

2007 City of Anderson Christmas Parade  
Entry Descriptions

1. Law Enforcement

- Representatives of the City of Anderson Police Department, The SC Highway Patrol and the Anderson County Sheriff's Department

2. Westside High School US Army JROTC - The "RAM Battalion" - Instructor, Major Daniel Rancourt

- South Carolina's first Army Junior ROTC unit is the Westside High School "Ram Battalion" which is commanded by Cadet Lt. Col. Meghan Groves and the battalion executive officer Cadet Major Jesse Davis. The mission of the Westside Army Junior ROTC unit is "To motivate young Americans to become better citizens" and has earned the Army's highest rating as an "Honor Unit with Distinction" for the past eleven years in a row. The Ram Battalion participates in precision Drill Team, Color Guard, Rifle Team, and Raider Team competitions through out the upstate. The Battalion also hosts numerous community service support activities such as blood drives, Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, and a Veteran's Day Ceremony. They also support numerous other activities throughout the year by providing Cadet Color Guards. The members of the "Ram Battalion" would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

3. City of Anderson Fire Department

4. PARADE MARSHAL - US Army Reserve 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Kevin Randall Haynie

- Sgt. Haynie has served in the military for 27 years. Since September 2006 he has been serving with the US Army First Infantry Division's 1-7-2 National Police Transition Team, advising the Iraqi National Police. Sgt. Haynie returned to Anderson in late October after serving his second deployment in three years. Sgt. Haynie returned to Crescent High School where he has taught electronics since January of 2000.

5. Congressman Gresham Barrett

6. Representative Don Bowen -

- South Carolina House District 8. First Year in Parade. 2 participants with unit

7. Representative Michael Thompson
  - 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 2 participants with unit
8. Ronald McDonald
  - Ronald McDonald made his first appearance in 1967 at Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City. You can now see Ronald making appearances at Elementary Schools performing his many educational shows. Ronald McDonald House fundraisers and McDonalds Restaurants Grand Openings. 3<sup>rd</sup> year in parade. 2 participants with unit
9. City of Anderson Transit Department - Unit 1
  - City Council Members and their families
10. City of Anderson Transit Department - Unit 2
  - County Council Members and their families
11. City of Anderson Transit Department - Unit 3
12. Westside High School Queens
  - Homecoming Queen, Jessica Bailey
13. Westside High School Cheerleaders
14. Westside High School Rambunctious RAMS Dance Team
  - Marching Dance Group composed of students at Westside High School. Kim Littles, the team's choreographer, is from the Dance Warehouse where she also teaches choreography. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 10 participants with unit.
15. Westside High School RAM Band - Band Director, Mr. Shane Vickery with assistance from Butch Tarbutton & Richard Powell. Band Staff Members include: Mary Ellen Minniear & Susan Duckworth, Color Guard Instructors - David Rice, Low Brass Instructor and Jim Irish, Percussion Instructor
  - The 70 piece band competed in four marching competitions this fall with the following results: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in class 4A - Boiling Springs Festival of Bands. At the Chesnee Eagle Classic the band

received - Most Creative Drumline, Most Entertaining Drumline Trophy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in class 3A - Loy E Wagner Invitational and at the Lake Hartwell Marching Festival in Hartwell, Georgia the Band received Superior Color Guard Trophy, Superior Band Trophy, Superior Drum Major and the Sweepstakes Trophy for receiving superior ratings in all captions. Student leadership for the band is provided by: Allison Guthrie, Drum Major - Deanne Terry, Band Captain - Kristan Gunter, Woodwind Captain - Jacob Brown, Brass Captain - Fritz Wewers, Percussion Captain - Lyndsay Fenning, Color Guard Captain.

16. JBECO Pack 25 Cub Scouts - FLOAT

- Cub Scout Pack 25 is an organization within Boy Scouts of America. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 25 participants with unit.

17. West Anderson Church of God - SURGE - FLOAT

- This is the church youth group and drama team. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 30 participants with entry

17A. West Anderson Church of God Missionettes - FLOAT

- Girls club at church ranging in age from 5 to 11 that meets every Wednesday night. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 20 participants with entry

18. Newton School of Isshinryu Karate - FLOAT

- Christmas float with Japanese Pagodo with children riding on float. This is a Karate School located here in Anderson. 2<sup>nd</sup> year in parade. 20 participants with unit.

