

**The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce**  
**2011 Christmas Parade**  
**Parade Information, Rules, & Regulations**

Parade Date: Saturday, December 3, 2011 @ 2:00 PM

*We thank you for participating in the 2011 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 Tuesday, November 29, 2011.** 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 12:30 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, other than professional floats, 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 1:15 pm with judging to take place at 1:30 pm. The Float Awards will be presented to the top non-professional floats based on the following criteria:
 

Originality	40%	Awards:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50
Decorative Quality	30%		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$25
Use of Theme	30%			
- 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 (334)585-5836.

**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.

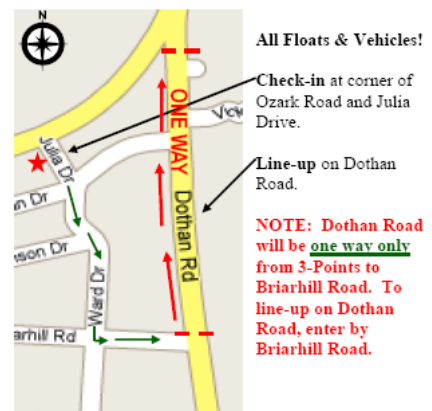
**SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS**

- 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** The Abbeville Chamber of Commerce

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 Abbeville, Alabama 36310  
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**\*\*\* IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\*\***  
**Check-In will begin at the corner of Ozark Road and Julia Drive.**



The Chamber office  
 is now at  
**100 South Court Square**