



2026 Hopkinsville Electric Christmas Parade

Theme: "A Snowman's Winter Wonderland"

Saturday, December 12, 2026; 5:15 pm

FLOAT RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. ******* NEW CHECK-IN --** All Floats must check in at the rear parking lot of the Board of Education before **3:00 p.m.** Saturday to be judged. **USE THE FOLLOWING FOR CHECK IN – ENTER OFF TALBERT TURNING ONTO ELM AND INTO THE PARKING LOT – FOLLOW THE CHECK - IN SIGNAGE OR FROM MAIN STREET TURN ONTO MAPLELAWN AND INTO THE PARKING LOT AND FOLLOW THE CHECK - IN SIGNAGE.** Judging will begin **promptly at 3:30 p.m.** **ANY FLOATS NOT CHECKED IN AND IN THEIR LINE UP SPOT AT 3:30 p.m. WILL NOT BE JUDGED.**
******* ALL floats will be in the main line up on Glass Avenue after they check in and receive their number.**
2. Theme – "A Snowman's Winter Wonderland" (NO Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus on any float).
3. FEE (non-refundable): \$20 per float and a new unwrapped toy (due with entry form).
4. We suggest a minimum of 40% of each floats visibility area be covered with electric lights. We suggest at least 2" apart. Vehicles use parking lights only.
5. Must have name of club, organization, business, church or group on float or vehicle pulling float.
6. Awards for Judged Areas are:

<u>HES Grand Champion</u>	<u>Second Place</u>	<u>Best Business</u>	<u>Spirit Award</u>
\$1000	\$750	\$500	\$250

HES/WHVO/WKDZ People's Choice Award by text alert with WHVO/WKDZ (all floats eligible) - \$500
7. Walking entries may perform forward motion drills, dancing, etc. on the parade route as long as they continue to move forward down the street in a timely manner.
8. All units should stay 20ft. behind the unit in front of them.
9. People riding floats must be on them no later than **3:00 p.m.** and in assigned space. Riders must walk to float, vehicles **not** participating in the parade will **not** be allowed on Glass Avenue.
10. Any music on floats must be Christmas music and anytime the word "CHRISTMAS" is used, please, spell it correctly, DO NOT USE X-MAS!
11. Floats will be judged in the following areas:
 - Design, engineering and special effects (includes lighting)
 - Color and artistic value
 - Representing the theme
 - Creativity
 - Spirit
 - Overall effect which includes all judging areas
12. Floats must be built on a trailer/frame, no smaller than 4' X 8'. Floats must be sturdily constructed, with rider and participant safety paramount, not presenting a health or safety hazard to participants or the general public. Fire extinguishers rated 2A-10BC are required on all floats.
13. **We strongly recommend all walkers carry a flashlight.**
14. **When participants throw candy, these items should be thrown by persons walking at a safe distance and to the ground away from float. Do not throw candy in front or near moving vehicles.**

DEADLINE TO ENTER - NOVEMBER 13, 2026

