



**Competition Rules for Entries to The
McCormick County Christmas Parade
Saturday Dec. 5, 2020 4:30 p.m.**

1. **All parade entries will receive a number prior to parade day. The entry number must be displayed in at least 12-inch black numerals on white background. The numbers must be plainly visible, and on both sides (entrant to supply their own printed number on entry).**
2. The entering party will be responsible for transporting his/her own parade entry to and from the parade in accordance with proper highway and safety codes.
3. **Check in for all Floats, Car, Golf Carts, or any motorized vehicles entries are requested to be in the designated staging area by 3:30 p.m. located at the Old Middle School, 801 Carolina Street downtown McCormick off of South Main Street.** All entries that wish to be judged must have checked in at this staging area no later than 3:30 p.m. with your assigned numbers placed on their entries.
4. **All walking groups please check in at the Bench (with a Parade Volunteer) located across from the Chinese Restaurant on South Main Street at 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.** All entries that wish to be judged must have checked in no later than 4 p.m. Parade will start promptly at 4:30 p.m.
5. There will be three awards presented. Best of the Parade and 1st, 2nd & 3rd places will be announced, and prizes awarded at the McCormick Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. The location is the County Administrative Building, 610 South Mine Street. Winners will be presented cash award (via a check).
6. To protect all participants and parade viewers, The Chamber Board of Directors and staff request all participants to follow SCDHEC/ CDC and Governor of South Carolina COVID-19 -19 Guidelines. It will be each parade unit/group responsibility to supply their own face coverings, sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, cleaning supplies, gloves, and social distancing within their own groups. If anyone feels sick, we ask that you respectfully stay home and take care of yourself. We also ask that no candy be thrown to guests/viewers.
7. Judging
 - a) There will be 3 judges. Judging will be based on three areas of emphasis: 1. Overall appearance; 2. Originality; 3. Applicability to parade theme.
 - b) Every judge will award each entry up to 25 points for each of the three areas of emphasis in the judging criteria. The highest score possible for any entry will be 225 points, or 75 points from each judge.
 - c) During tabulation the judges shall deduct from the cumulative score of any entry 20 points for each of the following violations: 1. Non-visible display of entry number; 2. Inappropriate and or offensive behavior, attire or decorations; 3. Entry name not included.
 - d) Each judge will be situated at different locations of the parade route within the 100 block of So. Main Street. All decisions by the judges are final. Please share all respective information with all participants (and parents, where necessary).
 - e) The McCormick County Parade Committee Contact info: 100 So. Main Street, McCormick SC 29835, Tel: (864) 852-2835 or e mail: info@mccormickschamber.org.

