## 2026 Parade Registration Form

Please fill out all information below and return it in person or by mail to: **Crystal Ledford, Cumming City Hall, 100 Main Street (Third Floor), Cumming, GA 30040**; *OR* **via email to** cledford@cityofcumming.net. Registration form must be **received by 5 p.m. on MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026, for participation in the parade on Saturday, December 12, 2026.** There are no entry fees to participate in the parade.

***Please note**: A new event called Nights of Lights will be held from Nov. 20th to Dec. 27th. Following the 2026 Christmas Parade, this event will be going on in the upper area of the Fairgrounds. Tickets to this event are $10/ages 16+ and $7/ages 5-15 (4 and under are free). The Cumming City Center Winter Market & Tree Lighting Celebration will also be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.*

**Please Type or Print CLEARLY**

Participant/Organization Name: _____

Participant/Organization Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Individual (Name of the individual who will be the City's contact the DAY OF the parade):

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Contact Individual's Primary Phone Number: _____

Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**Type of Entry**

____Float (This is considered any trailer pulled by a truck or tractor)

____Antique Car or Truck ____Modern Car or Truck ____Antique Tractor ____Golf Cart ____Motorcycle

____Emergency Services Vehicle (i.e. Modern Fire Engine, Ambulance, Police Car, etc.)

____Walking Group or Team – Please give approximate number of those who will be walking: _____

____Horses or Horse-Drawn Vehicle (i.e. Wagon or Carriage) – Number of Horses: _____

Please provide a brief description of your entry below. Include information such as: Truck size, convertible or standard, flat-bed trailer, year of antique vehicle, number of participants, is your entry political in nature (i.e. a political candidate or elected official), and any other information you feel is important. You may use additional paper if needed and/or provide a photo of your entry:

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**Important Information for Parade Participants**

The 2026 Cumming Christmas Parade is **scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2026.** The parade will be held rain or shine. All parade participants must gather at the **FORSYTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL parking lot no later than 4:00 p.m.**

You may drop off participants at the entrance to the line-up area --- **NO CARS ARE ALLOWED IN the LINE-UP AREA OTHER THAN THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE; ANY OTHERS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE!** We will have many moving vehicles in the parade, and extras only prohibit an efficient line-up. Parade workers will be on site to give you instructions.

The Cumming Christmas Parade will be held during evening hours and will be a "lighted" parade, meaning floats and other entries should incorporate Christmas lights into their entries if at all possible. Please note, that **all entrants are responsible for providing their own lights and any means of illumination necessary**, as well as all other decorations for entries. Representatives of City of Cumming, event sponsors, event workers and volunteers **will NOT provide or be responsible for any decorative or illumination items. Also, please do not include anyone dressed as a traditional Santa Claus (male in red & white suit, white beard, white hair, etc.) as a part of any entry as the City will have an official Santa in the parade and others create confusion for children.** Non-traditional Santa's (examples: Blue or green "Santa suit"; female in "Santa suit" with no beard; children or animals in "Santa suit" or hat, etc.) are permitted.

**All entrants must sign this release form** and return it to Crystal Ledford (cledford@cityofcumming.net, ***OR***, Cumming City Hall, 100 Main Street, Cumming, GA 30040) **by 5 p.m. Monday, December 7, 2026, in order to participant in the parade**. No entries will be accepted after 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2026. *(You do not need to include Page 3, Parade Contest Information, with your registration.)*

**Release Statement:**

*I, the undersigned, accept total responsibility for any and all material(s) included in or on my float, car, tractor, walking group, or other entry. I do not hold the City of Cumming or any of its elected officials, administrators, staff members, event workers or volunteers, etc. responsible for any damages, mechanical failures, or accidents occurring before, during, or following the 2026 Cumming Christmas Parade on December 12, 2026.*

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Signature Date

# Parade Contest Information

***(This page does not need to be submitted with your completed registration; Please keep this page for your information only.)***

A committee of private citizens, selected in advance by parade organizers, will judge all parade entries on the day of the parade. **One award per each of the following categories** will be presented (additional categories and/or honorable mentions may be added by parade judges on the day of parade as they see fit). Electronic certificates will be emailed to the winners.

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| Best Float | Best Jeep |
| Most Spirited Band | Best Classic/Antique Vehicle |
| Best Boy Scout Troop | Best Animal Entry |
| Best Girl Scout Troop | Most Creative Entry |
| Best Modern Vehicle (Non-Jeep) | Most Holiday Spirit |

After you have completed and returned your Parade Registration Form, you will be provided a **Contest Entry Number**. **This Entry Number MUST BE VISIBLY DISPLAYED** as follows:

1. The number must be plainly written in **BLACK marker or ink on a PLAIN, WHITE card stock** or **poster board**, measuring **at least 8.5 in. x 11 in. and not larger than 22 in. x 28 in**.

2. Please provide **two copies of your entry number** and place **one on each side of your entry** in areas that will be easily visible to the judges. (NOTE: Walking groups need only carry one copy of their entry number at the beginning of their group.)

3. Number must be displayed on your entry throughout the entire lineup time period prior to the parade start, and throughout the parade.

4. If number is not placed appropriately on the vehicle or if number becomes detached at any point, your entry may not be judged.

5. **Please note: Your entry number is NOT an assignment in the parade lineup**. With a few specific exceptions (emergency services vehicles, City of Cumming float, and high school bands, etc.), the **parade lineup will be determined on a "first come, first served" basis** on the day of the parade as space within the lineup area allows, and as determined by parade workers and volunteers. The entry numbers will be **used ONLY by the Parade Contest judges** to help them determine one winner in each contest category and for no other purpose.

6. A certificate will be presented to the winner of each category. **Electronic certificates will be emailed out to all winners the week following the parade** (winners can also request a hard copy of the certificate if they would like, but hard copies will not automatically be produced). A list of the winners will also be shared on the City's social media pages the week following the parade.