



# Jonesboro 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

JULY 4, 2019

## Participant Application

*“Celebrate America”*

Check-In/Staging: 9:00 AM – Parade Starts: 10:00 AM

Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Category Winners

**Please Indicate Unit Type**

Band     Walking Unit     Vehicle     Float  
 Equestrian     Animals     Motor Car  
 Drill/Step Team     Horse Drawn Float Carriage  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrants with live animals MUST comply with the City of Jonesboro’s Pooper Scooper Laws

**NOTE: ALL ENTRIES WILL BE INSPECTED THE DAY OF THE PARADE!**

Please have a copy of the Rules & Regulations, Proof of Liability Insurance and a Valid Driver’s License with you.

I hereby certify that I have read the rules and regulations governing this event and agree to abide by them. I will have a copy of these rules in my possession during the parade. In consideration of this entry, our organization accept full responsibility for the group and/or float entered and waives all claims against CITY OF JONESBORO, CLAYTON COUNTY, and PARADE SPONSORS for theft, damage, any unforeseen incident, illness or injury resulting from participation in the parade. I also give permission for the use of our name and picture in any media coverage. I understand that the City of Jonesboro and sponsors of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade cannot be held responsible for theft, damage, accident, injury or for cancellation of event due to hazardous weather conditions.

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact/Person in Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Contact/Person in Charge \_\_\_\_\_

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## Masonic Lodge ~ Independence Day Parade

**PRIMARY FOCUS:** The primary focus of the *Parade* is to provide a safe, enjoyable & quality COMMUNITY event on the streets of Downtown Jonesboro. This parade is designed to entertain families, especially children. **It is NOT a political or commercial endeavor.** No commercial or political entries making a social statement or for the sole purpose of soliciting business or votes, will be accepted. Entrants are encouraged to display their name or sponsor on the float in a non-commercial manner.

### PARADE RULES, REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES

Entrants must observe all rules and regulations or be withdrawn from the parade. The *Parade* Committee reserves the right to remove from the parade, at any time, any entrant not conforming to rules & regulations or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials. The Parade Committee must approve all entries.

**PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS CAREFULLY – MAKE COPIES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR GROUP**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ENTRY AND FOR COMPLYING WITH FOLLOWING RULES:**

1. Entry deadline is Friday, June 28, 2019. Openings are limited. Please submit early.
2. All entries must be in place by 9:30 AM. You may arrive as early as 8:30 AM. Inspections are conducted upon arrival and will begin at 10:00 AM. Judging of Entrants will occur during the parade route. Late arrivals may be refused entry into the staging area & denied participation in the parade.
3. All entries must be decorated. We encourage music & lights, BE CREATIVE. Towing vehicles should be incorporated into the decorating scheme.
4. All entries must have identifying banners or signs on both sides AND/OR a banner carried in front of the unit.
5. There must be an adult on all floats with children. *Children under the age of 8 must ride and be safely secured.*
6. **NO ARTICLES (candy, gum, trinkets, etc.) WILL BE THROWN FROM A FLOAT, VEHICLE, OR HORSE PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE.** It is acceptable for walkers associated with a float, vehicle, or horse, to walk and pass out items to the crowd.
7. All units must be driven by a licensed driver. Participants should verify if personal insurance is sufficient protection while their units are in the parade.
8. Individuals and organizations are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with safety in mind at all times during the parade. Any parade unit deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or unsuitable by the City of Jonesboro will be withdrawn.
9. All parade entries should follow a patriotic theme. We ask everyone to be in costumes pertaining to their float's theme.
10. No getting on or off a float or entry once it has started down the parade route.
11. ALL PARADE ENTRIES WILL KEEP PACE WITH THE PARADE ALONG THE ROUTE. THE PARADE WILL NOT STOP FOR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP PERFORMANCES. At no time will a vehicle or float slow down to a slower pace for walkers that cannot keep up to the parade pace. Adjust your walkers accordingly. Any vehicle causing the pace to slow (intentional or not) will be pulled out of the parade.
12. No parade participant will be allowed to have a loaded firearm at any time. (With the exception of duly sworn public safety officers).
13. **NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON ANY PARADE ENTRY AT ANY TIME! SAFETY COMES FIRST!**
14. PRIVATE VEHICLES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE LINE UP LOTS AND STAGING AREAS. THESE VEHICLES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE AND THE PARTICIPANT'S ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

**Upon entry approval and acceptance, a confirmation letter or email will be sent.** Any exception to the rules must be submitted in writing and receive approval by the Parade Committee. **Information packets containing parade route map, line-up position, schedule, drop-off & parking plans will be sent approximately ONE (1) week prior to the parade.**

**The parade will be held Rain or Shine. HOWEVER, if at any time leading up to or on parade day if the weather and/or street conditions are deemed unsafe, the parade will be cancelled & will NOT be rescheduled.**

**Please return completed application on or before Friday, June 28, 2019 to:**

Maria Wetherington  
Jonesboro City Hall  
124 North Avenue  
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

For additional information please email Maria Wetherington at [mwetherington@jonesboroga.com](mailto:mwetherington@jonesboroga.com) or call City Hall at (770) 478-3800 or call Steve Hendry at the Masonic Lodge at (770) 468-3624.