



October 1, 2010

Dear Friends:

Merry Christmas! It is again our pleasure to invite you, your business, church or civic organization to participate in the 2010 City of Fairhope's Magical Christmas parade.

Due to limited space, the Fairhope Christmas Parade Committee only allows parade entries from the City of Fairhope and Fairhope's planning and police jurisdiction (Montrose, Point Clear, and Barnwell) in the Christmas Parade. If you would like to participate, please return the enclosed application, insurance agreement and float description by Friday, November 5 to the City of Fairhope Attn: Christmas Parade Committee, P.O. Drawer 429, Fairhope, AL 36533 or email to alex.robinson@cofairhope.com. Parade participants are limited so please get your application in as soon as possible.

The parade committee would also like to remind parade participants that each float should reflect a Christmas theme. The theme of the parade is "Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade" and we want each float to reflect that theme or the spirit of Christmas. Even if your float is used to advertise an event, organization or business it should still be decorated for the Christmas/Holiday season.

A confirmation letter, parade position and a final map will be mailed to all parade participants by Wednesday, November 17. Please plan to meet with your group or organization after November 17 but before December 4 to pass along any last minutes parade rules or details.

If you have any questions about the parade or need additional information, please call Alex Robinson (alex.robinson@cofairhope.com) at 929-1466 or Sherry Sullivan (sherry.sullivan@cofairhope.com) at 990-0218.

Sincerely,

Stan Grubin
Christmas Parade Committee Chairman

Sherry Sullivan
Christmas Parade Committee Co-Chairman

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**City of Fairhope
2010 Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 4
7 p.m.**

Participants must be in line by 5:30 p.m.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Contact Person: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Type of entry:

Car _____ truck _____ Float/truck & trailer _____ Estimated # of participants _____

Total # of feet for entry plus generator (if your unit is pulling one) _____

Units with a generator **MUST** have a fire extinguisher.

*Note: Please make sure your entry includes the total footage of your car, truck and or float
(Example: car 5 ft, trailer 5ft equaling a **total 10 ft.**)

Type of throws: _____

This year each float/unit must provide 2 adults to walk beside the group . The adults will be responsible for keeping riders/walkers safe and assisting parade marshals with crowd control.

Please provide the name of the 2 adults who will walk beside your group:

Only Christmas music is allowed to be played from floats.

Return entry and insurance forms **NO LATER THAN** Friday, November 5

City of Fairhope, Attention: Christmas Parade Committee, P.O. Drawer 429, Fairhope, Alabama 36533.

For Questions, call Alex Robinson at 929-1466 (alex.robinson@cofairhope.com) or Sherry Sullivan at 990-0218.

**City of Fairhope
2010 Christmas Parade Float Entry
Description for TV and/or Radio**

Parade will be broadcasted live on WABF 1220 AM

Name of Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Description: _____

**If you do not include this form with your original application,
Please fax it to 990-0207 by Friday, November 5 .
For additional information call 929-1466.**



2010 Christmas Parade Rules

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1. Float parade permits must be prominently displayed on the right side windshield. **All parade participants must be in place by 5:30 p.m.**

2. ALL **ENTRIES** ARE TO ENTER INTO THE STAGING AREA FROM NORTH SECTION STREET, NORTH OF, OR AT BAYOU DRIVE. NO OTHER ROUTE ENTRY WILL BE PERMITTED. ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY AND REROUTED. **MARCHERS, INCLUDING BAND MEMBERS**, WILL BE DROPPED OFF AT THE AREA DESIGNATED. THIS DROP OFF AREA IS LOCATED AT FELLS AVENUE AND CHURCH STREET AND MUST BE ENTERED FROM THE SOUTH OF THAT AREA. ALL OTHER AREAS WILL BE BARRICADED.

3. **BANDS** WILL ORIGINATE IN THE FAIRHOPE COMMUNITY PARK ON CHURCH STREET. **DANCING UNITS** AND **OTHER WALKING UNITS** WILL LINE-UP ON CHURCH STREET.

4. Each parading group shall name a parade coordinator who shall maintain contact with the marshals should assistance be needed during line-up or parade. If a unit cannot keep pace or is causing a problem with an unavoidable delay due to breakdown or mechanical trouble, the parade marshal will remove the unit from the parade. **PARADE MARSHALS WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY ORANGE SAFETY VESTS AND YELLOW ARMS BANDS.**

5. Each entry is required to furnish two adult safety personnel to walk alongside the float and keep spectators at a safe distance from the float. Parade marshals will be stationed behind each float.

6. Small children must be adequately supervised while on float.

7. The parade will start promptly at 7 p.m. unless there is a weather or emergency delay. At no time will the parade start later than 7:30 p.m.

8. Parade throws may include candy, cups, beads or soft stuffed animals. **Parade throws should be appropriate for a Christmas parade. FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SPECTATORS, NO HARD ITEMS, HARD CANDY OR FRUIT.** NO boxes are to be thrown or handed down from floats.

9. NO alcoholic beverages are allowed on the floats, at the parade origination site or during the parade.

10. There will **ONLY BE ONE SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS** allowed in the Christmas Parade and they are provided by the City of Fairhope.

11. **All units/floats must be lighted and must have the logo or name of the sponsoring organization clearly displayed.** All floats with headlights should turn on the headlights during the parade.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!

12. ALL MUSIC MUST BE TRADITIONAL SEASONAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC. If this requirement is NOT met, the unit will be removed from the parade.

13. If mechanical problems arise you will be pulled from the parade. If you are able to continue at a later time contact a marshal. The marshal will allow you back in the parade line-up at the end of the parade in front of the fire trucks.

14. Insurance requirements must be met.

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15. Entries with gasoline driven generators **MUST** have a fire extinguisher on board. All units/floats will be inspected for generators by officials of the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Dept. before the parade begins.

16. The Fairhope Christmas Parade Committee will review entries that may cause a delay in the flow of the parade before allowing them to participate such as large groups of walkers and walking groups with small children. These types of entries may cause logistical problems and can possibly threaten the safety of other parade participants and those who are watching the parade.

17. Parking at the Fairhope Municipal Complex (Civic Center) will be designated for handicap parking.

18. All parade participants must load their float or walking unit in the parade line-up area. No one will be allowed to join in the parade after the parade starts.

Parade participants that do not follow the rules may not be allowed to participate in the Fairhope Christmas Parade next year.

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