

## Blythewood Christmas Parade Rules

1. Please provide, in **40 words or less**, a description of your organization or entry that will be read by the parade commentator. Tell us what you want others to know about your organization. If you do not submit a description, just the name of your organization will be announced.
2. Entry fees should be made in the form of check or cash and is non-refundable unless application is not accepted for participation. There is a \$30 return check fee for insufficient funds.
3. Proof of current vehicle insurance is required to be submitted with this application for all entries having a motorized vehicle. **Without insurance information, your application will not be complete and you will not be allowed to participate.**
4. Check-in will begin at 11:00 a.m. on parade day. The parade will go on rain, snow or shine.
5. Parade line-up order will be emailed (or phoned to those without email) to entrants several days before the parade. **ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE FINAL!** If you have a special request, please make it known on your entry form. We will attempt to honor such request as much as possible.
6. **ALL participants must be in their assigned position not later than 1:00 p.m.**  
Parade organizers are not responsible for getting your children to their assigned assembly point.
  - A. Floats and low trailer entries will be staged beginning at Main Street and Oakhurst Rd back to Boney Rd, and into the Richland County Recreations Center. You must enter via Boney Rd. **Oakhurst Road will become one-way from Boney Rd. to the Fire Station from 12 pm to 3 pm.**
  - B. All other entries (walking, single vehicle and smaller units) will be staged from the McLean Rd. entrance to Doko Meadows Park (DMP) back to Doko Manor. You must enter via Sandfield Rd. **McLean Rd will be closed from the DMP entrance to Main St from 1 pm to 4 pm.**
7. The Parade route will begin at the intersection of McLean Rd. and Main St. heading south then turn west on McNulty St. to Boney Rd. then south to Blythewood Rd. Back east onto Main St.  
**Floats and low trailers will continue north to their staging area.**  
**All other entries will turn east on Langford to enter Doko Meadows Park and "Santa Land".**  
**The full parade route will be closed to all traffic from 2 pm to 4 pm on the day of the parade.**
8. You will be allowed two-minutes to pause in front of both announcers' stands to perform. **No longer!**
9. Throwing out of any items (candies or otherwise) from any entry participant is strictly prohibited. **Anyone throwing out items will not be allowed to participate in future parades.** Handing out of items in a safe and orderly manner while walking beside the entry participant is acceptable.
10. No revving of engines within 200 feet of announcers' stages or parade entries with animals.
11. Entries with an animal(s) are 100% responsible for cleaning after the animal(s) during the parade or having animals diapered. Please remember others will be walking, marching, & performing behind you!
12. I attest that I have read and understand the rules and agree to abide by them. I agree to be responsible for any loss or damages to property or personal injury sustained during this event and to hold harmless from liability the Town of Blythewood, Greater Blythewood Chamber of Commerce, their volunteers and/or sponsors. I further understand that I am fully responsible for my entry, including animals, props, vehicles, and children. I am responsible for any action taken or caused by my entry. If I, or my entry, fail to comply with these rules for participation, my entry will be removed from the parade.

Signed by me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**Authorized Representative Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_