

**The LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to participate in the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas parade!**



Beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019

**Parade Theme:** "Children's' Christmas Stories"  
**Entry Categories:** Church, Business, School, Civic, Industry and First-time Entry  
**Entry Fee:** \$40.00 per entry — including floats, bands and motorized vehicles — plus one unwrapped child's toy.

**Please return completed entry form, gift and fee\* by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, to:**

**LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 636 – 111 Bull Street  
LaGrange, GA 30241**

**No entries will be allowed after the deadline.**

Awards will be given for first and second place for the winning floats in each category, and a banner will be provided for each winning entry to carry in front of the float in the parade. The number of entries will be limited to 100.

Please note the vehicle restrictions on the Information and Rules page.

The annual Christmas parade is a community project, and we sincerely thank you in advance for your support!

**\*Please be advised that no refunds will be issued.\***

## Information and Rules

### Line-up Points:

- **Marching Groups** — St. Mark's Episcopal Church back parking lot, no later than 5:30 p.m. A drop off point is provided for vehicles entering St. Mark's lot from North Greenwood Street.
- **Bands** — Small parking lot next to LaGrange High expansion building by 5:30 p.m.
- **Floats** — Granger parking lot across from LaGrange High by 4:15 p.m.
- **Vehicles** — Those that comply with the description below, in Granger parking lot across from LaGrange High School by 4:15 p.m.
- **Vehicles (Trucks)** — No individuals may enter a truck or car in the parade. Trucks will only be allowed if they are decorated according to the parade theme and are carrying a group of people representing an organization. Trucks will not be allowed with only a business sign on them — instead, business trucks are encouraged to pull a float.
- **Vehicles (Cars)** — A convertible or an antique vehicle may be entered only if it is carrying a dignitary or winner of a pageant.
- **Vehicles (Other)** — No ambulances or large vehicles (vans, RV's, etc. are allowed unless they are pulling a float.

When **dropping off** someone at the parade, **do not** drive through the line-up points at Granger Park. **Everyone must disembark on Highland Avenue or at the Granger Track; no drop-offs will be allowed on North Greenwood Street and no traffic will be allowed on Granger Drive except floats.** There will be no parking on either side of North Greenwood in front of the school nor on Hunnicutt Place between North Greenwood and Granger Drive. Emory Clark-Holder Clinic parking lot usually has available parking spaces.

Anyone driving a float and/or motorized vehicle must have a valid driver's license.

**Santa Claus** is a special guest and we ask that no other Santa be included in the parade.

You will be contacted as to your entry number and line-up point. Be sure **everyone** in your group, on your float, in your vehicle, etc. has a **nametag** with the **entry number** before they arrive at the staging area.

### Safety:

We require **that all children's groups arrive as a group with an adult leader. Group leaders**, please **stay** with your group **after** the parade until **each** child has been picked up by his/her parent/guardian. It is **required** that all parade participants wear a nametag, which includes your entry number.

During the parade, all entries should keep 20-feet from the entry they are following. **Marching groups may not stop to perform along the parade route.**

Any entry throwing or handing out any items along the parade route will be **removed** from the parade. This creates a safety hazard for small children as they may run into the parade traffic to retrieve items and flyers and brochures are left along the route as trash to be picked up.

**Foghorns are prohibited**, as they scare small children.

**Route:**

The parade will begin at Granger Park and head south on North Greenwood Street. Marching groups will be merged into the parade from St. Mark's. The procession will go down North Greenwood to Haralson Street, where the group will turn east. The group will turn right from Haralson onto Church Street and travel south through the square and down Bull Street, turning left onto Broome Street and making another left to head north up Main Street, again through the square, and up Ridley. **All floats must be capable of making the left turn onto Broome St. Units longer than 45 feet can no longer be accommodated.**

Marching groups may begin to drop out at Battle Street. Floats and motor-driven vehicles should continue north on Ridley to Highland Avenue, turn left and head to Granger Park before letting anyone off.

**Awards:**

**All floats must be in place and ready to be judged by 4:15 p.m. Judging will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m.** In order for an entry to be considered for an award, the application form must be submitted and the entry fee paid no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 21. The same float cannot be entered year after year to be judged.

**No entries will be allowed after the deadline.**

Please send a representative to the steps of LaGrange High School at 5:30 p.m. for the announcement of winners and to pick up the banner and trophy. We will not be able to deliver awards to the winners except at the steps.

A parade representative will pick up the banner at the end of the parade route on Ridley Avenue.

**Disclaimer:**

The LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to deny participation to any entry that does not, in our opinion, represent the traditional Christmas spirit and/or the parade theme.

The Chamber of Commerce is not liable for any misadventure which may occur to anyone in or at the parade; however, we will do everything within our power to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.

**Questions:**

Any questions may be directed to the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce at (706) 884-8671

# Parade Application

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

**Circle One Category:**

Church

Small Business

School

Civic

Large Business/Industry

First-Time Entry

**Contact Person:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address Daytime Phone

EACH PARTICIPANT must wear a nametag with their name, organization's name and entry number when they arrive.

**Circle One Entry Type:**

Float

Dignitary Vehicle

Youth/Marching

Other\*

Band

People/Animals

Adult/Marching

Please write the size of your vehicle entry below. Examples: Truck pulling 45-foot trailer, automobile only, go- cart, etc. \*These entries will be reviewed by the parade coordinator. \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a brief description of your entry to be used for purposes of publicity. We will take reasonable precaution to protect your description; however, we reserve the right to edit as necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Agreement:**

I have read the 2019 Christmas Parade Information and Rules and will adhere to the same. I do not hold the Chamber liable in case of misadventure.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name Date

CHAMBER USE ONLY: \$40 Entry Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Toy \_\_\_\_\_