

# AJW Christmas Parade Float Contest

## **THEME: Engineering An Out-Of-This World Christmas**

Deadline to Enter – Friday, October 20th at 2:30pm  
(Entries must be in Ms. Mann’s hand by this time. No exceptions.)

Once again, A. J. Whittenberg Engineers will host a float in the Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade. We need your help to design our float! One winner will be chosen from all entries received on time.

**In order to win, you must design a float around the theme:**  
**“Engineering an Out of this World Christmas.”**

The winner will lead the effort to bring their float to life, along with the help of many AJW volunteers and lots of real-world engineering experts. The winner will also be guaranteed a spot to ride on the float in the parade.

### **Here are the guidelines for the contest:**

1) Each entry must include a sketch or drawing of the float that clearly shows the major elements of the design. You can use labels to identify key elements. This sketch should be done on one 8 ½ x 11 white piece of paper. We suggest making it colorful! If done electronically, it can be emailed to Ms. Mann at [rlmann@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:rlmann@greenville.k12.sc.us).

2) Each entry sketch must be accompanied by a one page maximum description of the float idea. It should list major elements of the float including a list of suggested materials needed to create the float.

3) Floats should be designed based on a rectangular, flatbed truck that will be provided. It will be pulled by a pick-up truck. You can incorporate the truck into the design as long as the truck can still safely function. The dimensions of the flatbed are 14 feet long by 8 feet wide by 3 feet high (off the ground).

4) City of Greenville parade rules are:

- No Santa Claus. People on the float can wear Santa hats, but Santa cannot be on the float in any way. Santa is on the very last float in the parade and he can’t be in two places at once.
- You cannot throw anything or hand out anything from the float or along the parade route.
- All floats must be lighted in some way and must include holiday music. No open flames allowed.
- Each float must have a banner that features the float theme. You can also have a banner with the name of the organization.
- Maximum height is 14 feet.

5) AJW guidelines include:

- Float theme must be: “Engineering an Out of this World Christmas.” Use our space theme for the year to create an amazing parade float!
- Something on the float must move. For example, in past years, a giant AJ the Robot moved his arms together and apart to “plug” and “unplug” the lights for our tree and skyline and a giant globe of the world turned on its axis with the help of AJ the Robot.
- Float must hold at least 10 students and at least 2 adults.
- Make sure to include your NAME, GRADE LEVEL and TEACHER’S NAME on your entry.

Come up with your best ideas and submit your entries to Ms. Mann no later than Friday, October 20th at 2:30pm. Late entries will not be considered. No exceptions. GOOD LUCK!