2026
CITY OF WARNER ROBINS
CHRISTMAS PARADE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
10:00 AM

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY:

We are excited to announce the 2025 City of Warner Robins Christmas Parade, one of the Southeast's most anticipated holiday events! Join us on ***Saturday, December 5, 2026,*** at 10:00 a.m. as we kick off the season with a festive celebration. The parade will start at South Davis Drive, near Warner Robins High School.

Please read all the information carefully before completing your forms. ***Incomplete submissions will not be considered.***

Let's make this year's Christmas Parade the best one yet!

This is the official 2026 City of Warner Robins Christmas Parade packet. Please note all important dates and deadlines, which will be strictly followed. Incomplete applications or those submitted without payment will not be accepted. We strongly encourage early submission to maximize your chances of participation.

THEME:

I'm Dreaming of a Red, White, and Blue Christmas

This year, the Warner Robins Christmas Parade celebrates the spirit of the season with a patriotic twist through our theme, *"I'm Dreaming of a Red, White, and Blue Christmas."* We invite parade participants to showcase festive holiday traditions, hometown pride, and the values that bring our community together. From sparkling red, white, and blue displays to creative interpretations of Christmas in America, let your imagination shine as we celebrate the joy, unity, and magic of the holiday season. We can't wait to see how you bring this uniquely American Christmas to life in Warner Robins!

FEE STRUCTURE & DONATION REQUEST:

Participation fees are as follows:

- Schools: Free
- Non-Profits: Donation*
- Commercial (Marching Units): $50
- Commercial & Non-Commercial (Creative Float/Vehicle): $100
- Car Clubs: $100 for whole club; donation per car

Warner Robins Christmas Parade – Non-Profit Participation

This year, in lieu of toy donations, we are asking participating nonprofits, civic organizations, and car clubs to consider supporting Shop with a Cop through a Walmart gift card donation of any amount.

These gift cards will be used to help local children shop for gifts and essential items during the Shop with a Cop program, creating a meaningful holiday experience while ensuring each child receives items that fit their individual needs and interests. There is no minimum donation amount. Every contribution makes a difference and helps bring joy to children and families in our community during the holiday season.

RULES, REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES:

Applications
Submit your entry form by **November 13, 2026.** Applications received after this date will not be accepted. All applications will be reviewed by the Parade Committee, and acceptance confirmations will be emailed after the deadline.

Vehicles
Vehicles are self-propelled transportation options under 2 tons (e.g., pick-up trucks, convertibles, antique autos). Vehicle clubs are limited to 25 units per application and can submit up to 3 applications. Trailers or towed vehicles are classified as floats.

Marching Units
Marching units must demonstrate vibrant displays of costume, performance, or drill routines. Creativity and excitement are encouraged to enhance the parade atmosphere.

Creative Floats
Floats must be stable and self-supporting. The platform must be constructed to be safely towed or self-propelled, with a minimum two-ton truck for self-propelled floats. Maximum trailer length is 26 feet unless otherwise stated. Extended trailers will incur additional fees.

Unit Safety Officer
Each unit must appoint a designated "Unit Safety Officer" to oversee safety and behavior. The Safety Officer must attend the safety briefing and ensure that all children are supervised. Units without a Safety Officer will be disqualified.

Stay Put/Hold On
Passengers must remain seated on floats or vehicles throughout the parade. No physical contact with spectators is allowed.

Giveaway Items
Items may not be thrown or distributed to spectators from any unit.

Drivers
Drivers must possess a valid driver's license and attend the safety briefing. They are responsible for maintaining a speed of 4 mph and ensuring passenger safety.

Safety Briefing
The Safety Briefing is mandatory for all Unit Safety Officers and will be held at City Hall on Thursday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Each unit only needs to attend one meeting.

Cooperation of Participants
Prompt cooperation is required for a smooth parade. Units must arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on parade day. Failure to arrive on time or cooperate may result in disqualification.

Drone Usage
Drones are prohibited during the parade. The Warner Robins Police Department will confiscate any operating drones.

Prohibited Units
The following are not allowed: ATVs, dune buggies, race cars, non-motorized bicycles, tricycles, or any other off-road vehicles. Horses will be staged at the end of the parade with clean-up provisions.

Prohibited Displays
All entries must maintain a family-friendly standard. Only the City of Warner Robins may feature Santa Claus. Other units portraying Santa will be disqualified.

Preparation
Floats must be fully completed prior to arrival. Significant construction will not be permitted at the assembly area.

Decorations
All decorations, costumes, and signs should align with the festive Christmas theme. The city may request modifications for appropriateness.

Music
We recommend music for your entry to enhance the holiday spirit. Ensure the sound is loud and clear, especially for performances. Non-Christmas music is allowed only for marching bands and school groups.

Pickup Areas
The parade will end at the intersection of Watson Blvd. and Houston Road. Pickup areas will be assigned prior to the safety briefings.

Weather & Reschedule Policy

The City of Warner Robins closely monitors weather conditions leading up to the Christmas Parade. In the event that significant rain or hazardous weather is forecasted, the City reserves the right to postpone the parade.

Should a postponement be necessary, the parade will be rescheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

A decision regarding postponement will be made no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled parade date whenever possible. Official notifications will be sent via email and posted on City of Warner Robins and Visit Warner Robins communication channels.

All applicants must indicate on their application whether they are available to participate on the rescheduled date of December 12, 2026. While every effort will be made to accommodate all accepted entries, participation on the rescheduled date cannot be guaranteed if a unit is unable to attend.

The safety of parade participants, volunteers, spectators, and staff will remain the City's highest priority when making weather-related decisions.

SAFETY BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Safety Briefing for Unit Safety Officers and/or Drivers at City Hall

- Thursday, November 19th | 10:00 am
- Thursday, November 19th | 5:30 pm

PARADE DAY SCHEDULE | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

6:00 am	All parade volunteers assigned to the City of Warner Robins are requested to report to their designated zones.
6:30 am	Vehicles, floats, and marching units are instructed to proceed to their assigned assembly areas and are directed to assume their respective positions.

7:30 am.	At least one member from each unit is present in the unit's assigned staging area.	
8:30 am	Deadline for all units to be in their assembly areas. ***Units arriving after this time may lose their place in the parade.***	
8:45 am	15-minute warning. All units must be ready to go.	
9:00 am	On order, units begin moving in numerical sequence to start point.	
10:00 am	Parade begins.	
11:15 am	(Estimated)	Lead elements reach termination point at Watson Blvd. & Houston Rd. Follow instructions of guides. Once stopped, vehicles remain in place until the end of the parade.
12:00 noon	(Estimated)	Parade is completed.