

Town of Belhaven
84th Annual 4th of July Celebration

2026 PARADE ENTRY FORM

Organization Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Address: _____
City State Zip: _____
Phone: (best number for day of parade) _____
Second Phone Contact: _____
Email: _____

Type of Entry: <input type="checkbox"/> Queen/Princess <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Church or Civic Group <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Big Rig/Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Car <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Description of Entry & Anticipated Number of Participants _____

Will you have people walking beside your float/entry?

- NO YES *Please see guidelines about parade walkers.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DECORATED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY.

See attached entry guidelines for 2026. New rules and guidance have been created to ensure a safe parade for everyone's enjoyment.

New Guidelines for 2026

1. Entries should be limited to a maximum length of 55 feet. Trucks/vehicles must be able to navigate sharp, 90-degree turns in residential areas. Oversized entries will not be allowed.
2. Individual cars must be of the antique or classic car variety. This means the car or truck must be eligible for antique tags from the NCDMV.
3. Applications will not be accepted the day of the parade. Applications are due by 4PM, July 1.
4. **Candy or other items are not permitted to be thrown during the parade. This creates an unsafe atmosphere with children and adults running into the street to grab candy.**

I have read and understand all the rules and regulations set forth by the Belhaven Celebrations Committee and the Town of Belhaven. I further acknowledge that failure to abide by these rules could result in my being asked to leave the Parade. I understand the Town of Belhaven, its employees, staff, and members of the Celebrations Committee are not responsible for the loss of property, injuries, accident or harm that may occur.

Signed: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in the 84th Annual Belhaven 4th of July Parade.

General Information

1. Parade line up will begin at 9:00am. Parade will begin at 11:00am. Entries should be in place by 10:30am.
2. An entry fee of \$5 should be made with the application. This fee pays for prizes awarded to the top 3 entries.
3. Applications must be received no later than 4PM on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Applications will not be accepted the day of the parade.
4. After application deadline closes, confirmation of entry, Parade Procedures, and Parade Route will be sent out via email. Please provide an accurate e-mail address in application.
5. If inclement weather (acts of God, like a hurricane), the parade will be cancelled.
6. If your entry is received after the deadline, please know that every effort will be made to place you, but you may be placed at the end and not with your group due to limited space.
7. Entries should be limited to a maximum length of 55 feet. Trucks/vehicles must be able to navigate sharp, 90-degree turns in residential areas. Oversized entries will not be allowed.
8. Individual cars must be of the antique or classic car variety. This means the car or truck must be eligible for antique tags from the NCDMV.
9. Every entry should have one individual responsible for their group. That individual should provide accurate contact information and be with the group or float throughout the duration of the parade.
10. Walking Groups are welcome, but please do not stop and speak with spectators as this will hold up the parade and cause gaps.
11. If you are riding with a group, please try and designate an area to meet at so that we can limit the cars driving through the parade line up route.
12. Any and all signage should be legible, neat, and presented in a professional manner.
13. All participants must have some type of patriotic/4th of July spirit. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 decorated entries.
14. Items such as candy must be tossed into the crowd, not into the street so as to prevent children from running out into the parade route.
15. This is a family-friendly parade, therefore, music, songs and performances with profanity, offensive or disrespectful lyrics are prohibited.
16. Please be respectful of parade patrons and other entries/participants and keep loud horns, sirens, or revving of engines to a minimum.
17. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that each participant with your entry understands and abides by all parade regulations and monitors your entry throughout the event. If you have individuals riding with you or on a float, they must remain seated at ALL times until the parade has ended.
18. If you participate and are riding a motorcycle, four-wheeler, tractor, go-cart or bicycle, it will be at your own risk if you choose not to wear proper safety gear such as a helmet, pads, etc. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
19. The Town of Belhaven insurance does not cover parade participants. You are responsible for your own insurance and, by entering the parade, assume full responsibility for any insurable incidents.

20. No solicitation will be allowed once the parade begins. Please do not stop and speak with spectators as this will cause gaps in the parade route.
21. All entries should enter on West Main Street at King Street. There will be individuals designated at each intersection to guide you to your entry spot. Do not enter from Pantego Street.

Questions: If you have questions regarding the Belhaven Christmas Parade, please call 252-943-3055 or send e-mail to belhaven4thofjuly@gmail.com.

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Application Submittal Form

- In Person: Belhaven Town Hall, 315 E. Main St., M-F, 8AM-4PM
- Mail: Town of Belhaven, P O Box 220, Belhaven NC 27810.
- E-Mail: E-mail completed applications to belhaven4thofjuly@gmail.com
- Online: visit www.TownofBelhaven.com for online entries

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