

Dillon Christmas Parade - Thursday, November 30, 2006
Line-up begins 3:30 p.m.; parade begins 4:00 p.m.

PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

THIS FORM, COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND THE APPROPRIATE FEES (SEE BELOW) MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 9, 2006 BY 3 P.M. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

- (1) SPONSOR/ORGANIZATION: _____
- (2) NAME OF ENTRY (FLOAT, THEME, PERSONALITY, COSTUME CHARACTER):

- (3) CONTACT NAME: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____
EVENING PHONE: _____
FAX NUMBER: _____
- (4) HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN THIS PARADE BEFORE?
_____ YES _____ NO WHEN/HOW OFTEN? _____
- (5) TYPE OF ENTRY (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHOICES):
_____ WILL PROVIDE OWN FLOAT
_____ WOULD LIKE TO RENT DECORATED FLOAT (INCLUDES VEHICLE, DRIVER AND SIGNAGE). **PICTURES AVAILABLE AT CHAMBER TO VIEW.**
_____ MOTORIZED UNIT (SPECIFY: _____)
_____ BAND (SPECIFY CLASSIFICATION & NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____)
_____ DRILL TEAM (SPECIFY: _____)
_____ COLOR GUARD (SPECIFY: _____)
_____ OTHER WALKING/PEDESTRIAN UNIT (SPECIFY: _____). **ENTRY FEE APPLICABLE.**

I HAVE READ THE POLICY, GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 2006 DILLON CHRISTMAS PARADE IN ITS ENTIRETY. I AGREE TO ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE OF MY ENTRY, THE COMPLIANCE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS ASSOCIATED HEREWITH, AND FOR ANY LIABILITY INHERENT WITH MY ENTRY'S PARTICIPATION. FURTHERMORE, I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IS NOT ABSOLUTE/GUARANTEED AND THE PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY ENTRY DEEMED UNSUITABLE WITH THE PARADE'S INTENT/THEME, ETC.

Mail entries to P.O. Box 1304, Dillon, S.C. 29536 (843-774-8551)

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

CHECK LIST FOR ENCLOSURES:

- _____ **APPLICATION FORM**
_____ **\$15 ENTRY FEE FOR NON-PROFIT ENTRIES**
_____ **\$25 ENTRY FEE FOR COMMERCIAL ENTRIES**
_____ **\$300 DECORATED FLOAT RENTAL FEE**

Dillon Christmas Parade Policies & Guidelines

POLICIES: The Dillon Christmas parade theme for 2006 is "Happy Holidays." The parade is scheduled, rain or shine, for Thursday, November 30, 2006. The parade will begin at East Main Street and will continue down Main Street to the City/County Office Complex. Line-up begins at 3:30 p.m. Participants must be in line by 3:45 p.m. The parade begins at 4:00 p.m.

Any individual or unit not in compliance with the policies, guidelines and rules of the parade will not be permitted in the parade or will be asked to leave the parade if the infraction occurs once the procession has started.

There is an entry fee per unit. It is \$15 for a non-profit organization's entry and \$25 for a business' entry. The entry fee must accompany the application. Walking entries (non-profit and commercial) pay the applicable fee.

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS: DESIGN - All entries should be decorated/designed for the holiday season or to reflect the parade theme. All entries should be designed in a manner which is safe for all participants and spectators. If entries are not in keeping with the spirit of the parade, they will be removed from the parade line-up.

MUSIC (BANDS) – All high school, collegiate and military bands and other musical ensembles are expected to play music of the holiday season. Bands and other musical units, with rehearsed presentations, will be allotted 30 seconds to perform their skit. The number of one-minute segments will be limited; therefore, designation of the one-minute segments will be coordinated by the parade committee.

