



Annual Easley Christmas Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 12, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

(Inclement Weather Date: Sunday, December 13 @ 3:00 PM)

Application Entry Fee (paid with application): \$30.00

Application Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2026 - 5PM

Late Entry Fee: \$50 - No Entries to be accepted after Tuesday December 1, 2026 at 5 PM

*Required fields

*Name of Group/Organization _____

*Contact Person _____

*Mailing Address (street, city & zip) _____

*Phone _____ *Email _____

*Cell # (to be used on parade day, if needed) _____

Approx. # of participants in entry _____

Type of Parade Entry (check one):

_____ Float _____ Motorcycle/ATV _____ Antique/Classic Car _____ Individual Riding In Vehicle

_____ Marching Band _____ Walking Group _____ Dance/Sports Group

_____ Other (please describe) _____

Floats: Please indicate approximate size of float, including the towing vehicle.

Length _____ Height _____ Width _____ (Max 12')

Please describe your entry (use back of form if more space is needed) _____

If applicable, list music, song titles and music source (PA system, radio, live music, etc.) _____

The undersigned person, corporation, or other entity understands that this application is not an invitation to participate in the Annual Easley Christmas Parade of Lights. In consideration of allowing the undersigned to participate in the Easley Christmas Parade of Lights, the undersigned agrees to save, defend, and hold harmless the Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce, the parade sponsors, and their agents and employees, and volunteers from any and all claims of damages for injury (including death) and property damage arising out of involvement with the parade. All participants must secure proper liability insurance for their parade entry and for all individuals participating in their parade entry, as well as proper vehicle insurance coverage for any motorized vehicle. In addition, all drivers of any motorized vehicle in the parade entry must have valid driver's license.

The undersigned acknowledges and understands their requirement to provide proper insurance coverage and valid driver license(s), as well as agrees to have received, read, understood, and will fully comply with all Easley Christmas Parade of Lights guidelines, rules, and requirements (as outlined on pages 2 and 3 of this application).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Signer: _____

Make checks payable to Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce.
Deliver completed application & entry fee to 201 North 1st Street or mail to:

Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 241

Easley, SC 29641

Phone: 864-859-2693 Email: ecc@easleychamber.org Website: www.easleychamber.org

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Guidelines, Rules, and Requirements

Parade General Guidelines

- The parade date is Saturday, December 12, 2026.
- Parade application fee is \$30.00 per entry. Fee must be paid at the time of application and is non-refundable.
- **Parade entry applications must be submitted with payment by the deadline date of Friday, November 20, 2026, at 5 PM. After this deadline, all UNPAID applications will be moved to Late Entries.**
- The Late Entry Fee is \$50 per entry and will apply to ALL applications submitted between November 21 to December 1, including any UNPAID applications submitted prior to late date.
- No entries or applications will be accepted after 5 PM on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 5 PM
- **NOTE: Any UNPAID application(s) will be voided after 5 PM on Tuesday, December 1, 2026.**
- **Please NOTE:** Limited space available. Apply now! Applications may close prior to the deadline if capacity is reached.
- **Please NOTE:** the Easley Chamber office will be closed from November 25 – November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will re-open on Monday, November 30 at 9:00 AM.
- Entries must observe all applicable parade rules and regulations, as well as follow all instructions from police and parade officials.
- All applications will be evaluated to ensure compliance with parade guidelines, rules and regulations. The Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any application based upon non-compliance with the parade guidelines, rules and regulations or for any other reason that is deemed not to be within the spirit of the Christmas Parade.
- Each participant will create their own personal holiday theme for their parade entry. The theme must relate to the Christmas holiday season, and entry must relate the theme in the form of decorations, costumes, lights, music, etc.
- This is a family-friendly event. No obscene or suggestive graphics or phrases may be visible on participant's person or any part of a parade entry.
- In keeping with the spirit of the holidays, any entries striving to make a controversial or political statement will not be allowed.
- On the day of the event, the Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, at assembly, or at any time during the parade if the entrant fails to comply with parade rules or does not follow standards of reasonable public taste.
- Parade officials assume no liability for any damage to floats, vehicles, or for any injuries or damage due to negligence of parade participants.
- **Parade will begin promptly at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 12.**
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the event of inclement weather, the parade date will be changed to Sunday, December 13 @ 3:00 PM. *The decision to change the parade date due to inclement weather will be made by the Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce no later than Saturday, December 12 at 12:00 Noon.* If a date change is made, **the Chamber will notify all parade entries via email communication (please be sure an accurate email address for your entry is noted on your parade application).** In the event of a date change due to inclement weather, no refunds of parade entry fees will be issued.

