PARADE ENTRY FORM

2026 Christmas Parade

Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 P.M.

Please return this Entry Form and the attached Parade Liability Disclaimer on or before Thursday, December 3, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: Parade participation is limited to the first 115 eligible entries received. Once the maximum number of entries has been reached, additional applications will not be accepted.

Return completed Parade Entry Form and Liability Disclaimer Form by mail to: **The City of Bainbridge Attention: Raylee Dean – PO Box 158, Bainbridge, GA 39818, or fax to (229) 246-7311, or email** Raylee.Dean@bainbridgecity.com **.** If you need additional information or assistance, you can contact Raylee Dean at (229) 254-5823.

Organization/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Business Phone:_____ Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone:_____ Contact Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Number: _____

Category of entry:

(Check Only One - One Form Per Category Entry)

☐ Float – Float & Vehicle only; no walking unit included in entry	☐ Walking Unit – Walkers only; no float or vehicle included in entry	☐ Semi-truck – Semi only; no float or walking unit included in entry
☐ Decorated Vehicle – Vehicle only; no float, semi, or walking unit included in entry	☐ Horse Unit- Riders on horses; no vehicles or walking unit included in entry	☐ Other (please describe):

If you are entering a float, please estimate approximate total length (including the vehicle you are using to pull the float):

Vehicle: _____ Feet + Float: _____ Feet = Total _____ Feet

YOU WILL ONLY HAVE SPACE FOR TOTAL FEET YOU HAVE REPORTED FOR YOUR ENTRY.

If you are entering a walking unit, please estimate approximate number of walkers: _____

Line-up will be based on the category of entry, i.e., walking units with walking units, floats with floats, etc

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2026 CHRISTMAS PARADE LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The City of Bainbridge and the Christmas Parade Committee do not provide liability insurance for the protection of individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, spectators, or others who may participate in the 2026 Christmas Parade.

In consideration for your participation in said Christmas Parade, the individual, group, organization, business, spectator, or other does hereby release and forever discharge the City of Bainbridge and the Christmas Parade Committee and its officers, board, and employees, jointly and severally from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in the 2026 Christmas Parade.

This release extends and applies to, and covers and includes, all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability, and the consequences thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist. The provisions of any state, federal, local, or territorial law or statue providing substance that releases shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries, or damages which are known or unsuspected to exist at this time, to the person executing such release, are hereby expressly waived.

I hereby agree on behalf of my heirs, executor, administrators, and assigns, to indemnify, the City of Bainbridge and the Christmas Parade Committee and its officers, board, and employees, jointly and severally from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in the 2026 Christmas Parade.

It is further understood and agreed that said participation in the City of Bainbridge 2026 Christmas Parade is not to be construed as an admission of any liability and acceptance of assumption of responsibility by the City of Bainbridge and the Christmas Parade Committee, its officers, board and employees, jointly and severally, and the participant shall indemnify the City of Bainbridge and the Christmas Parade Committee, its officers, board and employees, jointly and severally, for all damages and expenses for which the City of Bainbridge and the Christmas Parade Committee, its officers, board and employees, become liable as a result of any alleged act of the parade participant.

Name of Organization/Business/Group/Individual	Address	Phone

Name of Individual Responsible (Print)	Signature	Date

All participants must complete the 2026 Christmas Parade Liability Disclaimer to be eligible to participate in the parade. You can submit your completed application via:

Fax: (229) 246-7311 **Attn: Raylee Dean**	**P.O. Box 158** **Bainbridge, Georgia 39818**
Email: Raylee.Dean@bainbridgecity.com	**Application Forms Must Be Submitted by December 3, 2026.**

ENTRY LIMIT: Maximum of 115 parade entries will be accepted.

2026 Christmas Parade Entry Eligibility Requirements:

Lights – All parade participants **MUST** enhance their entries with lights.

4-Wheelers/ATVs – Must be in an organized club, must wear safety gear, and must be decorated.

Motorcycles – Must be street legal, must wear safety gear, and must be decorated.

All Vehicles – Must be decorated and lighted. No burning down or spinning of tires or stopping to rev up engines or to accelerate.

Horses – All horses must start in the lot on the corner of Miluli and Wheat Avenue marked "Horse Unload"; all horses must exit the parade route by continuing north on Broad Street instead of turning left on Water Street; and all horses must be reloaded at the Hook & Ladder at the corner of Broad Street and Market Street. Handlers **MUST** abide by the 2026 Christmas Parade horse use policy as follows:

- All horses must have an individual rider.
- Riders must be at least 18 years of age.
- Horses must always be under control.
- All horses must wear a manure bag, and all manure must be removed from the parade route.
- Owners must provide proof of equine personal liability insurance (horse owner liability insurance) upon application.
- No more than 5 horses will be permitted per entry.

Applicant must sign below stating you have read and understood the horse use policy.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

All Entries - Must be decorated prior to parade lineup.

Please do not include Santa in your parade entry. Santa will be at the end of the parade line-up.

Entry Limit – The 2026 Christmas Parade will be limited to a maximum of 115 entries. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

Safety Guidelines

We would like to thank you for your entry in the 2026 Christmas Parade. We ask that the following rules be observed precisely and the safety precautions that accompany them. These additional measures help us ensure that the event is not only enjoyable, but safe for all participants involved.

We ask that the individual signing the entry form cover these important safety guidelines with everyone associated with the float and/or display.

CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES FOR DRIVER

- **NO DRIVER UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. All drivers and vehicles must have a valid driver's license and insurance.**
- **Safety First: Please watch for Children – Yield to Pedestrians.**
- **No burning down or spinning of tires or stopping to rev up engines or to accelerate.**
- **All vehicles must be in very suitable operating condition. Do not attempt to pull a float with a questionable vehicle.**
- **Minimize the gap between you and the entry in front of you. Don't crowd them but stay close. Please help us keep the parade moving.**
- **All parade entries must complete the entire parade route.**
- **No semi horns or train horns – loud noises scare children.**

RULES FOR FLOAT RIDERS

- **Candy must be thrown from the side of the float toward the sidewalk area and not at individuals. Do not throw toward front of the vehicle or float.**
- **Do not encourage children on the street to come towards the float or vehicle for candy.**
- **Each parade vehicle/float is required to assign a responsible adult at the time of entry. This party must remain with the parade vehicle/float at all times and ensure that all small children remain seated during the parade.**
- **Each float entry should be in suitable condition and be well lit for the safety of the riders.**
- **Small Children must be seated, and all arms and legs must remain inside the float.**
- **Please make sure there is contact information for each child on the float for emergency purposes.**
- **If you begin the parade on a float or in a vehicle, you must remain on the float until the end of parade. No jumping on or off vehicle/float.**

Violators of the safety guidelines, eligibility requirements, and rules will not be allowed to participate in the City of Bainbridge's future Christmas Parades.