

**RULES AND REGULATIONS for the 2015 GREATER MAULDIN CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
Saturday, December 5, at 2:00 PM      Rain Date: To be scheduled if needed

*Theme: "The Miracle of Christmas"*

**GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES**

The principal purpose of the parade is to entertain and develop community spirit. The appearance and decoration of all entries is **most important**. Each vehicle or float **MUST** be decorated and **can have music**.

- ☐ All entries must be received **no later than November 16, 2015**
- ☐ Parade formation starts at Mauldin High School parking lot. All entries must be **registered** and **in position NO LATER THAN 1:30 PM** on day of Parade. **Your entry position will be assigned on site on Parade day.**
- ☐ Parade sponsors assume **NO** liability for any damage to floats or vehicles or any injuries or damage due to the negligence of parade entrants.
- ☐ The Mauldin Christmas Parade Committee will have the final authority over positioning of entries in the parade, the acceptability of any entry in the parade and the pace and movement of the parade in progress.

**FLOATS**

Floats will include prominent decorated area, with or without riders. Acceptable floats may include flatbed trucks, tractor and flatbed combinations, cab and flatbed trailer.

- ☐ All floats should be decorated to reflect the parade theme and will be judged on theme, execution, originality, overall appearance and personal appeal. Rental Floats are acceptable, but will **NOT** be judged.
- ☐ Maximum width of entries will be 18 feet to 20 feet; maximum height of 14 feet.
- ☐ Floats judged unsuitable because of size, safety hazard, structural weakness or noncompliance with decoration guidelines may be subject to removal from the parade. All floats will be visually inspected prior to the start of the parade.
- ☐ **NO CANDY OR OTHER OBJECTS MAY BE THROWN OR HANDED TO SPECTATORS FROM FLOATS OR VEHICLES. ONLY WALKERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PASS OUT CANDY.**
- ☐ **NO STOPPING ALLOWED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE WHEN THE PARADE IS IN PROGRESS other than when in front of the judges' booth.**

**VEHICLES**

Appropriately decorated vehicles will be admitted as entries in the Parade, but will not be judged. These include:

- ☐ Media vans or vehicles.
- ☐ Antique vehicles upon approval from parade committee.
- ☐ Organized motor units of recognized club or other organization upon approval of parade committee.
- ☐ Cars transporting pageant winners and other dignitaries.
- ☐ Pick-up trucks transporting children, i.e., Scout Troops.

**BANDS, CHEERLEADERS AND OTHER MARCHING UNITS**

- ☐ Organized walking units shall be in uniform or costume, shall maintain good marching order and shall have a banner of identification.
- ☐ Walking units must keep a steady pace and **WILL NOT** be allowed to stop for show or demonstration other than in front of the judges' review stand.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- ☐ The parade committee will review entries not covered in the above categories on a case-by-case basis.
- ☐ There will be **ONLY ONE HUMAN SANTA CLAUS** in the parade; he will be provided by the Chamber.
- ☐ **PLEASE NOTE:** Because of safety and liability issues, we regret that horses will no longer be permitted in the parade. The only animals that may participate in the parade will be dogs, provided they are on secure leashes and walked by adults.
- ☐ Please note: **You will be expected to provide your own vehicle or means of transportation** (unless walking/marching) if you are entering the parade.

**PRIZES**

1st Place: \$50

2nd Place: \$25

*Please keep this information to refer to when planning your entry.* For questions or comments, please call the Chamber office at (864) 297-1323 or email [info2@mauldinchamber.org](mailto:info2@mauldinchamber.org)

**In Case of Bad Weather: For Information - The Day of Parade  
Call the Chamber office (864-297-1323) after 12:00 pm**