19. Steppin' Out Dance Studio - MARCH UNIT AND FLOAT

- "Steppin Out with Disney". Dancing to the classic Disney song, "Zip a dee doo dah". Students are dressed as their favorite Disney character. This dance school has a new location - 102 Commerce Blvd and is a 5300 sq. foot facility with 4 fully equipped dance studios, Astaire Glide Spring floor System. 15 years in parade. 300 plus participants with entry

20. City of Anderson Recreation Department RAMS 12 & Under Cheerleaders  
- FLOAT

- This cheerleading group participated in the 2007 Cheerleading and Football Season with the City of Anderson. 2<sup>nd</sup> year in parade. 27 participants with entry.

21. Gailes Happy Clowns - FLOAT

- Float with Red and White Candy Cane Theme. This is a clown ministry of Covenant Baptist Church. Gaile's Happy Clowns is in memory of Jane's sister, Gaile Adams. 3<sup>rd</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry.

22. Community Emergency Response Team - CERT - MARCHING UNIT AND  
FLOAT

- This is a trained disaster rescue/relief unit that involves everyday members of the community. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 20 participants with unit.

23. WJMZ - Cox Radio Van

- 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 5 participants with entry

23A. City of Anderson Recreation Department 12 & Under Seminoles  
Cheerleaders & Football Players - FLOAT

- Participants of the 2007 City of Anderson Football and Cheerleading Program. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 40 participants with entry

24. Main Street Studio - A Contemporary Salon - FLOAT

- This float shows "Christmas in the Studio" HAIR FOR THE HOLIDAYS. This is a new salon in downtown Anderson eager to build a relationship with the Anderson area. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 7 participants with unit

25. Arthur State Bank - FLOAT

- King Arthur greeting and waving to crowd. King Arthur will be reading to children around the tree. Arthur State Bank is a family owned bank founded April 1, 1933 by Major General Harry M. Arthur in Union, SC. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry.

26. YMCA 12 & Under Chargers Cheerleaders - FLOAT

- "SNOW MUCH FUN TO CHEER". Float will be decorated to look like snowflakes and a silver tree in blue and silver colors. This team has been cheering for the YMCA and is coached by Dawn McCorkle. The 2007 Homecoming Queen is Tori Stamey. 14 participants with entry

27. Varenes Heights Baptist Church Children's Dept - FLOAT

- Christmas at Bethlehem. 2<sup>nd</sup> year in parade. 30 participants with entry

27A. Anderson Joes Baseball - FLOAT

- This float has participants in Joes gear and also includes the Joe's Mascot, Striker. Striker was Anderson's Parade Marshal for the 2006 parade. 2<sup>nd</sup> year in parade. 5 participants with entry

28. Michael Hester State Farm Insurance - FLOAT

- Float decorated with the State Farm Good Neighbor. This float is carrying office staff and families. 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 10 participants with entry

29. Russell Stover Candies - MARCHING UNIT

- Mascot - "RUSTY". 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 3 participants with entry

30. Iva Tigers 8 & Under Football Team & Cheerleaders - FLOAT

- This is the 8 & Under team from Iva. 2<sup>nd</sup> year in parade. 45 participants with entry

31. Crescent High School Queen

32. Crescent High School Band - Band Director, Austin Bobo

- The 2007-08 Crescent High School Marching Tiger Band is a 45-member instrumental ensemble under the direction of Austin Bobo. The musical group has received many Excellent ratings over the past eleven years at marching band contests in the Upstate and in North Carolina. The band has performed at Disney World and Universal Orlando, Colonial Williamsburg, and Broadway at the Beach. It performs every year at the Area #14 Special Olympic Games. There have been many performances given by the band for community events in Iva, Starr, Anderson, Belton, Williamston, Honea Path, and Easley.

33. Anderson Rural Carriers - FLOAT

- Rural Carriers and their families. 6<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 20 participants with entry

33A. Hottails Tanning Salon - FLOAT

- Local Tanning Salon staff and family on board wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 7 participants with entry

34. Marine Corps League (1106) - FLOAT

- This organization is keeping the history and traditions of the Marine Corps assists young men and women to become good citizens of the US. 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 12 participants with entry

35. Cub Scout Pack 41 - FLOAT

- Serving scouts from Concord and Calhoun Elementary Schools for 52 years. 13<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 40 participants with entry

36. Palmetto Cheer and Tumble - MARCHING UNIT

- Palmetto Cheer & Tumble offers recreational cheerleading and tumbling classes and is home of the Palmetto Panthers All-Stars competitive cheer teams. Also home to the Crescent High School Competitive Cheer Squad, Upper State Qualifying Winner. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 120 participants with entry

37. VFW Post 5996 - Unit 1 - FLOAT

38. VFW Post 5997 - Unit 2 - FLOAT

- These two floats with POW and MIA Flags and the Mens and Ladies Auxiliary. 3<sup>rd</sup> year in parade.

