



## 2024 JUNETEENTH PARADE

The Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade will be held on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at 3 pm. We hope that you will consider participating in this celebration to commemorate this New appointed Holiday, which will attract hundreds to downtown Macon annually. This year's theme is "*Black Girl Magic*". All parade participants are encouraged to incorporate this theme into the presentation of their unit. All units will be judged in their specific category. Categories are explained on page 5 of this packet.

For entry to be a part of the parade, complete and sign where indicated on the attached application. Return the application with the applicable fee, payable in cash, money order or via pay pal. Your signature acknowledges that you have read and agree to adhere to ALL guidelines put forth by the Juneteenth Parade committee, (Macon Black Culture, Torchlight Academy Inc, Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Inc. and Barbers on Duty Inc.). Please Keep a copy of this packet as it summarizes the important guidelines you will need to adhere to.

Date of Parade:	Sunday, June 16, 2024
Time Parade Begins:	3:00 pm
Check-in:	In front of The Tubman Museum (310 Cherry St. Macon, Ga 31201)
Check-in begins:	1:00 pm
Must be in assigned space by:	2:00 pm

Entry fee per group:	\$100 per group \$75 non-profit & \$150 for Car Clubs (any groups more than 5 cars, will have to buy additional slots) **school bands entry fee will be waived**
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**Deadline for entries will be Friday, June 7, 2024, by close of business- 5:00 pm.** Parade packets will be available for download at [www.MaconJuneteenthParade.com](http://www.MaconJuneteenthParade.com) please return via email to: [MaconBlackCulture@gmail.com](mailto:MaconBlackCulture@gmail.com).

The Parade line up will be provided on the day of the parade. YOU MUST CHECK-IN AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE to receive materials required to proceed in the parade. Your color-coded line-up number and staging area will be issued once you check in on Monday. You will line up by your line-up number which you will receive during check-in time on Monday morning. While you gather and line-up in your space. Each group MUST have their color-coded number to proceed once the parade begins. Any block captain can remove your unit from the line-up if you do not display your assigned number.

Parade check-in begins at 1:00 pm and all units must be in place no later than 2:00 pm. Parade Units that are not in place by 2:00 pm may not be able to participate and will not receive a refund.

We look forward to the success of this inaugural Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade, and ecstatic of all the opportunities this will bring to Macon, GA. If you have any questions, please contact Nadiyah Harris at 404-394-9462 or Amina "Muse" Dixon at 678-350-5859 or [MaconBlackCulture@gmail.com](mailto:MaconBlackCulture@gmail.com).

Thank you!





**Hold Harmless Clause:**

Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade Entrant shall assume all risks incident to or in connection with the permitted activity and shall be solely responsible for damages or injury, of whatever kind or nature to persons or property, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade or the conduct of entrant’s operation. The entrant hereby expressly agrees to defend and save Macon Black Culture, Torchlight Academy Inc, Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Inc. and Barbers on Duty Inc., governing body, harmless from any penalties for violation of law, ordinance or regulation affecting its activity and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, injuries, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees and other litigation expenses, directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade or conduct of its operation or resulting from the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of entrant or its officers, agents and employees.

If the entrant agrees to operate a vehicle in connection with the Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade, He/she shall be validly licensed to drive such vehicle and be responsible for complying with all laws that apply as a driver of a vehicle.

Entrant also agrees to obey the guidelines put forth by Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade, including (but not limited to) abstaining from throwing candy and other items from the parade units and the consumption of alcohol during the line-up, on a parade unit, or along the parade route.

Photography, video recording, and audio recording will occur at this event. By attending, you consent to photography, audio recording, video recording and their release, publication, exhibition or reproduction for any purpose(s) that Macon Black Culture, Torchlight Academy Inc, Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Inc. and Barbers on Duty Inc. deems fit. You release Macon Black Culture, Torchlight Academy Inc, Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Inc. and Barbers on Duty Inc. and each person involved from any liability connected. By entering the event premises, you waive all rights you may have to any claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of these materials. You also waive any right to inspect or approve any photo, video recording or audio taken by Macon Black Culture, Torchlight Academy Inc, Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Inc. and Barbers on Duty Inc. or the person(s) or entity designated to do so by Macon Black Culture, Torchlight Academy Inc, Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Inc. and Barbers on Duty Inc.