Parade Formation Guidelines & Rules

- **Several days prior to the parade, participants will be contacted by email with an entry number and assigned check-in time.**
- ALL participants are expected to arrive at their assigned check-in time but **MUST** arrive no later than 5:15 PM.
- Upon check-in arrival, participants will be asked to present their entry name and number. Your entry number must be visible on the **LEFT SIDE** of your vehicle or float.
- The parade route will begin at the intersection of East Main Street & Bradley Avenue, travel down Main Street, left onto South 1st Street, left onto West 1st Street, and will end at the starting parking lot.
- **Participants shall NOT exit the parade early and MUST ride the entire parade route.**
- The Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce will have final authority over positioning the order of parade entries, as well as the pace and movement of the parade in progress.

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Parade Procession Rules & Requirements

- The parade event is tobacco and alcohol free.
- All entries must provide a sign/banner to identify their organization. Sign/banner should be neat and easily recognized. Size of sign/banner should be modest in comparison to the entry.
- Since this is an evening parade, **ALL entries must be illuminated in some manner.**
- Band and music ensembles are expected to play music of the Christmas holiday season. Christmas holiday music is strongly encouraged for other entries, although not required. Please indicate on the application.
- Marching/walking units should be in uniform. Flags or banners are encouraged for identification of the group.
- Adult chaperones **MUST** accompany children participating in the parade at ALL times, whether walking, marching or riding. A ratio of 1:10 is a good rule to follow. This includes ALL times before the parade during check-in, set-up and assembly, during the parade procession, and after the parade during break-down and dismissal of participants.
- Please remember you are responsible for maintaining safety around your parade vehicle or float.
- All entries must continue in a forward motion. No stopping is allowed along the parade route.
- Due to safety concerns for our parade spectators, **candy CANNOT be tossed or thrown from parade vehicles or floats/trailers.** Candy may be distributed **ONLY** by a walking parade participant who hands candy directly to parade spectators. *Failure to comply with this safety rule may result in not being approved to participate in future parade events.*
- No literature or other materials will be handed out along the parade route.
- **Santa Claus is Easley's featured guest. No participant may enter the parade dressed as Santa or use any representation of Santa on their vehicle or float/trailer. Santa hats are allowed.**
- Animals are not permitted in the parade, whether walking or on a float/vehicle.

Parade Safety Rules & Requirements

- Only forward movement by motorized vehicles is permitted.
- Participants are expected to maintain an appropriate distance between entries of at least three (3) car lengths. All entries are required to close the gap between units when ordered by parade officials.
- Candles or open flames are strictly prohibited.
- *Required illumination for ALL entries will help ensure safety since the parade will begin in the evening.*
- Participants are responsible for providing appropriate fire extinguishing equipment for floats with generators or other potential fire hazards.
- All participants must secure proper liability insurance for their parade entry and for all individuals participating in their parade entry.
- All participants operating motorized vehicles must secure proper liability insurance and proper vehicle insurance coverage.
- All drivers of any motorized vehicle in the parade entry must have a valid driver's license.
- All participants **MUST** submit a signed Parade Application acknowledging the requirement to secure proper liability & vehicle insurance coverage and a valid driver's license for all drivers, as well as acknowledging receipt of, understanding, and compliance of all Easley Christmas Parade of Lights guidelines, rules, and requirements.

Judges for the Parade

- We will have judges scoring entries for **Best Overall, Best Float, Best Walking Group, and Best Band.** Bring your creativity, spirit, and community pride, and may the best win