



Dear Participant:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the annual Greenville Jaycees Christmas Parade! We invite you to join us as we proudly present our 2026 Christmas Parade theme: **"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."** The parade will be held on Saturday, December 5th, and will begin promptly at 5:00 pm. This will be a NIGHT parade, so make your entry SHINE! Flashlights are welcome, but please refrain from shining lights directly in anyone's face.

This year's parade will follow the same route we used for 2024.

Please note the information below as it includes important details about the parade:

1. This year's theme, **"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree,"** should inspire the dynamic decoration and music for your entry. Get inspired by classic holiday tunes, festive dance parties, retro record players, mid-century Christmas cheer, and iconic party decor! This lively theme offers a fun, high-energy opportunity to showcase your creativity through costumes, instruments, vibrant floats, retro lights, and upbeat holiday music that will get the whole town dancing in the streets!

Creative lighting is encouraged — twinkling lights, LED effects, and glowing displays are all welcome. However, please **avoid shining lights directly into spectators' faces**.

2. We are operating on a first come, first serve basis. Once we reach capacity we will have to stop accepting entries.
3. The Parade will be judged by 3 judges from around the community. There will be 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes awarded for entries that best reflect this year's theme. The Overall winner will receive free entry into the 2026 Parade, a plaque and bragging rights.

Each entry will be judged based on Theme, Originality, and Aesthetic, may the odds ever in your favor.

4. **Parking –** Parking will be available in the Willis Building Lot off of Reade Circle and the Trillium Heath Resources lot at the corner of 1st Street between S. Washington Street and S. Greene Street, as well as parking in the lots off of 1st Street. Please do not park on 1st street or Reade Circle between 1st Street and 3rd Street as this will prevent participants lining up for the parade.
5. The **parade line-up information** will be sent via e-mail to all parade participants that provide an accurate e-mail address and will also be posted on the Greenville Jaycees website as of **December 1st, 2026** (www.greenville-jaycees.com).



Please find the enclosed Entry Packet for your use! It includes a lot of important information so be sure to review it completely. If the entry packet does not answer all of your questions, please feel free to contact us.

We have three options to submit your entry form and multiple payment options.

REGISTER ONLINE : <https://greenville-jaycees.com/product/christmas-parade/>

Mail to: The Greenville Jaycees, PO Box 258, Greenville, NC 27835

Email to: gvjaycees@gmail.com

Pay Fees by: check, money order, Venmo @GreenvilleJaycees or Pay with card, apple pay, or google pay at www.greenville-jaycees.com

When paying please include the Entry name so that we can record it correctly.

Entry applications and fees **MUST** be received by **Monday, November 16, 2026.**

**Unregistered entries or registered entries in “unpaid” status will be denied parade entry.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis in case of reaching maximum capacity

Parade Guidelines: Please read ALL of the following information carefully.

1. Overall Rules:

- a) There will be **ONLY ONE** Santa Claus in the parade. He will be on the official Santa Claus float arranged by parade officials.
- b) There should be an individual responsible for each parade entry. This individual should provide accurate contact information and remain with the group or float throughout the duration of the event.
- c) All vehicles should be driven by NC licensed drivers.
- d) **All entries must be properly registered for the event and MUST check in prior to the start of the parade.**
- e) Please dress festively and use decorations that depict this year's theme.
- f) Any signage should be neat, legible and presented in a professional manner.
- g) The Greenville Jaycees will not be responsible for any injuries or property loss/damage accrued during the parade.
- h) The parade chairperson and the Greenville Jaycees parade committee will be the final authority should any unusual questions arise.
- i) The parade will be held **rain or shine.**



2. Safety Guideline:

- a) To protect cars and drivers and the safety of parade entries, the **throwing of CANDY and GIFTS will be strictly PROHIBITED.**
- b) Any float or entry with children under the age of 16 must have an adult supervisor present at all times.

1. Line-up Times and Locations:

- a) All entries will line up on one of the following streets: **1st Street (from Washington Street to Reade Circle) and Reade Circle (from 1st Street to 3rd Street).** You will be given a specific line-up location. The line-up information will be emailed to participants and will be available on our website (www.greenville-jaycees.com) by **Monday, December 1st 2026.** This is your position in the parade and your entry **MUST REPORT TO AND REMAIN IN THAT ASSIGNED SPACE until the parade ends.**
- b) Once you arrive at your line-up location, a Greenville Jaycees volunteer will check you in and give you any additional materials or directions. If you have any problems, Greenville Jaycees volunteers will be available to help direct you and your organization members to your place in the line-up. **There will also be an information tent set up at the corner of 1st St. and Evans.** if you have any questions or issues.
- c) For the safety of our participants, please instruct members of your entry to remain close to the curb and with the party responsible for the entry during the duration of the parade.

2. Parking:

Any entry that has more than 1 person is **strongly** encouraged to carpool. For the safety of our participants, **vehicles not in the parade are not allowed in the Parade line-up.** Vehicles may drop participants off at the corner of **S Washington St. and 3rd St** once roads have been closed or park in the Willis building parking lot. Parking prior to road closure can be in parking lots along 1st street, Willis Building lot, and Trillium Health Resources lot. **No parking will be allowed on 1st Street or Reade Circle between 1st Street and 3rd Street.**

3. Entry Fees:

- a) **ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE PARADE!**
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

4. Dress:

- a) Please dress festively and in keeping with the holiday theme. Keep current weather conditions in mind. Remember conditions may change during the parade! Please bring appropriate clothing in case this is to occur.

We will see you on parade day!!!



Parade Fees
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Business Entries

1 Truck & 1 Trailer:	\$100.00 (<i>typically referred to as a "homemade" float</i>)
Single Vehicle Entry:	\$80.00
Multi-vehicle Entry:	\$80 for the first vehicle, \$20.00 for each additional vehicle.
Walking Groups:	\$60.00

Church and Non-Profit Entries

1 Truck & 1 Trailer:	\$70.00 (<i>typically referred to as a "homemade" float</i>)
Single Vehicle Entry:	\$50.00
Multi-vehicle Entry:	\$50 for the first vehicle, \$15.00 for each additional vehicle.
Walking Groups:	\$30.00
Police/Fire/Rescue/Bands:	No cost
High School Band Sponsor:	\$500.00 (<i>includes banner in front with sponsor's name</i>)
Shriner's Unit Sponsor:	\$500.00 (<i>includes banner in front with sponsor's name</i>)

Please consider sponsoring a local high school band or Shriner's unit. Your sponsorship gives these participants a valuable opportunity to be involved in a community event and contributes to the fun and excitement of the parade.



2026 Parade Entry Form

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2026

Entry Name or Group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ (Primary) _____ (Secondary)

Email: _____

By my signature, I affirm that I have read the Parade Guidelines and rules and will abide by them.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please place a check next to the line that applies to your entry:

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Business

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Church/Non-Profit

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1 Truck & Trailer

Please estimate size (length): _____

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Vehicle Entry Type of Vehicle: _____

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Multi-Vehicle Entry (2 or more)

Number of Vehicles: _____

Type of vehicles: _____

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Walking Group

Number of Walkers: _____

Please note: The parade will be held rain or shine.

If you have any questions, please contact us at gvjaycees@gmail.com.

Please make all checks payable to:

**The Greenville Jaycees
Attn: Parade Committee
PO Box 258
Greenville, NC 27835**

We look forward to working with you on December 5th and making our 2026 Christmas Parade, "A Silver Bells Christmas" an overwhelming success! Happy Holidays!

The 2026 Greenville Jaycees Christmas Parade



Saturday, December 5th, 2026 at 5:00 pm

