

Tifton's 15th Annual

Hometown

Holidays

Christmas Celebration



“A Christmas Tradition”

Greetings Parade Participants:

“A Christmas Tradition”~ Celebrating 15 Years! is our theme for the 2013 Tifton's Hometown Holidays Christmas Celebration. Can you believe that Christmas is just a few months away and it is that time of the year once again for you to show-off your great decorating talent!

Plans are currently underway for the 15th Annual Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration weekend to be held December 5, 6, 7, and 8th with Saturday, **December 7th** being the day of the parade and activities downtown. The weekend event promises to have a memorable fun- filled day with lots of activities for the Tifton Community. We want to emphasize our theme with music, candy, lights and laughter as we celebrate the holidays!

The Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7th from **5:00 p.m. until approximately 6:30 p.m.** Immediately following the parade, all participants and spectators are invited to walk into Downtown Tifton for the Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration that will begin as soon as the parade is over and lasting until around 10:00 p.m.

Your parade entry application is enclosed. Please complete this application and return it as soon as possible so that your spot will be secured. **(Deadline for entry is November 15th).** **Please note that there are cost savings for early registration. Late fees do apply for late registration.** Entries will be “first come-first served” and will be lined up as they arrive for check-in. Participants should carry a banner, sign or the like for identification by media and judges. Enclosed is a line-up information sheet and a list of questions that are usually asked about the parade.

We appreciate your continued participation in the weekend's festivities. If you should have further questions, please call the Tifton – Tift County Main Street Program @ 229-391-3966.

Thank you!

Your Hometown Holiday's Committee

Application must be received by November 15th

**Tifton's 2013 Hometown Holidays Christmas Celebration
Saturday, December 7th 5:00 PM**

Business or Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Type of entry (Please check)

- Float or Trailer Display (car/truck with trailer)
- Walking or Marching Unit
- Decorated Vehicle
- Animal Unit
- Other (Please explain) _____

Non-refundable Parade Entry Fee:

\$40 By November 15th Deadline

\$50 After November 15th

\$80 If registration is completed on site on
the day of the parade

Payable to: Tifton Tomorrow Inc.

Mail to:

**2013 Hometown Holidays
504 Main Street - Tifton, GA 31794**

Pease register by the November 15th
Deadline for cost savings.

Please provide a brief description about your entry for media commentary:

Parade Information

Theme: "A Christmas Tradition" ~ Celebrating 15 Years!

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THE PARADE ROUTE:

The parade route will start from the corner of 2nd (beside Jeff Fenders) and Magnolia Street. It will travel East toward downtown; it will take a left on Main Street and travel North passing First Community Bank and ending at the corner of 8th & Love (in the vicinity of the Pineapple Post & CVS)

HOW DO I ENTER MYSELF/MY GROUP INTO THE PARADE?

Any individual or group may enter the parade. All entries should relate to the theme of the parade. Participants **should carry a banner, sign or the like for identification by media and judges.** To enter, print the [entry form](#) and mail it in. Parade entry forms are also available at the Downtown Welcome Station located at 504 Main Street. *The deadline for entry into the parade is November 15th.*

IS THERE A FEE TO BE IN THE PARADE?

Yes, \$40 for each entry for applicant who applies by the November 15th deadline..... For automobile clubs, motorcycle groups and similar entries, the \$40 fee entitles the entrant **to five (5) vehicles. Additional vehicles are \$5 each.**

Parade entries after the November 15th deadline will cost \$50.00. We encourage applicants to apply by the deadline. If registration is completed on site on the day of the parade, the entry fee is \$80.00

TO WHOM DO I MAKE MY ENTRY CHECK PAYABLE AND WHERE DO I MAIL

IT? Please make check or money order payable to Tifton Tomorrow, Inc. and mail to: Hometown Holidays @ 504 Main Street, Tifton, GA 31794

WHAT ABOUT STAGING FOR THE PARADE FLOATS? -And- HOW CAN MY ENTRY BE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PARADE?

All Parade entries must first **STOP** at the Check-In Station at the end of **3rd Street directly across from Adcock Pecan** for number assignment and to be included in judging and media commentary. The Check-In Station opens at 3pm on Saturday. **Numbers will not be pre-assigned** - each entry will be lined up on a first-come, first-served basis.

DO I PROVIDE A VEHICLE AND DRIVER TO PULL MY GROUP'S FLOAT?

Yes, you must provide your own vehicle and licensed driver.

MAY OUR GROUP GIVE OUT CANDY?

Yes, candy may be given to patrons during the parade. However, candy must be handed out by individuals walking the parade route. Candy may not be thrown from floats, cars or other entry vehicles. Thrown candy causes dangerous situations as children run to collect candy off the street. Drivers of large trucks and vehicles have difficulty seeing children dash around the

vehicles. **Please protect the safety of our children and respect this regulation by handing out candy to the crowds.**

CAN MY ENTRY INCLUDE HORSES OR OTHER ANIMALS?

Yes. However, it is the responsibility of the patrons owning or using any animal to provide their own clean-up crew.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

The parade and Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration will take place rain or shine. In the event of an unforeseen tragedy or dangerous situation, the parade will be cancelled.

WILL DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES BE OPEN?

Yes! Many businesses will be open during the Saturday festivities. Encourage your favorite stores to be open for holiday shopping. Check individual stores for schedules.

WILL THE PARADE BE TELEVISED?

Yes! Mediacom 95 and The Fun Channel will televise the parade and the HHCC festivities that occur immediately following his parade. These videos will air on television shortly after the event is over. WTIF Radio and The Fun Channel will have live remotes during the parade. Check these channels for broadcasting schedules.

JUDGING

Please note that the judges will be evaluating your entry. Winners are determined by the name as listed on the parade application. If you are a part of a group/club, please be clear and decide if you wish for the application to be for the entire group/club or a specific component of the group/club. Participants **should carry a banner, sign or the like for identification by media and judges.**

DOES THE HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION COMMITTEE PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL FLOATS? We no longer provide professional float services. However, Kip Dingler owns the company that builds professional floats. Kip can be contacted by calling 478-477-3280 or kipdingler@bellsouth.net.

Thank You!!!!

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