8:00a.m.** *Parade starts promptly at 9:30a.m.*
2. VEHICLES/FLOATS participating in the parade **MUST ENTER FROM THE BACKSIDE OF THE LINEUP at Old Monck Corner Road and Old Mount Holly Road.** Vehicles will be directed to turn around if they attempt to enter from the start line area. PLEASE NOTIFY ALL GROUP PARTICIPANTS/PARENTS OF THIS CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR.
3. IN THE CHANCE ITEMS ARE PERMITTED NO CANDY, NOVELTY OR PROMOTIONAL ITEMS WILL BE THROWN TO SPECTATORS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE FROM ANY PARADE ENTRY INCLUDING FLOATS! ALL ITEMS MUST BE UNDERHAND TOSSED OR HANDED OUT BY WALKERS.
4. ****At least 6 Adults must walk with unit, vehicle, or float for purposes of safety and handing out items to spectators.** Adult walkers must remain at the sides of the unit, close enough to spectators to keep them safely off the parade route and to hand materials directly to crowd. Adult walkers are **not** allowed to jump on and off a float or unit at any time. All children must remain on the float or in the vehicle.
5. ALL participants in the parade must sign & submit a Christmas Parade Waiver, Release / Hold Harmless Agreement with the Christmas Parade Entry Application.
6. Participants are responsible for their own litter, at line up and along parade route, including any animal droppings.
7. VEHICLES - Exhibitions of speed or reckless driving, (wheelies, peeling out, etc.) are **NOT PERMITTED** in the parade. Vehicle must remain in their given line-up order for the duration of the parade and *must maintain 30FEET between participating units around them in the line-up.* **All vehicles entered in the Christmas Parade must carry valid automobile insurance meeting the requirements of South Carolina law and any person driving a motorized vehicle should have a valid driver's license and must be at least (21) years of age.**
8. There is only **ONE Official Santa Claus** in the parade. Impostors or Santa Clause outfits are **NOT PERMITTED** in the parade, Santa hats are acceptable.
9. It is clearly understood that the sponsoring organization will provide all personnel necessary to man and operate the parade entry and all costumes for each of their participants.
10. Open fires, flames and fireworks are **NOT PERMITTED** in the parade by order of the Fire Marshal.
11. This is a family event, and ALL parade entries must be in good taste and holiday themed. Parade entries will not be allowed to enter the parade route if found to be unacceptable by the Goose Creek Parade Committee.
12. Units with sound or noise **must be noted on the written application** and must maintain a set level as to not interfere with other units. All music must be holiday themed.
13. This is a drug/alcohol/smoke free event and will not be permitted on Goose Creek line up premises, parade route and will not be permitted at any time prior to or during the parade.

The Goose Creek Parade Committee retains the right to refuse participation of any entry that fails to comply with the above rules at any time. Failure to adhere to any of the rules or any directions made by parade officials during the event puts the parade, the Christmas Parade Committee and the community at risk. Any transgression may result in ejection from the parade and/or prohibiting the participant from participating in any future events held or sponsored by the City of Goose Creek.

Special Notes:

- The Announcers are located at the area designated for the stage in the middle of the parade route, Units may NOT STOP at any time during the course of the parade, and they should only SLOW down for review.
- Weather: The rain date for this event is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2021. The Parade Committee will closely monitor the weather and contact all participants/organization leaders for any possible postponement. Please plan to bring plenty of water, snacks for your group.
- Restrooms- please make sure all participants plan according. However, port-a-lets will be available in the participant parking areas as well as in the field next to the old Casey Center.

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand the terms of your participation and agree to follow all the parade rules. Before signing, please share the terms with your entire group. Send this portion with your completed entry page to the return address below.

Group Leader/Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Announcer & TV Information

**Your group will be announced at the stage along the parade route!
Tell us something about your group!**

Parade entry and group name: _____

Give 2-3 sentences about yourself or your group:

Years participated in GC Parade: _____

Who built/decorated the float/Costume/dress of group: _____

Vehicle year: _____, Original owner: _____

Any special story to tell the audience if not listed in description above:

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City of Goose Creek's 2021 Christmas Parade Waiver, Release & Hold Harmless Agreement

I, _____ (the participant or the parent/legal guardian of the participant) agree to waive, release, absolve, and covenant not to sue the City of Goose Creek, its mayor, commissioners, employees, officers, volunteers, representative, attorneys and agents, for any and all claims, including claims for equitable or injunctive relief, actions, damages, loss or injury of any kind including personal injury, bodily injury, death, and property damage, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, in connection with or arising from my entry and participation in any activities of any kind in any way connected to the City of Goose Creek's Christmas Parade. **This release includes a release for any and all losses or injuries arising out of any and all negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the City of Goose Creek, its mayor, commissioners, employees, officers, volunteers, representatives, attorneys and agents specifically concerning or arising out of any activities of any kind and in any way connected to the City of Goose Creek's Christmas Parade.**

I further agree to assume liability for and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City, its commissioners, mayor, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and attorneys of, from, and against all liability and expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees in connection with any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, and suits in equity of whatever kind of nature, including claims for personal injury, property damage, relief, or loss of use, arising out of my entry and participation in any activities of any kind in any way connected to the City of Goose Creek's Christmas Parade whether or not due to or caused by the negligence of the City, its commissioners, mayor, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and attorneys,. The obligations contained in this provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall not be limited by any amount of insurance required to be obtained or maintained under this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability the City may be entitled to under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 15-78-10.

NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S NATURAL GUARDIAN

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

By signing this document, I agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth by the Goose Creek Christmas Parade Committee. I understand that the Goose Creek Christmas Parade Committee may change or modify the rules and policies as needed and any failure to abide by this Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement or the rules and policies set forth by the Goose Creek Christmas Parade Committee may result in revocation of my approval to participate in this or any other event held or sponsored by the City of Goose Creek.

Please read carefully before signing. **This release is signed of my own free act and will.**

Printed Name of Participant (if participant is 18 years or older)	Signature of Participant	Date
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Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (if participant is under age 18)	Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	Date
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Printed Name of Participant/Group

Below to be turned in with Application:

Copy of Driver's License (For any Driver) Copy of Insurance Card (For any Vehicle)

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