

LIGHTS OF LUGOFF

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Light up your holiday season and join in the fun at Kershaw County's only night time Christmas Parade!!

Planning is underway for the fourth annual "Lights of Lugoff Christmas Parade", sponsored by the Lugoff Optimist Club and local businesses. Excitement is in the air. The lights of a night time parade are magical for young and old. What better way to showcase your business, church, club, school, etc. So start brainstorming now for ideas, send in your entry form and join us as we celebrate the season in Lights!

DETAILS

DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2011, beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. Rain date is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

WHERE: The parade route will begin at the BP Station in Lugoff, travel down US Highway #1 South then turn right on to 34. All spectators are asked to remain on US Hwy #1!! Both lanes of Hwy #1 will be closed off at 6:00pm.

ENTRY: All parade entry forms must be completed and returned with the proper fee. You may mail your entry form to The Lugoff Optimist Club, Post Office Box 163 Lugoff, SC 29078 or they may be dropped off at First Palmetto Savings Bank in Lugoff. Deadline is Thursday, December 8, 2011. Make sure a correct contact persons name, phone number/email address are filled out on your entry form. Line up will begin at 4:00pm on DeWitt Road for entries/parade participants only.
YOUR LINE UP NUMBER WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE ON DECEMBER 9TH AT NOON.

FEES: \$25-Non-profit clubs, organizations, churches, scouts, pageant representatives, etc.

\$25-Business floats, commercial, industry.

\$350-Professionally-built floats may be rented through the Optimist Club. These floats are professionally decorated and include 2 signs, tow vehicle, driver and power pack for lights **(YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN LIGHTS).**

Floats are rented through Southeastern Float Company and are limited – Reserve yours NOW!!

No Fee-Public Dignitaries, police, fire, bands, JROTC units and other governmental groups.

Checks payable to Lugoff Optimist Club. All fees are non-refundable.

AWARDS: All entries will be judged during the parade. Judges Stand/Stage is located in front on Mitch Rabon Reality.

AWARDS INCLUDE: Best Overall Professional Float, Best Overall, Non-Professional Float, Frank Rabon Spirit Award, Best Use of Lights, Best School, Best Church, Best Civic Group and Optimist Choice Award. (Professional Floats may only compete for the Best Overall Professional Float Award.)

Winners will be announced and posted on the website following the parade as well as announced in the local newspapers and WPUB Kool 102.7 Radio Station.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to call Sherri Barrett 420-0146.

LIGHTS OF LUGOFF CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

1. All entries should have some form of Christmas decorations. All entries, including marchers, must be lit for evening viewing. Just when you think you have enough lights...**ADD MORE and then ADD MORE!!** Be creative and use any lighted Christmas holiday decorations, string lights, battery operated lights for marchers and float riders, spot lights, inflatables, etc.
2. All entries are encouraged to have music; this is what makes a parade fun! The selections must be Christmas related and appropriate for young children.
3. The most common power source is called an inverter. These can be found in the auto section of most discount stores or at auto parts stores. Professional floats rented through Optimist Club will have a power source.
4. All entries should provide their own signs. We want you to be recognized for your efforts, so BIG signs with LARGE simple lettering works best. Professional floats rented through Optimist Club include two signs.
5. In order not to confuse young children, no entry may include a live Santa. The "REAL SANTA" will arrive in high style at the end of the parade.

THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE DUE TO SAFETY:

6. **DRIVERS MUST MAINTAIN A ONE CAR LENGTH SPACE BETWEEN EACH OTHER.** This will eliminate gaps in the parade and allow the flow of the parade to be consistent. Please be sure to notify your driver of this rule!!
7. Motorcycles, bicycles, 4-wheelers and mini-cars are allowed only when part of an organization. Absolutely no revving of engines or burn outs will be allowed. This will result in your entire group being removed from parade route.
8. Candy or any other items **may not be thrown** from any float or vehicle. You may have walkers with your entry to hand out candy or other promotional material to spectators on the sides...everyone likes to get free stuff!
9. Every float with children must have at least 1 adult for every 5 children.

END OF PARADE OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

10. WALKERS end at Powers Funeral Home. HORSES end at the field on Boulware Road. ANY/ALL parade participants return to the starting point by turning on Boulware Road.

Your entry will be judged by the Lights of Lugoff judges who will be located on the stage in front of Mitch Rabon Realty. Winners will be posted on the website following the parade and an award will be delivered.

LIGHTS OF LUGOFF CHRISTMAS PARADE 2011 ENTRY FORM

ORGANIZATION: _____

NAME OF ENTRY: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY:

- _____ Professional Float
- _____ Non-Professional Float
- _____ Motorized Unit (please specify type) _____
- _____ Walking Unit
- _____ Horses
- _____ Other

Number of vehicles in your entry _____ Number of individuals in your entry _____

Will your entry include music? Yes or No

ENTRY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Primary Contact _____ Phone# _____

Alternate Contact _____ Phone# _____

Email Address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Organization Phone# _____ Fax# _____

ENTRY FEES:

_____ \$25 Non-Profit: Church, Club, Pageant Representative, Scouts

_____ \$25 Business: Commercial

_____ \$350 Professional Float: (This includes entry fee, float and driver.)

_____ No Fee Public dignitary: Band, Fire, Police, JROTC and other government units

Make checks payable to: Lugoff Optimist Club

Date Received: _____ Cash / Check # _____