

# *Wilson Jaycees*

## *2011 Christmas Parade*

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*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to invite your organization to participate in the Wilson Christmas Parade this year. The Wilson Jaycees are looking forward to holding another successful parade this year and hope that your group will be interested in participating. This year's parade will be held Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 4:00pm (Line-up will begin at 2:00 pm) Our RAIN DATE is Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 4:00 pm (Line-up will begin at 2:00 pm). In the unfortunate event of parade postponement due to inclement weather, we will graciously accept your entry fee as a donation to our Jaycee charities (no refund of entry fees.)*

*I have enclosed a Wilson Christmas Parade Application for your entry. If you wish to participate this year, please complete the application form and return it to the above address with the appropriate application fee (see enclosed schedule) as soon as possible. All applications and fees must be received (not postmarked) by **Saturday November 26, 2011.***

*If you have any questions, please contact me at 919-604-4555 or by e-mail at [\*\*parade@wilson-jaycees.org\*\*](mailto:parade@wilson-jaycees.org)*

*We look forward to having your organization participate in the Wilson Christmas Parade this year. I hope you and your group have a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season!*

*Sincerely,*

*Ginger Huff*  
*2011 Parade Chairman*  
*Wilson Jaycees*

### *enclosures*

The Wilson Jaycees is a non-profit community service organization that provides individual development and leadership training skills to its members. One of the ways we do this is by organizing and participating in community service projects. Membership in the Jaycees is open to both men and women between the ages of 21 and 40. If you or someone you know is interested in more information about the Wilson Jaycees, please visit our website at:

[www.wilson-jaycees.org](http://www.wilson-jaycees.org)

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### *Parade Entry Information and Rules*

*\*Please distribute to everyone involved with your float entry*

**Parade Date:** Saturday, December 3, 2011 (RAIN DATE is Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 4pm)  
**Parade Time:** 4:00 PM (The line-up area will be open at 2:00 PM)  
**Entry Deadline:** Saturday – November 26, 2011 – 5:00 PM. *Because we wish to limit parade length, it may be necessary to turn away some entries. If this is the case, decisions will be based upon the perceived quality of the entry as described on the application as well as the date the application was received. The decision to limit entries will be made by the parade co-chairs. Decision will be final and not subject to review.*

**Line-up Assignments:** Check the line-up posted at [www.wilson-jaycees.org](http://www.wilson-jaycees.org) on November 28 for specific entry information. Entrants will receive their line-up assignment upon entering the line-up area. Once the line-up is established, we will not make any changes. We will make reasonable effort to have entries that were near the end of last year's parade located closer to the front this year. If your vehicle will not be traveling in the parade, then it will not be allowed in the line-up area. This only increases traffic congestion in the line-up area as our traffic flow is often one-way. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we direct traffic and line-up entries.

#### **DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS (Before Parade & Conclusion of Parade)**

##### **Participant/Walking Groups:**

If you are dropping off participants, you will NOT be allowed to enter the parade line-up area. Participants are encouraged to enter downtown by taking **Tarboro** Street to Barnes Street (please avoid Goldsboro Street as that will be congested with float traffic). Participants/walkers may be dropped off at the intersection of Barnes/Douglas. Then turn left to exit the area.

**BAND Instructions:** We will provide specific entry instructions for the bands. Upon conclusion of parade, bands turn LEFT onto Rountree (buses will be stationed there—facing Kenan for easy exit)

**SUDAN Instructions:** We will provide specific entry instructions for the Sudan groups. Upon conclusion of parade, you will be allowed to turn LEFT on Warren; turn LEFT on Broad and proceed back to the line up area.

**PROFESSIONAL FLOAT Instructions:** Your float will be already parked in the line-up area waiting for your arrival. Participants riding on the float should park in one of downtown parking lots or be dropped off at corner of Barnes/Douglas. Upon conclusion of parade, your float will be allowed to turn RIGHT on Whitehead; turn RIGHT on Vance; turn RIGHT on Douglas and proceed back to the line up area. While on Vance (in front of Barton College at the corner of Vance/Rountree) you may be allowed to hop off the float if you wish. Talk with your specific float driver upon arrival if you would like to make a stop there.

