



GALAX CHRISTMAS PARADE

Friday, December 1, 2023 - 7PM

The City of Galax and the Galax Volunteer Fire Department invite everyone from our community to participate in the 2023 Galax Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

This year's theme will be "Winter Wonderland". All entries are requested to keep this theme in mind when making preparations to participate in the parade.

Please return this registration, signed rules and signed waiver forms to: Galax Visitors Center, Attn: Parade, 110 East Grayson Street, Galax, VA 24333. You may also email it to pprice-love@galaxva.com or drop it by the Galax Visitors Center at 110 East Grayson Street, Galax. **All registration forms must be received NO LATER than November 27th. No late entries will be accepted.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Address _____

Email _____

Type of Entry: Flatbed Truck _____ Van/Pickup/Car _____ Firetruck _____ Vehicle w/ Trailer _____

Walking Unit _____ Equestrian _____ Band _____ Golf Cart _____ Dance Group _____

Total Length of Entry: _____ #of people walking with your entry _____

If you are transporting your group via bus, how many buses will you have? _____

Does your float have music? (circle) Yes No *Christmas music only is allowed at acceptable volume*

Description of Entry: _____

GALAX CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES, REGULATIONS AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. The name of the sponsoring organization or business must be displayed on each side of the float/vehicle/entry. Marching units may have one banner/placard at the front of their unit identifying their group.
2. **NO** advertising or controversial signs or statements (written or oral), other than the business name, will be allowed.
3. **Walking units must continue moving forward.** Please choreograph any performance to maintain forward movement. All entry vehicles should keep up with the pace of the parade. A space of 20-30 feet should be kept between entries. No squealing of tires or revving engines.
4. The only amplified sound permitted will be music. No political speeches or religious preaching is permitted.
5. Entries may **NOT** use a living Santa in any way. There is only one Santa Claus and he will be the last entry in the parade.
6. Entries should be decorated in some way. All vehicles must carry a Christmas message or theme, preferably consistent with the annual theme.
7. All floats, cars, trucks and modes of transportation must be driven safely along the parade route. Drivers must have a valid driver's license and should be alert to spectators, particularly children. Entrants may be held liable for damage or injury. **NO MOTORCYCLES OR ATV'S ALLOWED.**
8. **FOR SAFETY, NO OBJECTS OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING CANDY, MAY BE THROWN TO SPECTATORS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.** Walkers may hand treats or other items directly to spectators. We do not want children running into the street to retrieve candy or other thrown items. Entrants will be liable for any injury caused by throwing objects toward the spectators.
9. Animal caretakers are required to clean staging areas before departing and have a designated clean up person during the parade.
10. All participants must complete and sign the Registration Form prior to the parade. Only those registered will be allowed to participate in the parade.
11. The Christmas parade is "G" rated event for all ages. No obscene language, provocative behavior, vulgar or disruptive presentations will be allowed.

The City of Galax and the Galax Volunteer Fire Department are not responsible for theft and/or loss of and/or damage to persons or property before, during, or after the parade. Participants are strongly encouraged to carry applicable insurance coverage.

The City of Galax, the Galax Volunteer Fire Department and/or the Galax Police Department have full authority to reject any entry that does not meet the rules, is considered unsafe, or could be considered offensive/inappropriate to the general public.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS ARE ADVISED OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in the Galax Christmas Parade and helping to make this a fun and memorable community event for everyone. The City of Galax reserves the right to remove any entry that is inappropriate or that violates the rules and guidelines. The decision to remove an entry by the parade staff is final and the reason for removal is not restricted to the items listed above. Entries may be disqualified prior to the parade or pulled during the parade.

Signature of Responsible Party: _____

Entry Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

Galax Christmas Parade WAIVER & INDEMNIFICATION

I/we hereby voluntarily execute this Waiver and Indemnification to City of Galax Christmas Parade, The City of Galax, and all affiliated persons, firms, corporations, and other entities sponsoring, coordinating, volunteering, organizing and otherwise directing the Galax Christmas Parade on Friday, December 1, 2023.

I/we understand that as a participant in any way in said parade that I/we assume all risks of property damage or personal injury to myself/ourselves and all those participating with us in the parade and do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Galax Christmas Parade, the City of Galax, and all affiliated persons, firms, corporations and other entities sponsoring, coordinating, volunteering, organizing and otherwise directing the Galax Christmas Parade on Friday, December 1, 2023 from and against any and all claims, actions or damages resulting from property damage or personal injury as a result of participation by me/us in said parade.

I/we have read and understand this Waiver and Indemnification or have had the same read to me/us and fully explained as to its legal ramifications. Additionally, I/we understand that the execution of this Waiver and Indemnification is a condition of my/our participation in this parade.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge that this entry has not been involved in any violent or unlawful demonstrations. I understand that the Galax Christmas Parade Committee and/or City of Galax has the right to refuse any entry into the parade for any reason. If minor children are participants, I agree to provide proper supervision and transportation to ensure their safety. I the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of and agree to abide by all afore mentioned instruction, rules & regulations set forth for the parade. I release any rights to photographs or movies of the parade my entrant(s) may be in.

Signature of Responsible Party: _____

Entry Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

GALAX CHRISTMAS PARADE ROUTE

The Parade will begin on North Main Street at the intersection with East Virginia Street and end at Felts Park.

6:00 P.M. – Main Street will be closed to all traffic from Route 58 to Felts Park. All vehicles must be removed from Main Street at this time. The following intersections will also be closed to traffic: Madison & Stuart, Virginia & Railroad/TG Vaughn, Webster & Railroad and Washington & Madison.

Band Buses: Turn off Stuart Drive (Route 58) onto Jefferson Street. Park in the First Christian Church lot to unload. Band members should walk to assigned warm-up/line-up areas listed below. Please make sure students understand where to line-up. After unloading, band buses may move to Felts Park for reloading after the parade.

LINE-UP (Please No Later than 6:30 p.m.)

1. Line-up beginning on E. Virginia Street and continuing down to George Vaughan Jr. Ave.
2. NO line up on Webster Street this year. Webster has to remain clear.
3. Bands: West Webster Street beside Twin County Tire.
4. Walking Units: Galax Police Station courtyard.

DISMISSAL (Take care not to slow down the parade behind you, but keep safety first.)

All units should continue down the driveway into Felts Park. All vehicles should leave through the back gate.

1. Band buses should be parked at the tennis courts for loading.
2. All vehicles, including floats, should unload across from the school buses next to the baseball field.
3. Walking units may dismiss in the upper parking lot of the recreation center.
4. All other entries dismiss near the Felts Park restrooms.