



Christmas Parade Guidelines

HOLIDAY FEST
SUMNER COUNTY, TN

Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting: December 7th, 2025

This year's Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony theme is **"A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS!"**

Required Training Location

Training will be at City Hall in the large meeting room. City Hall is located at 101 Maple Dr N, Hendersonville, TN 37075

Date of Training: Friday, November 21st at 10 AM OR 7 PM (whichever you can make)

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Entries must be submitted by FRIDAY 11/21/2025,. No entries will be accepted after 11/21/2025.
- All entries MUST have a representative at one of the parade orientation meetings on Friday November 21st 2025. at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. We will give out your Entry numbers and instructions for the day of the parade. Location 101 Maple Dr N, Hendersonville, TN 37075 (City Hall in the Meeting Room)
- Participants must be present at the meeting to pick up your number or you will forfeit your registration!
- All entries MUST be in place by their designated staging lots.
- Judging will be during the parade. Units will be judged as they pass the judges stand and awards will be announced at the First BOMA meeting in January. Award Plaques will be given for best float, best performance, and best overall entry at the BOMA meeting at City Hall.
- All animal entries must dispose of waste immediately. The entrant must provide diapers or pal & shovel.
- Animals in the parade must always be secured at all locations and are the sole responsibility of the entrant.
- Parade will start promptly at 2:00 PM pm RAIN OR SHINE!
- Entrants must apply and be accepted by the Standards Committee.



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES (Cont'd)

- ALL CDC Guidelines will be followed.
- NO pre waiting in the lineup area = Drop off just be in other location and once on Float, you should stay.
- There will be no driving up to the float lot to drop off supplies – please make arrangements to either carry them on your float. Only vehicles in the actual parade will be permitted to pass through to the float lot – this is for safety.
- All vehicles and floats must be completed at 10:30AM sharp on the day of the parade. Entries not meeting the agreed upon standards, as determined by the staging personnel, will be pulled prior to the parade. Floats must be no wider than 12' and no taller than 14'.
- Floats and vehicles must have at least 50% surface coverage with seasonal decorations! NO wreath only decor – you will not be allowed to enter the parade route.
- Music is encouraged and creates a festive entry.
- Parade participants should dress festively in holiday area.
- HolidayFest reserves the right to provide SANTA. So not to confuse the children, NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE ALLOWED! This means no Santa beards can be worn.
- Throwing of candy or other items is PROHIBITED. Those who insist will be asked to exit the parade. No smoking or alcoholic beverages while percipient in the parade
- HolidayFest of the City of Hendersonville is not liable for any injuries incurred before, during or afer the parade

For additional questions, please reach out to our HolidayFest board members, at holidayfestinfo@gmail.com.