39. Anderson Academy of Music, Inc. - FLOAT

- These academy students will present live Christmas Music. The float is pulled by an antique tractor. This is Anderson's only community music school serving people of all ages and offering lessons in piano, voice, flute and Musikgarten classes for young children. 8<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 10 participants with entry

40. Cub Scouts Pack 365 - FLOAT

- Pack 365 represents boys from New Prospect, Homeland Park, Varennes and McLees Elementary Schools. Enrollment is over 40 boys. Pack's Motto - TRY YOUR BEST. 10<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 40 participants with entry

40A. Belk Teen Board - FLOAT

- Belk Teen Board members are juniors and seniors from seven area high schools. Belkie Bear is also on board the float. The teen board members are active in fashion events and community service projects. They are selected based on personal achievement, character and willingness to work. 11<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 10 participants with entry

41. Centerville Church of God - FLOAT

- Manger Scene. Church Pastor - Rev. Terry Collins. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry

42. Starburst Drill Team - MARCH UNIT

- This drill team is made up of staff and volunteers of the Anderson County Library. Music is provided by the Book Mobile. The Starburst Drill Team was put together back in August as a way to change the stereotype image of the library to a memorable, positive and inviting image. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 25 participants with entry.

43. International Wrestling Alliance Flashfire - FLOAT

- This is a nonprofit organization, which provides entertainment for wrestling fans. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 50 to 75 participants with entry

44. City of Anderson 10-12 & Under Vikings Football Players and Cheerleaders - FLOAT AND MARCHING UNIT

- This group played in the 2007 City of Anderson Recreation Department program. The football players are marching and the cheerleaders are riding on the float. 3<sup>rd</sup> year in parade. 100 participants with entry

45. Pendleton High School Band - Band Director, Mr. Robert Smith

46. Moose Family Center - FLOAT

- The Moose Family Center does a lot of community service, and has a school in Chicago that the fraternity runs on the membership dues and fundraisers. There is also a retirement home for senior members in Florida. 25<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 25 participants with entry

46A. Dancer's Edge - MARCHING UNIT

- Home of the 2007 National Dance Champions are presenting a "Flip" on Christmas in July. The group hopes you enjoy their "wave" of Christmas spirit and have a very Beachy Christmas". The dance school offers tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, hip-hop and tumbling to ages 3 years old to adults. Director, Mary Jolin Burns along with Amber Finley, Jessica Payne, Leann Rumsey and Ty Marion. Over 20 years participating in parade. 75 participants with entry

47. Girl Scout Troop #2472 - FLOAT

- This troop is from Midway Elementary School. Home of the Mighty Stingers. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 25 participants with entry

48. Gospel Tabernacle of Faith Youth Department - FLOAT

- This youth group likes to go to nursing homes and help with feeding programs on Sunday evenings for the homeless. 13<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 20 participants with entry

49. SC Dogs Therapy Group - MARCHING UNIT

- The mission of this group is to help facilitate beneficial relationships between humans and animals. This group provides animal assistance, activities, education and therapy to nursing homes, children shelters, mental health centers, hospice and hospitals in the upstate. 2<sup>nd</sup> year in parade. 10 participants with entry plus dogs

50. Cub Scout Pack 280 - FLOAT

- Cub Scout Pack of about 50 boys from Centerville Elem. School. 6<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 60 participants with entry

51. Knights of Columbus - FLOAT

- Nativity Scene. This is a catholic men's fraternal group doing charity in the community and supporting churches. 3<sup>rd</sup> year in parade. 4 participants with entry

52. Varenes Tiger's Step Team - MARCHING UNIT

- This group was established in 2002. Students in grades 3 -5 are eligible to participate. Auditions are held yearly and students are selected based on rhythm, coordination, and precision movements. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 40 participants with entry

53. Faith in Action Puppeteers - FLOAT

- Faith in Action is an outreach ministry team of Anderson Christian School. Its purpose is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through the creative ministry of puppetry. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 30 participants with entry

54. Blondie's Hair Salon - MARCHING UNIT

- Hairstylist on skates. 8 participants with entry

55. Southeastern Crown Vic Club - FLOAT

- The Southeastern Crown Vic Club is an automobile club based on the Ford Crown Victoria. See [www.crownvicworld.com](http://www.crownvicworld.com). 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. Up to 5 participants with entry

