



2023 KERSHAW COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE

DATE: The 2023 Kershaw County Christmas Parade is scheduled for **Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 a.m.** RAIN OR SHINE

This year's theme is "A Toy Story Christmas." In the spirit of children's toys and Disney's Toy Story movies, bring your best Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep, Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head or any other of your favorite childhood toys to life. Be creative!

The parade will begin promptly at the corner of Laurens and Broad streets and end at Camden City Arena. Please be in place by 9:30 a.m. that morning. *Notification of your position in the parade lineup will be posted online no later than the Wednesday before the parade on Saturday.*

**ENTRY
DEADLINE:**

Tuesday, November 21, 2023
Late fees will be strictly enforced after this deadline.

If paying by invoice, mail to: Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 605, Camden, SC 29021 or
drop off at: Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce, Building K2000, 80 Campus Drive, Camden (drop box provided at door, if needed)

FEES: **\$35** entry fee for **ALL** entries
Pageant Winners - \$35 entry fee per winner (not per car)
Car Clubs - \$35 entry fee required for every 5 cars
ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
After the deadline, the entry fee increases to \$45

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please call Loree at 803-432-2525.

The Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any entry which it believes does not follow the rules and regulations as outlined in this document.

**GENERAL
RULES:**

All floats/entries in the parade should have some form of Christmas decoration. Seasonal decorations and music are what make Christmas parades special and we encourage all participants to emphasize these elements, where possible.

Since the parade is broadcast live on WPUB KOOL 102.7, all entrants must supply their own signage for their float/entry. Banners and signs should be neat and easy to read. Six-to-eight inch lettering is recommended. Basic, simple signs show best.

Any float with children must have one adult for each five children.

All vehicles in the parade **MUST** be driven by a fully licensed individual; in addition, the vehicle **MUST** be insured and the individual driving must be able to provide proof of insurance, if requested.

DO NOT STOP AND PERFORM along the parade route. Any actions should incorporate walking or continuous movement of the float. If you hold up the progress of the parade, you may be removed from the line-up.

ITEMS (such as candy, pencils, etc.) MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM FLOATS OR VEHICLES. This is for the safety of the spectators and participants in the parade. Instead, you may have walkers hand out items to the spectators on the sides of the street.

All fire trucks, ambulances, rescue vehicles etc. are **NOT** to use sirens during the parade per the Camden Police Department. Lights and Christmas music are welcome.

Anyone wishing to include a horse in the parade must meet the requirements as outlined on the next page, "All Equine Entries."

Santa Claus is the Chamber's featured guest each year and ends the parade. Therefore, other entries should NOT use a live Santa or life-size representation of Santa. Children tend to be confused by anything other than the "real Santa."

The Camden Police Department officers and the Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce parade volunteers WILL remove anyone from the parade that does not follow these rules.

Attention All Equine Entries

*Horses should maintain the gait of walk.

*Horse and riders should maintain a formation and proceed down the parade route together. No one should be turning around and riding up and down the route.

*Any unsafe actions such as (but not limited to) bucking or rearing is prohibited.

*Horses should not physically interact with the crowd of spectators during the parade. We have seen people take horses into the crowds so pictures can be taken, so people can pet the horses, or even take on additional riders. One wrong step and injuries can occur. This type of action also leads to delays and gaps in the parade. Riders, at their own risk, could allow people to take pictures and meet the horses after the parade has concluded.

*Any registration for horseback riders should include – by name – each person on horseback. Each horse will be assigned an individual number for identification purposes.

*Any violation will result in the rider/horse being asked to leave the parade. In the event the horse and rider cannot be immediately & safely removed from the parade route, they will be required to dismount and walk their horse.

In pursuant to South Carolina code of laws SECTION 47-13-1370, all horse entry forms must be accompanied by the official certificate showing each horse has had The Coggins Test (negative results) within the last 12 months.

SECTION 47-13-1370. Proof of tests required for public assembly of horses.

(A) All horses must be accompanied by written proof of an approved negative test for equine infectious anemia when entering any public assembly of horses. These public assemblies include, but are not limited to, shows, fairs, organized trail rides, rodeos and other exhibitions, as well as organized sales. Animals moving directly to a slaughter plant or assembly point for slaughter which has been specifically approved by the state veterinarian are not subject to the negative test requirement. The owner, operator, or person in charge of these shows, fairs, organized trail rides, rodeos and other exhibitions, organized sales, and other public places where horses are assembled shall require that each animal be accompanied by an official certificate showing that it has been negative to an approved test for equine infectious anemia within the last twelve months.

(B) Horses which are permanently maintained at a public stable or other public facility must be tested for equine infectious anemia each twelve months.

(C) The Coggins Test or other test for equine infectious anemia, whether administered within or without this State, is required to be administered only once each twelve months to a horse or an animal regardless of the number of times the animal is shown, sold, exhibited, or housed in a public stable or place in this State during that period. The state veterinarian and the Livestock-Poultry Health Service of Clemson University may require proof of annual test administrations as they consider necessary.

You will not be able to submit your entry form without proof of Coggins.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the Chamber at 803-432-2525.