##### **Line-up Area for EVERYONE else except Bands, Sudan & Professional Floats:**

If your vehicle will not be traveling in the parade, then it will not be allowed in the line-up area. Your float must be decorated before arriving to the line up area (NO vehicles will be allowed in to “drop off” decorating materials.) You should proceed RIGHT on Whitehead Drive and proceed to Gold Park Shopping Center. Police will be stationed there to coordinate traffic. Participants should make arrangements to be picked up at this location after the parade is over. **Please do NOT STOP on Nash as that will halt parade flow.** If you wish to *drop off* participants so they may walk back downtown, you may turn right on Whitehead and then turn right on Vance and stop long enough to let people off your float. Please keep the traffic moving away from the parade area.

**ENTRIES # 1-2:** Enter downtown via ENTRY #1 Goldsboro Street and prepare to turn onto South Street.; try to arrive between 2:15-2:45 pm (follow these directions UNLESS you have been instructed otherwise by Ginger

**ENTRIES # 3-4:** Enter downtown via ENTRY #1 Goldsboro Street and prepare to turn onto South Street.; try to arrive between 2:45-3:15 pm (follow these directions UNLESS you have been instructed otherwise by Ginger

**ENTRIES # 5-6:** Enter downtown via ENTRY #2 Hines Street and prepare to turn onto Lodge Street; try to arrive between 2:15-2:45 pm (follow these directions UNLESS you have been instructed otherwise by Ginger

**ENTRIES # 7-8:** Enter downtown via ENTRY #2 Hines Street and prepare to turn onto Lodge Street; try to arrive between 2:45-3:15 pm (follow these directions UNLESS you have been instructed otherwise by Ginger

**ENTRIES # 9-10:** Enter downtown via ENTRY #2 Hines Street and prepare to turn onto Lodge Street; try to arrive between 3:00-3:30 pm (follow these directions UNLESS you have been instructed otherwise by Ginger

### **PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS (Conclusion of Parade)**

**Parade Route:** Parade will proceed down Nash Street, beginning at Douglas & ending just before the intersection of Warren & Nash Streets (Warren will be the first street to your left after passing Western Sizzlin’).

**Float decorations:** Each parade entry must be decorated to exemplify the spirit of the holiday season. Many children eagerly await our parade each year and it is our goal to provide appropriately decorated floats; placing a simple bow on top of a vehicle does not constitute decorating. We reserve right to refuse entry on day of parade if your entry is not decorated in an appropriate manner; entry fees will not be refunded. **No Santa Costumes allowed!** Sound is also highly recommended. Music (singing or pre-recorded), chanting, and cheering is welcomed. **You will NOT be allowed to bring cars and “drop off” material to decorate floats. All entries must be decorated before coming into the line-up area.**

**Professional Floats:** If your organization is interested in renting a professional float, the Wilson Jaycees can make arrangements to rent a professional float that can have the name of your organization and a brief message added to the sides. The cost for renting a professional float this year is \$550 and may be shared between two groups; it is your responsibility to find a second group to split the cost.

**Parade sponsorships:** The Wilson Jaycees are fortunate to have continued participation by our local high school bands and entertainment groups, such as the Wilson Shriners Monster Truck & Horse Patrol units. In order to attract more of these groups, it is necessary to make donations to help offset their costs and help them to support their organization’s causes. If your group wishes to sponsor one of our entertainment groups, contact Ginger Huff for more information. Sponsorship costs \$350 and includes an entry in the parade.