55A. Homeland Park Fire Dept

- Have participated in numerous parades. 20 participants with entry

56. Dr. Leonardo Ortiz - MARCHING UNIT

- Dr. Ortiz walking and waving, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade

57. Orrville Baptist Church - FLOAT

- Children's Choir from Orrville Baptist Church located on South Main Street singing together and spreading god's love throughout Anderson. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry

58. Crescent Ct. #106, Ladies Oriental Shrine - float

- Principal purpose is to raise funds for children in the Shriner's Hospitals, both burns and orthopedic hospitals. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 12 participants with unit

59. Ruff Masonic Lodge - FLOAT

- This is a fraternal organization chartered 8-13-1898 and residing on Bleckley Street since 1951. Lodge promotes friendship, morality and brotherly love. 20 participants with entry

60. Hejaz Fireman Unit - SPECIAL UNIT

- Representing Shriner's Hospital for Children. Old Fire truck and mini fire trucks. No parade is without this unit. 10 participants with entry

61. Anderson York Rite - FLOAT

- To promote unity among men through fraternal organization. This is a non-profit fraternal organization to promote community services and develop men to serve their families and communities.

62. Boy's Club Blaze Football Team - FLOAT

- This football team is sponsored by the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. 2<sup>nd</sup> year in parade. Up to 60 participants with entry

63. Girl Scouts of the USA - MARCHING UNIT

- All Girl Scout troops in the Anderson area are invited to march. Girl scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Participate every year in parade. 75 to 100 participants with entry

64. Concord Community Church - FLOAT

- Church "Kid Club" 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 30 to 50 participants with entry

65. Anderson County Alternative School - MARCHING UNIT

65A. Anderson Ron Paul Meetup Group - FLOAT

- This is an active and passionate group of grassroots supporters for US Congressman Ron Paul. Ron Paul is currently running for the Republican Presidential nomination. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 6 participants with entry

66. Roy's Diner - FLOAT

- Roy's Diner Restaurant since 1979. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 12 participants with entry

67. Heavens Thunder Motorcycle Ministry - FLOAT

- This is a church and motorcycle ministry from Anderson First Assembly of God. 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry

68. Hopewell Fire Department

- Hopewell Fire Department is a nonprofit, volunteer organization. 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 10 participants with entry

69. Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp - FLOAT

- Historical Honor Society promoting the true history of the south. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry

70. Scouting Units of First Presbyterian Church of Anderson - MARCHING UNIT/FLOAT

- Scouting units have a long history at First Presbyterian Church - Troop 215 was started in 1928 and has over 94 Eagle Scout Alumni. Cub Pack 215 started in 1988 and has 21 Arrow of Light Alumni. Venture Crew 215 started in 2004 and is for teenage boys and girls. 7 plus years in parade. 50 participants with entry

71. Community South Bank & Trust - MARCHING UNIT

- Mascot "CHIP". Three year old bank with 6 locations in the upstate. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 4 participants with entry

72. The Dance Warehouse - MARCHING UNIT

- The Dance Warehouse is the proud home of the 2005, 2006 & 2007 State, regional and national champions. We offer classes in jazz, tap, ballet, pointe, hip-hop, lyrical, contemporary, tumbling, clogging and ballroom dancing. Ages are 18 months through adults with classes in beginner, intermediate, advanced and pre-professional levels. 3<sup>rd</sup> year in parade. 185 participants with entry

73. American Legion Post 121 Colorguard - MARCHING UNIT

- This is a six person marching colorguard unit representing the American Legion in Williamston. This is a non-profit organization for veterans. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 6 participants in parade

74. Christian Youth Theater of Anderson (CYT Anderson) - FLOAT

- Non-profit youth theater organization. 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 30 participants with entry

75. YMCA Cheerleaders and Football Players - FLOAT

- 8 & Under Football team and cheerleaders for the YMCA. 7<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 30 participants with entry

75A. Wagner's Hidden Treasures - FLOAT

- Retail store/gift shop in Anderson. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 7 participants with entry

76. WHZT Radio - Cox Radio Van

- 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 5 participants with entry

77. Cub Scout Pack 15 - FLOAT

- Cub Scout Pack 15 from Midway Elementary School. 4<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 75 participants with entry

78. City of Anderson 8 & Under RAM Cheerleaders - MARCHING UNIT

- Participated in the City of Anderson Recreation Department's 2007 Cheerleading Program. 25 participants with entry