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Signature of Person in Charge of Parade Unit	Date
Printed Name of Person in Charge of Parade Unit	Contact #

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**Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade Guidelines 2024**

**Please read these guidelines carefully before submitting your parade participation application and paying the entry fee. By signing you acknowledge that you understand and agree to adhere as written. Keep a copy of these guidelines for your reference.**

1. The Parade entry is \$75.00, \$100 (non-profits), \$150.00 car clubs. Float rentals are an additional fee.
2. All Fees (cash, money orders, checks) must be paid, along with this signed and dated document by the deadline: Friday, June 7, 2024. Electronic payments are welcomed, with a \$10 processing fee. Parade units will not be allowed to participate if their fee has not been paid by the agreed time.
3. Self-made floats are allowed and encouraged, however drawings for approval by the parade committee no later than Friday, June 7, 2024, are required.
4. If your unit, on parade day is different or differs greatly from previously submitted drawing and/or explanation, or if your unit refuses to adhere to guidelines of the Parade Committee, your unit will be dismissed from the parade even if already assembly area. No refund of registration fees will be given should your entry be dismissed because of non-compliance.
5. You are responsible for providing a vehicle for your dignitaries and “royalty”.
6. Signage for all entries should be professionally printed and/or in good taste, acceptable to the Parade Committee and at the discretion of any block captain,
7. ABSOLUTELY No candy, samples, political materials, or other materials of any kind are to be thrown or tossed from a float, car, or specialty unit along the parade route. This is direct violation of the rules and regulations, and the Macon Black Culture, Torchlight Academy Inc, Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Inc. and Barbers on



Duty Inc. reserves the right to remove units from the parade at any point if they do not abide by this rule. Unit members however, who are walking near the crowd line may hand out items to the crowd on the sidewalks.

8. The Parade Committee will determine order of appearance to establish variety and best use of the parade participants. The line -up is NOT arranged on a first come, first served basis.
9. Individuals and organizations participating in the parade are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times during the assembly, execution and procession of the parade.
10. Drivers of all vehicles in the parade and those entering the parade line-up must have a valid driver's license, proof of current insurance as required by state law, and be at least 18 years old. Proof of validity may be requested and must be presented at check-in if requested. Any block captain may also request proof to operate at any time during the assembly and/or procession of the parade.
11. Tow vehicles should be decorated to accent and compliment the unit.
12. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage by any participant is strictly prohibited. The police will strictly enforce all city, county and state statutes concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages before, during and after the parade. If this policy is broken, the unit will be pulled and towed from the parade, the operator is subject to arrest, and the unit will not be asked back by the Juneteenth Parade Committee. Refunds will not be issued if your unit is removed from the parade route due to any issues concerning intoxication and/or possession of alcohol.
13. Marching bands and dance teams will be allowed 45 seconds to stop and perform in front of the judges and live camera crew located at the intersection of Poplar and First St. If your unit is not a marching band or dance team, continue moving with the flow of the procession throughout the entire parade.
14. The Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade will proceed with the parade rain or shine. We request that you make provisions for inclement weather as refunds of registration, float rental, additional fees will not be issued because of parade delay or cancellation due to inclement weather.
15. Each parade unit will be provided a line-up number during check-in that must be displayed by each unit. Each unit must be in their assigned space by 12:00 pm. Units that are not in place by 12:00 pm may not be allowed to participate and will not receive a refund. There will be road closures and detours strictly enforced by the Sheriffs Department. Please refer to your line-up packet to know in advance from where you should enter the parade route. You will not be permitted to just drive the length of fifth street to locate your spot.
16. Horse/Equine Units-Coggins Requirements Georgia law requires that all horses that come together for public display (i.e., Parade) must have a current negative Coggins Test. (GA Administrative code: 40-13-3-06) Proof of Negative Coggins Testing must be approved before parade day. However, a test is not required for suckling foals accompanying a negative dam. All horses must either have diapers on or someone to follow them to clean up. You are responsible for cleaning up any hay or bedding in the staging area.
17. Canine Units-Rabies Vaccination requirements-state law requires that any and all canines must have a current certification of rabies vaccination. Proof of rabies vaccination must be provided on request. Macon-Bibb County Ordinance-All dogs in a public place must be effectively restrained by chain or leash not exceeding eight (8) feet in length and any person having the custody or control of any dog shall have the responsibility for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner.
18. Car/motorcycle club-All vehicles entrants are required to be decorated for Juneteenth and play Juneteenth associated music when appropriate even in the staging area. There is a strict 5 car limit per club. Any additional vehicles will be subjected to additional fees.
19. All units will be judged and awarded in one of three categories:
  - a. Best Band- Awarded to the band that hypes the crowd the most.
  - b. Juneteenth Award- Awarded to the unit who Best fit the theme of the parade "Black Girl Magic".
  - c. 2024 Culture Award-Best decorated Float or unit.



20. The parade will be broadcasted, recoded and re-run at later times. The description you provide will be used in a script provide to the announcers for use during the broadcast of the parade.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand and agree to follow the guidelines of the Macon-Bibb Juneteenth Parade as described.

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Signature of Person in Charge of Parade Unit

Date

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Printed Name of Person in Charge of Parade Unit

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Parade Unit Name