



Christmas Parade 2021  
Saturday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.

For the safety and enjoyment of all participants and spectators, the following rules must be obeyed. **NOTE:** The term “float” refers to any trailer or carriage in the actual parade)

1. The parade will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.
2. Parade theme: **The parade theme is Parade of Lights.** Decorate your entry with lights!
3. All floats must be present at the float staging area no later than 5:15 p.m.
4. All entries must be completed when they arrive at the staging area. Last minute touches and fix ups are allowed, but there will be no complete decorating allowed in the staging area.
5. All entries must clearly display the registration number in the windshield or on the front of the vehicle pulling, so that it can be seen by organizers as entries enter the staging area. Do not permanently affix this registration card as it will be taken up prior to the parade beginning. Any entry or vehicle without a registration number will not be allowed in the staging area.
6. Entries will be lined up in the order they arrive. Due to the layout of the staging area, there will be no reserving of spots. If a group of vehicles would like to drive together in the parade, they must arrive together at the parade staging area.
7. Judging process:
  - a. Floats will be judged based on their use of lights, creativity, and originality.
  - b. Judging will occur at the staging area and during the parade route from Main Street.
  - c. Please make sure your business/church/organization name is clearly visible from both sides of your float so that judges will know who you are!
  - d. The winners will be announced after the parade on the Experience Columbia MS Facebook Page.
  - e. The parade is after dark, so the use of lights is advised and expected.
8. The parade will be staged on RA Johnson Drive. It will pull right onto Eagle Day Avenue, turn left onto Broad Street, travel down Broad Street and continue to the Courthouse where it will turn right onto Main Street. The parade will end at Mayson Avenue.
9. Float participants are responsible for arranging the pickup of riders/walkers at the end of the route or another area designated by your group. Floats and participants may not leave the parade until they reach Mayson Avenue.
10. ALL floats and drop offs must enter RA Johnson Drive from Sumrall Road. Drop offs will be directed down RA Johnson to their respective floats and exit RA Johnson Drive at Eagle Day Avenue. Absolutely NO vehicles are allowed in the staging area except floats and vehicles

that have paid to be an entry in the parade. If you need to drop off people/items/etc. for your float, you must park in the designated parking lot and walk to your float. There is no room in the staging area for vehicles, even temporarily. No floats will be accepted to the staging area from any entry point except Sumrall Road.

11. Due to traffic concerns and parking, please encourage float riders to carpool or have someone drop them off.
  12. All bands and any walking groups will be staged at the field in front of the Medicaid Office on Eagle Day Drive beside Zellco Federal Credit Union. Again, there is limited space so parking is not allowed in this area. It is designated as drop off only. If a band or group travels in a bus, please note that on your application so arrangements can be made for parking. Bands and walking groups must have a registration card as well, which will be turned in when they arrive. Bands will be lined up in the order assigned to them at the mandatory meeting, no exceptions.
  13. Entries may throw candy into the crowd, but not directly on to the street for safety reasons.
  14. Santa Claus will end the parade riding on the Columbia Fire Department Truck. NO other Santas will be allowed in the parade.
  15. Fire trucks and any law enforcement vehicles may not use their sirens during the parade.
  16. Entries will not be allowed to stop and perform during the parade so that it may proceed in a timely manner.
  17. Dance teams are allowed to participate, but may not stop and perform. All dance teams must dress and act appropriately. No vulgar or suggestive attire, movements or music will be tolerated.
  18. A mandatory meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30 at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Marion County Development Partnership. All floats and participants MUST have a representative at this meeting. Registration cards will be given at this meeting as well as discussion of the parade rules. Participants may register at this meeting if desired (check or exact change only).
  19. Registration fees are as follows:
    - a. All floats are \$50 each
    - b. Walking groups are \$50 each
    - c. All vehicles, motorcycles or side by sides must be part of a group \$50 per vehicle/motorcycle
    - d. Horses and wagons are allowed for \$50 each unit, but no single riders
    - e. There is no fee for fire trucks or law enforcement vehicles
    - f. There is no fee for bands
  20. The entry fees paid by participants this year will go toward a charity of choice by Marion County Development Partnership.
- Other than those noted above, discounts or waivers of registration fees will not be given.



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There is no fee for fire trucks, law enforcement vehicles, or official first responder vehicles There is no fee for bands.

This form may be used for more than one float or entry if they are in the same group.

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry (Circle all that apply):

Float Car/Truck Motorcycle Horse & wagon Walking Group Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of entries: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of persons with entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your group be arriving via bus and need parking arrangements? \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, attest that I have read and understand all of the rules for participation in the Experience Columbia Christmas Parade, and will abide by the rules set forth. I understand that my failure to comply may result in a ban from participation in this and/or future parades. I further agree that my entry will have a representative at the mandatory meeting on Tuesday, November 30 at 5:00 pm at Marion County Development Partnership.

Signature

Date

\*\*Must also complete the Christmas Parade and COVID-19 Disclaimer \*\*



## 2021 Christmas Parade Disclaimer

Experience Columbia & other affiliate companies, Marion County Development Partnership, City of Columbia, and other Christmas Parade presenters do not provide liability insurance for the protection of participants, spectators, merchants, or others who participate in the Christmas parade activities.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in such activity, the participant does hereby release and forever discharge Experience Columbia & other affiliate companies, Marion County Development Partnership, City of Columbia, and all other parade presenters, its officers, officials, employees, agents, jointly and severally, from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands for, upon, or by reason of an others in consequence of participating in the parade activities. This waiver and release expressly includes any action, cause of action, claim, or demand based upon any act, omission, or negligence by the Experience Columbia & other affiliate companies, Marion County Development Partnership, City of Columbia, and all other parade presenters.

This release extends and applies to, 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 statute providing in substance that releases shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries, or damages which are unknown or unsuspected to the person executing such release at times of such execution, are hereby expressly waived.

I hereby agree on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to indemnify the Experience Columbia & other affiliate companies, Marion County Development Partnership, the City of Columbia, and all other parade presenters, jointly and severally, and to hold the same harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, and liabilities, loss, damages, and expense of whatever kind or nature, including attorney fees, which may at any time be incurred by them or claimed against them by reason of participation in the parade. This holds harmless and indemnity provision expressly includes any action, cause of action, claim, or demand based upon any omission or negligence by Experience Columbia and other affiliate companies, Marion County Development Partnership, the City of Columbia and all other parade presenters, its officers, officials, employees, or agents.

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



COVID-19 Disclaimer

In an effort to protect all participants and attendees, Experience Columbia will remain up to date and monitor CDC, state, and local regulatory agency rules, regulations, and policies related to group gatherings and will adhere to such policies. Experience Columbia will continue to assess – based on current conditions – whether to postpone, cancel, or significantly reduce the number of participants on each float to comply with CDC, state, and local rules, regulations, and policies in place at the time of the parade.

You as a participant are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 (the Coronavirus) exists in any public place where people are present. By participating in the Experience Columbia Christmas Parade, you and any person on/in your float, walking group, vehicle, motorcycle group, wagon, band, or any other formation of entry in the parade voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree to hold Experience Columbia & other affiliate companies, or any of its officers, directors, members, or volunteers, Marion County Development Partnership, the City of Columbia, and all other parade presenters, jointly and severally, liable for any illness or injury arising from participation in the parade.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_