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CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY FORM

Questions? Please call 434-946-7885

Parade Start

Time: Friday, December 4, 2026, 6:30 pm

**Final Deadline for accepting entry forms by noon on
December 1, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.**

**FOR PARADE ROUTE, LINEUP INSTRUCTIONS, CHECK-IN AND JUDGING
INFORMATION CLICK [HERE](#)**

PLEASE fill out the form below and return to:

Amherst Town Hall
174 S. Main Street
P. O. Box 280
Amherst, VA 24502
Attn: Vicki K. Hunt

OR

E-Mail To: vicki.hunt@amherstva.gov

Contact Information

Contact Name *

First

Last

Organization / Group Name

Mailing Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

ZIP / Postal Code

Daytime Phone */ Evening Phone *

Cell Phone*

To be used for parade purposes only.

Email *

Parade Categories *

Click on the category that describes your group to fill out further information.

- Float - Classified as a truck/tractor/other pulling a trailer or flatbed. Specify size (length including vehicle pulling float):

- General Marching Group or Dance Group. Specify Type of Group and Number of Participants in Group:

- Antique Car Club - more than 2 in group or Antique Car Single. Specify number of cars:

- Car/Truck Carrying A Person or Group. Specify Number of Persons in group:

- Dog Group. Specify how many Dogs in group:

- Horse Group. Specify how many Horses in group:

- Other Entry - Explain:

Parade Details

Parade Lineup: Amherst County High School Parking Lot at 5:30 PM for all floats and vehicles.
Library at 5:30 PM for all walking entries.

Parade Route: Beginning at Kenmore Rd, proceeding up S. Main Street, and ending at traffic circle.

Parade participants may disperse the parade in any direction upon reaching the traffic circle.

Participants that are not able to travel on the highway should proceed toward Washington Street to either the Public Safety or School Administration parking lots. Riders may be picked up at either site.

Walkers should turn right at the traffic circle moving onto the sidewalk. Unless other arrangements have been made, staying on the sidewalk proceed toward Washington Street to be picked up in either the Public Safety or School Administration parking lot.

Please be aware that the parade ends at the traffic circle and there will be no further traffic control for the event beyond that point. Everyone must obey all traffic laws.

Parade Rules and Regulations

Please review the rules and be sure they are understood by those who are on your entry *
You must place a check mark beside each rule stating that you understand and agree.

- All Christmas Parade entry forms must be in by the deadline to participate in the parade.
The deadline is 5pm on December 1, 2026.
- Entries are encouraged to display the name of the organization and/or business.
- Your entry must display your lineup number and should be visible and clearly displayed on the **DRIVER'S SIDE of the parade route** in order for the judges to identify your group.
- Please, only one "Santa" is allowed – he has already accepted our invitation to attend. Any entry that has Santa on their entry will not be allowed into the parade. The 'Parade Santa' will be the last entry in the parade. We do, however, encourage you to dress as elves, movie characters, etc. to fit the holiday theme.
- All entries must use Christmas themes and decorations in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

- No vans, utility vehicles, etc. are permitted without tasteful Christmas decoration, or an attached float in accordance with a Christmas theme.
- No entry shall contain statements that are political in nature.
- Units must adhere to VDOT regulations for: Height 13' 6" or less; Width 102" or less
- No motorcycles, go carts, three/four wheelers, dirt bikes, buses, or tractor trailers (unless the tractor trailer is pulling an entry) are allowed in the parade unless approved previously by the Town Manager. No one under the age of 18 years old will be allowed to drive any vehicle in the parade.
- No vehicles are to spin tires, rev engines or cause a commotion of any kind while participating in the parade. If this is violated, it will result in your entry being removed from the parade.
- Candy cannot be thrown to the crowd. However, candy may be handed out by participants in your group that are walking beside your entry.
- All dogs in the Dog category must be dressed, on a leash and walk with the designated dog group.
- Town of Amherst and its designee(s) reserve the right to ask any horseback rider whose horse is not under control to exit the parade.
- No entries will be allowed to stop during the parade, except during short performances at the judging area. You must keep the parade moving at all times. Stopping and socializing with parade spectators is not allowed.
- The Town of Amherst Christmas Parade is a family-friendly event for all ages, and every entry in the parade is expected to respect this. All costumes, outfits, behavior, attitude, language, and dance moves must be appropriate for a young audience and will be held to a high standard. Failure to comply may result in being asked to leave the parade immediately with no warning and may jeopardize a group's approval to participate in following years. All decisions are at the discretion of Parade officials and are final.
- Town of Amherst and its designee(s) reserve the right to disqualify and remove any entry before the parade, at parade lineup, or during the parade due to noncompliance of these rules. Anyone behaving inappropriately will be removed immediately from the parade. This includes entries, participants, drivers, or anyone connected with your entry.
- By signing below, I/we agree with all of the above rules and regulations. I/we assume all risk of bodily injury or property damage that I/we may incur in participating in the Town of Amherst Christmas Parade 2026. I/we hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators do hereby, expressly and forever, waive and release any and all claims against and agree to hold harmless the Town of Amherst, and all their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns of any kind from any and all claims which may be made for any cause whatsoever, arising as a result of or in connection with the participation of me, my child or animal in the herein mentioned event. I/we agree to the above Christmas Parade rules. In any interpretation of parade rules, the Town of Amherst decision shall be final.

Signature *By signing below, I/we agree with all of the above rules and regulations.

Please print the name of the above signee. *

First/Last

Please Mark Today's Date *

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Please provide some background information below on your entry/group (or attach)
