

Georgia Apple Festival Parade Application



We are proud to announce that applications for the 2023 Georgia Apple Festival Parade Applications are now open! This special event will take place in Downtown Ellijay starting at **10:00 AM on Saturday, October 14th**. This year's theme is "*Fall Harvest!*" The annual Georgia Apple Festival parade is a great opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate with the Apple Capital! This event is family-friendly and free.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please fill out this form. Spaces are limited; **applications due October 1st**. For more information, contact Tourism Director, Ron Cheslock, at 706-635-7401, or ronc@gilmerchamber.com

Completed applications can be returned to one of these locations:

Gilmer Chamber & Welcome Center
696 First Avenue, East Ellijay, GA 30540

Downtown Ellijay Welcome Center
10 Broad Street, Ellijay, GA 30540

Rules & Regulations:

- Check-in is at 8:30 am at the registration tent on Sailors Drive.
- All entries must be in place by 9:30am. Judging will take place between 9:30-9:45 am. Certificates will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place floats (only floats will be judged). Judging will be based on: originality, costume/dress, appearance, and theme.
- The parade route will be as follows: Left from Sailors Drive to River Street, clockwise around the roundabout, left on North Main Street to McCutchen Street, and end at Ellijay Elementary School.
- Throwing and handing out candy or any hard objects from moving vehicles is not permitted for safety reasons. However, candy can be distributed by hand from the walkers next to the float or car. This will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. All entries must be family friendly.
- Vehicles that are not street legal (golf carts, go carts, dirt bikes, etc.) will **NOT** be allowed to return to the start of the parade route. No 18-wheeler trucks will be permitted. Trailer or transport must be dropped at McCutchen Street prior to the parade. Drivers must be licensed. Reckless drivers will be ticketed.
- No symbols of discord will be allowed.
- No discharging of firearms during the parade.
- No one will be allowed to participate in the parade if application has not been received by October 1st.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

ALL FIELDS REQUIRED

*First Name *Last Name

*Organization
Please provide a brief description of your business/organization

*Phone *Email

FLOAT INFORMATION

*# Walkers *# Animals

*# Vehicles
Please list sizes of trailers or floats 12 ft, 15 ft, etc.

*CATEGORY (SELECT ONE)

- Animals Carolers/Singers Musical Unit
 Automotive Float Walking Unit

*Float Description

The applicant warrants and certifies that the person signing this agreement has the authority to do so and by said signature the applicant, its subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns, heirs, agents, servants, officers, directors, and all other affiliated persons, individually (collectively "Releasors", in consideration of permit issuance does hereby release, waive, forever discharge and covenant not to sue the City of Ellijay, Georgia or its successors, partners, representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, agents, employees, officers, public officials, and attorneys, and each of them (collectively) "Releasors", from any and all claims, counter-claims, suits, damages, debts, losses, liabilities, demands, obligations, costs, legal fees, expenses, actions and causes of action of every nature, character, and description, known or unknown, whether in law or in equity, in the performance of the rights, duties, and obligations of either party to this contract, it being expressly understood and agreed that this paragraph is intended to operate as a full and complete waiver and release of any and all claims that the Releasors currently or in the future have or may have. In connection therewith, Releasors also hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Releasees for and from any claims, counter-claims, losses, liabilities, damages, attorney's fees, or costs they might incur or suffer due to any claim, counter-claim, cross-claim, or any other claim of whatever kind and whatever nature asserted by any person, whether any action may have been caused by the Releasees, Releasors, or otherwise, who may in the future be injured as a result of any action or omission on the part of the Releasors or Releasees in connection with this contract. The City of Ellijay assumes no responsibility or liability for any property of the applicant, which may be located on the above-described premises. For and in consideration of permission to participate in the event, the applicant shall be subject to acts of God or any condition or circumstances beyond the control of the event coordinator which shall prevent the carrying out of some or all of the event, and upon the occurrence of such event, event coordinator shall have the right to terminate this agreement without liability of any nature. I have read and agree to the terms specified.

Date _____

Signature _____

Approved	Yes / No