

Forest City

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2023 Christmas Parade Application (Application Due Date: Nov. 9, 2023)

Parade date is Sunday, November 26, 2023 @ 3:00pm

Lineup begins at 12:30PM at McNair Stadium Parking Lot

The parade is a rain or shine event and will not be rescheduled!

Group or Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____

Please check all that apply to your entry:

Emergency Vehicle Musical Dance Walking/Marching Group

Professional Commercial Float Hand-Crafted Float

Vehicle Car Club Vehicle & Trailer 18 wheeler & Trailer

Motorcycle, Golf Cart, 4-wheeler, Go-cart (circle one)

Animal Unit(s), description _____

Brief description of Entry: _____

Name of Person Driving Vehicle/Float: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Will you have music and/or singing? Will you have loud vehicles? **(OVER)**

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the Forest City Merchants and Town of Forest City Christmas parade as they currently exist or as they may be amended by the Town of Forest City. I understand that I am the Responsible Person in Charge of the organization named above. I accept full responsibility for my own safety and those participating members of my organization while participating in parade activities. I further waive and hold harmless the Forest City Merchants Association and the Town of Forest City and its agents of all liability and responsibility for any injury, damage or loss sustained by participants, guest or vehicles before, during, or after the Town of Forest City Christmas Parade or as a result of my organization's participation in the Parade. I further agree to inform each individual participant and a parent/guardian of each participant who has not attained the age of legal majority that the Forest City Merchants Association and the Town of Forest City assumes no liability of any kind for any injury incurred as a result of or in any way arising out of participation in the Town of Forest City Christmas Parade on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Return completed form to one of the following:

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128 N. Powell St.
Forest City, NC 28043
828-248-5200 or 828-447-1730*

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Deadline for applications is Thursday, November 9, 2023.

2023 Christmas Parade Rules and Regulations

NOTE: This is a rain or shine event and will not be rescheduled!

The staging area for the parade is the parking lot of McNair Field (180 McNair Drive), other various parking lots along West Main Street, and on West Trade Street.

Parade begins at McNair Field parking lot, turns East on East Main Street and travels along East Main Street to where it ends at First United Methodist Church, 341 East Main Street.

To enter the staging area at McNair Field, turn off West Main Street onto Vance Street (Dollar General) proceed on Vance Street, turn right onto Memorial Drive into Cool Springs Cemetery (a volunteer will be there to check you in) and proceed into the McNair Field parking lot (volunteers will assist you in lining up). **This is the ONLY entry into McNair Field parking lot.** Lineup begins at 12:30pm. **There is no public parking in the staging area. There is also no public parking at the following businesses: A1 Vacuum, Wells Fargo, First Citizens, Fifth Third. These parking lots are also staging areas.**

Porta-potties for parade participants are at McNair Field and on West Main Street at A1 Vacuum and Sewing. The restrooms at POPS, 153 Park Square, will also be available.

The parade begins sharply at 3:00 PM from McNair Field parking lot. **Everyone should be in their place by 2:30PM.**

For high school bands, select school groups, and select dance groups, lineup is in the bank parking lots on East Main Street. Honor Guard and Boy Scouts lineup in front of Cool Springs Administration Building. Horses will lineup in the parking lot off Vance Street behind Cool Springs Gym. Car Clubs line up in the parking lot of Cool Springs Administration Building. Floats involving 18-wheelers and trailers will line up on Trade Street.

Parade volunteers will assist you with lineup. Parade volunteers are authorized to enforce the rules of the parade. They have the right to pull entries that do not comply with the rules and regulations.

Each entry is strongly encouraged to have signage stating the name of their organization on their vehicle/float and to decorate their vehicle and/or float with winter or Christmas decorations. All vehicles and floats must be decorated before entering the staging area at McNair Field.

We encourage people to carpool. **Rented, commercial floats do not return to McNair Field. Make sure to have someone pick up riders at First United Methodist Church, 341 East Main Street.**

NOTE: There will be no on-street parking on the eastbound side of Main Street from Church Street to Powell Street.

People who are walking back up Main Street after finishing parade are asked to move about on the sidewalk or in the area of the westbound Main Street.

Rules

-Throwing items (candy, flyers, etc.) from any parade entry is strictly prohibited. Also, items cannot be given out from a vehicle. A person may walk close to the crowd and distribute the item.

-The use of poppers (small pyrotechnical devices that explode on impact making a small “pop” noise) is prohibited.

-The use of projectile devices is prohibited. Any device, including rubber bands, that will project an object through the air with sufficient force as to be painful to any individual who might be struck.

-Snakes are prohibited. You cannot walk with or ride with a snake in the parade.

-All animals must be leashed and under the control of their handler.

-Sirens are to be blown only in the event of an emergency.

-NO PERSON OR ANIMATION DRESSED AS SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE. There is only one Santa Claus in the parade. Santa is sponsored by the Forest City Merchants Association and is on the last float at the end of the parade.