

PEACH PARADE

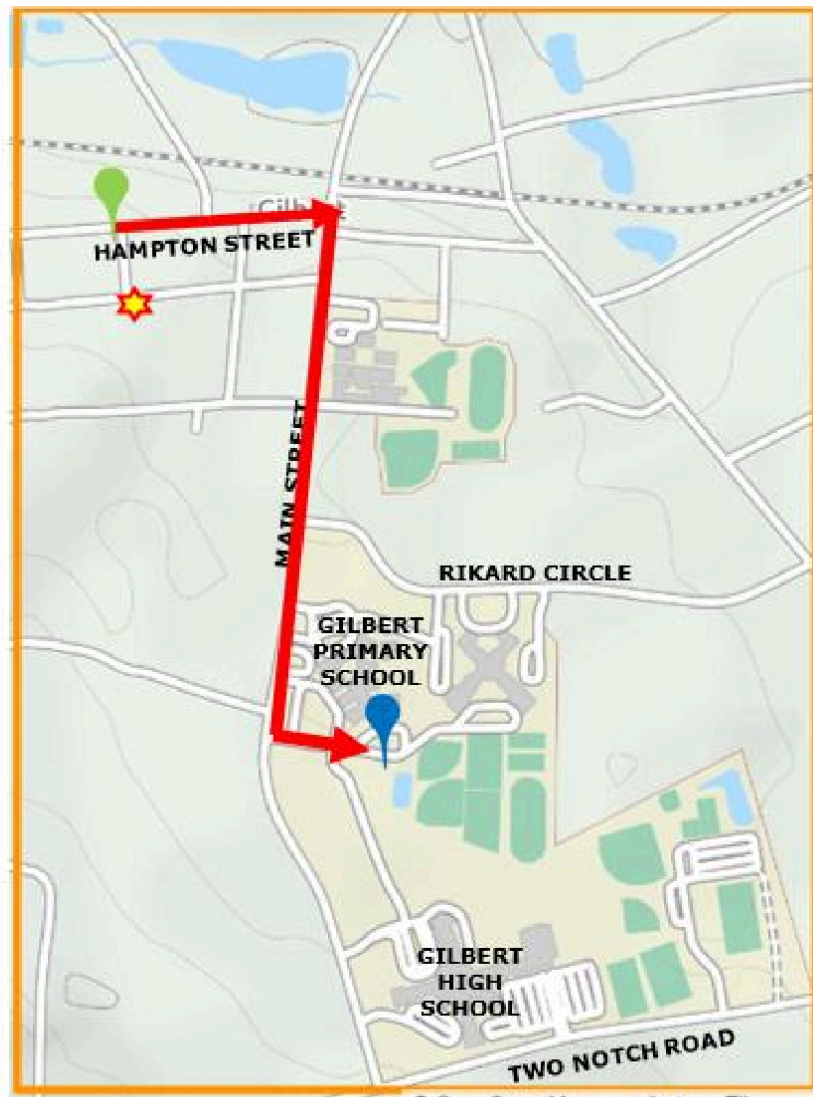
Check-in Time: 8:00 - 8:45am

Check-in Location: Corner of Broad St and Crosson St. in Gilbert, SC

Line-up Location: Along Broad St, heading toward the ball fields and the Senior Center

All entries must be in place by 8:45am. The parade will begin promptly at 9:30am

The parade begins on Hampton St and Crosson St. and proceeds 3 blocks to Main St.; then continues up Main St and ends on the Gilbert Middle School bus driveway (behind the Middle School).



OVERVIEW

Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations laid out in this document. The Gilbert Community Club Board and Festival Committee reserves the right to remove any entry that does not abide by Peach Festival rules and/or town, county, or state laws. Participation can be banned at any time, including but not limited to time prior to assembly, at assembly, during the parade, and after the parade has concluded.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

STARTING TIME – All parades will start promptly at the time designated, except in the event of bad weather, when officials may delay the start as much as one hour or cancel, without rescheduling.

APPROVAL – All parade entries are subject to approval. You will be notified if your entry is not approved.

PARTICIPATION – Parade officials reserve the right to reject, or evict, any entry that is not in the best interest of the Gilbert Community Club and this policy. The decision of the Parade Coordinator is final. You will be notified if your entry is not approved.

ITEM DISTRIBUTION - No candy, toys or other objects may be thrown from floats or moving vehicles; items must be distributed by walkers and not thrown directly from a vehicle. ALL items intended for distribution must be noted on the entry's application and approved by the Lexington County Peach Festival.

ASSEMBLY – Space is limited in all parade assembly areas. All vehicles must observe parking lanes and heed parade officials. Parked vehicles in this area must be attended, or ignition keys made available. Entries shall be present at least 30 minutes prior to parade start time.

MOVEMENT – To avoid breakdown of a parade, all units shall maintain a maximum distance of 30 feet from the unit ahead. No band or marching unit shall perform in a manner as to impede the forward progress of the parade.

SAFETY (Limited Entries) – In the interest of safety to observers along parade routes horses, motorcycles, hot rods, or other entries of a questionable nature will be included or excluded in the judgment of the parade coordinator. Participants are prohibited from throwing or distributing anything from the float or vehicle itself before, during or after the parade.

DIGNITARIES – Select dignitaries may be invited to participate in our Parade. Dignitaries holding the office of State Governor and/or Lieutenant Governor and above will be considered for the list of invited Dignitaries.

1. The list of invited Dignitaries will be determined by the Parade Coordinator.
2. Candidates for Public office are not considered Dignitaries; only incumbents may be invited to participate in the parades as dignitaries.
3. All candidates running for office are required to pre-register for parades utilizing the organization's website at lexingtoncountypeachfestival.com.

ADVERTISING – Business advertising approved for parade entries.

PROHIBITED ITEMS & THEMES:

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on or in any entry. Consumption of alcohol by parade participants is not permitted prior to and during the parade.
- Smoking is not allowed by any participant in the line-up area or during the duration of the parade.
- No fireworks or firearms may be fired.
- No entry shall display material offensive or discriminatory to any race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or marital status.

DISMISSAL – Failure to follow the aforementioned established rules, or verbal directions by parade officials, can result in the eviction, and/or rejection for future participation.

FLOAT AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- Floats may be self-propelled or towed by a decorated vehicle that is consistent with the parade theme.
- Entries please have the mechanical operation, lighting, and sound in good working order and passengers aboard 15 minutes before the start of the parade (9:30 a.m.).
- All passengers are requested to remain aboard their entry until the entry or float has RETURNED TO THE DISBANDING AREA. Failure to do so will create a traffic hazard for pedestrians and parade floats/entrants. (Refer to map for parade route.) Your cooperation with this part of the plan will help us immensely.
- DO NOT DISBAND YOUR FLOAT/ENTRY UNTIL YOU REACH THE GILBERT MIDDLE SCHOOL LOOP.
- All entries must obey the Lexington County Sheriff's Department directions, instructions, and parade committee rules. No erratic driving or squealing of tires will be tolerated. This will be strictly enforced by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

WAIVER

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release and discharge the sponsors and operator of the Peach Festival and their agents and employees from any and all claims for damages suffered as the result of my participation in or traveling to or from the said event. I specifically release and

discharge said operators and sponsors from all injuries or damages arising from any negligence on my part or any negligence that may occur based upon my physical fitness or my willingness to participate in such an event. I also give my permission for the free use of my name and pictures in any broadcast, telecast or other written account of the event.

I understand that the Lexington County Peach Festival and/or anyone connected with it shall be harmless from any and all losses, known damages, injuries, causes of action, or judgments by any parties that may occur.