79. Gospel Land Missionary Chapel - FLOAT

- Non-profit non-denominational missionary chapel. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry

79A. Enoch's Karate - MARCHING UNIT

- This a Christian based Karate and fitness school. 25 participants with entry

80. YMCA 10 & Under Bulldogs Cheerleaders - FLOAT

- Cheerleading in the YMCA Cheerleading program. 5<sup>th</sup> year in parade. 15 participants with entry

81. McCant's Middle School Cheerleaders - MARCHING UNIT

- This group is the 2007 - 2008 McCant's Middle School Cheerleading team. The captains are Tara Scott, Kinsley McCuen and Catherine Gay. The coaches are Anna Spraker and Nicole Walgate. 1<sup>st</sup> year in parade. 18 participants with entry

82. T. L. Hanna JROTC - MARCHING UNIT

- The T. L. Hanna Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps would like to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!" This training corps was established in 1967, the unit currently has over 120 cadets enrolled for this school year. The NJROTC Instructors are: Lt. Cmdr Randy Smith, United States Navy, Retired - Boatswain Mate Chief Leon Smith, United States Navy, Retired. Both instructors are in their fourteenth year as administrators for the Program. Both are retired US Navy with over twenty years of active service. The unit was selected for the Unit Achievement Award for the school year 2006-2007, and has been selected as either a Naval Honor Unit, or Chief of Education and Training Award Unit for the past fifteen years.

The unit is lead by Cadet Lieutenant Commander Andrew McCarthy and Cadet Lieutenant Andrew Hogg. The Unit Color Guard is lead by Cadet Chief Petty Office Wren Arrowood.

THE CADET CORPS AND INSTRUCTORS WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE VIEWERS TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE SEPERATED FROM THEIR FAMILIIES AND LOVED ONES DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!

82A. Miss T. L. Hanna - Ashley Chandler

83. T. L. Hanna High School Band - Band Directors, Richard C. Baskin and Roger Whitt along with Alan Nowell and Doug Wertz, Assistants. Shon Brown is the percussion Instructor and Victor Mooney and Amy Heintz are the flag corps instructors.

- The band president is Nolin McAlister, band vice presidents are John Smith Buchan, Quentin Norris and Grant Vanhooose. The band secretaries are Taylor Combs, Penny Dyar and Ashleigh Hart.

Drum Line Captains are Jill Hancock, Joe Johnson and David Reynolds. The flag corps captains are Requia Coton, Courtney Hunter, Pam Keesler and Jamie Taylor. The Drum Major of the 2007 Hanna Marching Band is Cara Dillon.

The T. L. Hanna Band Organization serves approximately 200 students a year through various ensembles. The program consists of a 190 piece marching band, a nationally recognized jazz band, a jazz combo, 2 concert bands, a percussion ensemble, numerous smaller ensembles and a competitive Winter Guard. The bands have a rich and varied history that dates back over 80 years to the old Anderson High School Bands. The Marching and Concert Ensembles have consistently received superior ratings in 4A and grade 5 and 6 festivals and competitions for over 25 years. The Jazz Ensemble is one of the oldest of its kind in the State of South Carolina. This group was organized in 1968 and has received a total 17 straight superior ratings at the South Carolina State Jazz Festival in addition to numerous superior ratings at festivals throughout the southeast. This year the Hanna Jazz Band will travel to the prestigious New Trier Jazz Festival in Chicago for the second time. This group presents an average of 30 performances a year ranging from formal concerts to school assemblies, dinners, charity events and festivals. Many of its former members have been selected as recipients of outstanding international Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE) performance awards. The group has also been featured in the North Texas Jazz Festival in Dallas, Texas, the Wachovia Main Street Jazz in Columbia, Sc and Greenville's Main Street Jazz for 10 years. Hanna's marching band has been a state finalist in the SCBDA Marching Band Championships and is ranked in the top ten of all marching bands in the state of South Carolina. This year alone the Marching Band received two Grand Championships with its Drum Line placing 1<sup>st</sup> over all in all competitions. Our students participate fully in all State Events and represent our school and community in the South Carolina Region II Honor Band as well as All State Band and all State Jazz. During the current school year, Hanna placed 25 students in these bands. T. L. Hanna's program also includes a Winter Guard that competes in the Carolina Indoor Performance Association.

#### 84. SANTA - FLOAT

- Santa's float is built and designed by the City of Anderson's Wastewater Department Employees. This group spends many hours working on the float for the Christmas Parade.