MARCHING UNITS – Any drill team or marching unit, other than bands, will be limited to 34 participants. Rehearsed presentations are limited to 30 seconds and can only stop a maximum of three (3) times on the parade route. This will be strictly enforced. Kindly do not allow your entry to hold up the parade. **CARS/TRUCKS/VANS –** An individual vehicle is not eligible to participate unless it is unique (for example, recognized class or antique). All other units are required to have holiday decorations; otherwise, vehicles are only used to pull floats. All riders in the vehicle should be part of an entry presentation and are required to sit in the seats of the vehicle. If a convertible is accepted as an entry, all riders must be in the seats. Riders cannot ride up on the back of the rear seat, the sides or on the hood of the vehicle.

FLOATS – All floats are to be built on a trailer or flat bed with at least two (2) wheels pulled by a separate vehicle. Pickup trucks, cars, vans and busses are not considered floats. Floats are to be decorated to reflect theme of the parade or in keeping with the holiday season. All floats are required to have a significant degree of decoration to participate. Pull vehicles should be an appropriate size. All participants within the entry should coordinate dress (unless all are dressed in the official uniform of the sponsor) to reflect the decorative theme of the float. Decorated floats may be rented through the Chamber for \$300. Transport vehicle, driver and signage are included in this fee. These are rented on a first-come/first-serve basis. If you are interested in renting a decorated float, complete the entry application form and check the appropriate boxes at the bottom of the form. Photographs of available rental floats can be viewed at the Chamber. **AWARDS** – All entries will be considered for awards. Entries will be judged during the procession. Winners will be awarded prizes in three (3) categories: "Most Original", "Religious" and a grand prize for "Best Overall Entry." **HORSES** – For safety reasons, only organized equestrian units with experienced riders and well-trained horses with trainers will be allowed to participate. Riders are asked not to run their horses. Horse groups will be accepted by special invitation only. **MOTORCYCLES:** Motorcycles and bicycles are accepted when part of an organization and the group participates as a practiced unit or when the equipment is part of a professional act. **AUTOMOBILE CLUBS:** All automobile clubs will be limited to a maximum of six (6) and are to be driven in a group formation other than single file. The vehicles are to have coordinated decoration. **BEAUTY PAGEANT REPRESENTATIVES:** All winners and representatives of beauty pageants ride on floats or in automobiles.

RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

HANDOUTS: No participant of any unit is allowed to pass out literature or throw out or hand out candy or other edibles. This is strictly prohibited for safety reasons.

CHILDREN: Children under five (5) years of age may not walk or participate in a marching unit. Children must be at least three (3) years of age to ride on floats or other units and must have adequate supervision

MUSIC: All units which play or broadcast music should have selections that are in keeping with the holiday spirit.

SIGNS: Each unit should use signs or banners to identify, but not advertise, its sponsor and/or organization to the viewing audience. Banners and signs should be neat and easily legible for distance, but should be modest in relation to the size of the unit. Six (6) to eight (8) inch lettering is recommended. Basic, simple signs show best. Floats rented through the Chamber come complete with signs and no additional signs are permitted.

DRESS FOR PARTICIPANTS: All individuals participating in the parade, whether riding floats, driving, pulling floats, walking, etc., should dress appropriately to coordinate with their particular entry. Children should be dressed appropriately for the fall evening, considering the cooler weather as the sun sets.

SMOKING: Smoking is not allowed during the parade procession by parade participants.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE OR DURING THE PARADE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. ANYONE SUSPECTED OF SUCH WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE PARADE.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE AN ON-SITE INSPECTION PRIOR TO THE PARADE TO DETERMINE THAT EACH ENTRY AND ITS PARTICIPANTS MEET THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THESE POLICIES, RULES AND GUIDELINES. ANY ENTRY NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LINE-UP. THE FEE COLLECTED BY THE PARADE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE RETURNED. THESE GUIDELINES ARE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PARADE ENTRIES, PARTICIPANTS AND THE VIEWING PARTICIPANTS.

YOUR COOPERATION ENSURES THAT THE PARADE WILL BE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EVENT FOR ALL.