### **Parade Restrictions:**

- No two-way radios will be allowed in the line-up area. The Jaycees utilize these devices to communicate in the line-up area.
- No horses or other animals are permitted without poop patrol
- Floats and other vehicles must be decorated in a positive Christmas or Seasonal Holiday theme.
- **Absolutely nothing is to be thrown from any unit in the parade (including candy).** Throwing articles creates a safety hazard when small children run into the street. Participants are welcome to have walking escorts distribute candy or other handouts. You will be removed from the parade by police if you are caught throwing items.
- **NO SANTA COSTUMES! (There’s only 1 Santa and he’s at the end!)**

**Jaycee Charities:** All time & labor involved in organizing our Jaycee Christmas parade is proudly volunteered. Entry fees collected are used to pay for expenses incurred such as mailing or parade applications and photocopying expenses. The majority of the funds from the Christmas parade & our “Dear Santa” letters are used for our Christmas Projects to help support families during the Holiday season.

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## *Fee Schedule*

<b>*Non-Profit Organizations</b>	<b>\$35.00 / entry (1 vehicle)</b>
<b>*Dance / Baton Schools</b>	<b>\$35.00 / entry (1 vehicle)</b>
<b>*Public / Private Schools</b>	<b>\$35.00 / entry (1 vehicle)</b>
<b>*Pageant Queens</b>	<b>\$35.00 / entrant (1 vehicle)</b>
<b>*Car Clubs (maximum 8 cars per club)</b>	<b>\$35.00 / car</b>
<b>*Motorcycle Club (maximum 12 bikes per club)</b>	<b>\$10.00 / bike</b>
<b>*For-Profit Organizations / Businesses</b>	<b>\$50.00 / entry (1 vehicle)</b>
<b>Public Safety Vehicles (Police/Fire/Rescue/Military)</b>	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>*Sponsorship of Professional Float</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>
<i>Multiple organizations may share a float; However, an additional registration fee may apply</i>	

**ALL Oversized (flatbeds or semi-trucks) are \$75.00 regardless of what category you are in above.**

## **NO REFUNDS**

***In the event our parade is cancelled due to inclement weather or if your entry is unable to participate, we will use your entry fee as a donation to one of our Christmas charities.***

***THANK YOU!!***

***Make checks payable to the "Wilson Jaycees"***

*An additional charge may apply if multiple units are used in an entry. A motorized vehicle pulling a towed trailer shall be considered one unit.*

*If you are unsure of the classification of your entry, contact Ginger Huff at 919-604-4555 or [parade@wilson-jaycees.org](mailto:parade@wilson-jaycees.org)*

*The Wilson Jaycees reserve the right to waive a portion or the entire entry fee if it is determined that the entry provides a significant entertainment value to the parade.*

# Wilson Jaycees 2011 Christmas Parade Application

Official Use Only		
Date Received	_____	
Check	Cash	Other
ENTRY NUMBER	_____	

**Parade Date & Time: Saturday Afternoon – December 3, 2011 at 4:00 PM**

Group or Organization Name *(this is how it will be listed on the line-up!)* \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make sure that all persons participating with your entry know how it is listed on this application so we can direct them to your starting area promptly!**

Explain in detail the nature of your entry (Band, Float, Entertainment Group, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If your entry will have music (either playing or singing), please specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate length of your entry, or number of cars (additional fee may apply for multiple vehicles): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Holiday Decorations!** Each entry **MUST** exemplify in some way the Spirit of the Holiday Season, and decorated accordingly. We reserve right to refuse entry on day of parade if not decorated accordingly. **No Santa Costumes Allowed!** Please describe your decorations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: Any entry not in accordance will be disallowed!**

The Parade Committee will review each application. The Committee has the sole authority to accept or reject any application. The Christmas Parade is solely for the celebration of the Spirit of the Holiday Season and not held to cast one's views on others.

**By participating in the Wilson Jaycees Christmas Parade, you agree that the Wilson Jaycees are not responsible for any accident, injuries, or other circumstances that may occur.**

*Please mail application and appropriate application fee—made payable to Wilson Jaycees (See enclosed schedule) to:  
Ginger Huff • Wilson Jaycees Christmas Parade • 232 Clemens Dr • Pikeville, NC 27863*

**Application Deadline: November 26, 2011      NO REFUNDS**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

