

The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce
2009 Christmas Parade
Parade Information, Rules, & Regulations

Parade Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009 @ 2:00 PM

We thank you for participating in the 2009 Christmas Parade. We look forward to another wonderful parade full of glorious floats, beautiful queens, and the music of marching bands! The following are information, rules and regulations for the parade. Please share them with everyone participating in the parade. Again, thank you for your participation!

1. All parade entries should be in a Christmas theme. Please refrain from using Santa Claus since multiple Santa's confuse the children.
2. **DEADLINE** for parade entry is **Monday, November 30, 2009**. Any applications received after this date will be placed **at the end of the parade** immediately before Santa Claus.
3. Parade entries should assemble and line-up at the following locations (see maps at back of booklet):
 - a. **Floats, Vehicles & Equestrian Units** —**Check-in at the corner of Ozark Road and Julia Drive. Line-up on Dothan Road.**
 - b. **Bands & Walking Units** —**Check-in and line-up at corner of Kirkland Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Street (former West College Street).**
4. **ALL Floats and Vehicles checked in will begin at 12:00 pm. The line-up will began moving at 1:45!**
5. Each entry must be submitted on an official Parade Entry Form. **Only one unit per form.** Please check to be sure that you have included each of the following (where applicable):
 - a. Entry Form
 - b. Signed Liability Disclaimer for **each person participating** in the parade.
 - c. Entry Fee (if applicable)
6. The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to placement of all parade units. Placement will be determined for the most pleasant, smooth running parade possible.
7. All entrants will furnish all vehicles and float signs.
8. There will be **no throwing or handing out of objects** from parade units. Violators will be removed from the parade route.
9. There will be **no solicitation** of funds along the parade route.
10. Riders of vehicles should **NOT** ride on the hood of the car.
11. No one will dismount from floats or vehicles to greet or walk among the spectators while the parade is in progress. **Float and vehicle riders should disembark at the corner of First Baptist Church and Trawick Ace Hardware.**

FLOATS

- All floats:
 - a. Must furnish a vehicle and driver.
 - b. Riders must be sitting or stationary.
- To be considered for the **Float Awards**, floats must be in their position in the line-up by 1:00 pm with judging to take place at 1:15 pm. The Float Awards will be presented to the top non-professional floats based on the following criteria:

Originality	40%	Awards:	1 st Place	\$100
Decorative Quality	30%		2 nd Place	\$75
Use of Theme	30%		3 rd Place	\$50
- Winners will be notified prior to the parade and announced at the Reserved Seating area.

BANDS

- Band Members are to disembark at the Henry County Board of Education Central Office on Trawick Street. Parade Officials will meet bands and provide instructions concerning parking and parade line-up.

QUEENS

- Any group of area Queens wishing to participate that require more than two (2) vehicles are strongly encouraged to provide a float.
- If a Queen holds more than one title, she must decide which title she wishes to represent in the parade.
- For more information, contact Lucky Armstrong at City Hall at (334)585-6444.

EQUESTRIAN UNITS

- Equestrian units must show proof of a current negative Coggins test per horse and will be responsible for keeping parade route clean.

WALKERS

- Walking units must be non-profit organizations or characters/mascots of businesses. Costumes, uniforms, or matching outfits are requested.
- The classifications of walking units are Cheerleaders, Boys/Girls Clubs or Scouts, Clowns/Walking Characters, or Canine Groups.

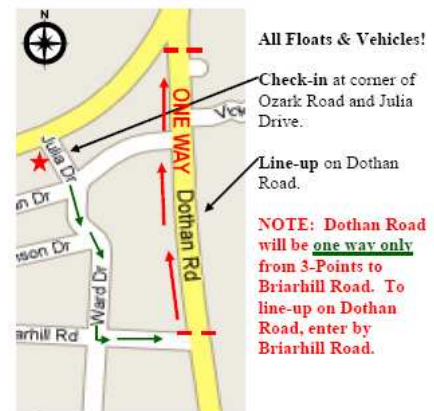
SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Explain to all parents where their child is to be picked up after the parade. Float and vehicle riders should disembark at the corner of First Baptist Church and Trawick Ace Hardware.
- Encourage participants to return to the Henry County Courthouse following the parade.

For more information, contact:

The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 202
Abbeville, Alabama 36310
Phone: (334) 585-2273
Email: abbevillechamber@centurytel.net

***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION *****
**Check-In will begin at the corner of
Ozark Road and Julia Drive.**





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Parade Entry Form

Name of Person Riding or Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Day Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Evening Phone: _____

City: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Check the type of entry (*choose only ONE*):

- Non-Professional Float
- Vehicle (ex. Queens)
- Military/Government Agency
- Band/ROTC/Walkers/Equestrian Units

Fee No. of Members

\$15

\$10

Free

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What would you like to be announced at the Reserved Seating area of the parade route?

Please refer to the 2009 Christmas Parade Information, Rules & Regulations for additional information concerning your Parade Entry!

- Check List:**
- Entry Form (1 per entry)
 - Signed Liability Disclaimer for each participant.
 - Entry Fee (if applicable)



I have read the attached 2009 Christmas Parade Information, Rules & Regulations and agree to abide by the same and any decision made by The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce Parade Committee.

Signature of Individual Responsible

Date



Deliver to: **The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce
or Abbeville City Hall**

Mail to: **The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 202
Abbeville, Alabama 36310**

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**Waiver of Liability
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I, _____, hereby agree and understand that I will participate in The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce 2009 Christmas Parade at my own risk and will not hold the City of Abbeville or The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce responsible for any accidents or injury to myself.

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