

The 2nd Annual Holiday “**BLISSFUL LIGHTS**” Decorating Contest will be held on the following dates:

The purpose of the Blissful Lights program is to provide opportunities to bring neighborhood organizations together to engage in a healthy competition to lift spirits and to strengthen neighborhood relationships during the holiday season.

Entry Application Period: **11/01/17 - 11/15/17**

Judging Period: **12/5/17 - 12/6/17**

Winners Announced: **12/9/17 @ Holly Days Parade**

Please review the instructions and for further details, contact Nicole Dennis at 757-727-6648. Entry applications are available at the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services office: City Hall, 22 Lincoln Street, 5th floor, or online @ www.hampton.gov/specialevents (Beginning November 1, 2017). Participation is open to all registered neighborhood organizations with the City of Hampton Community Development Department. If your organization is not registered, you still have time to do so.

1. There is no cost to enter.
2. Hampton Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services will provide participants with ten (10) decorative lighted balls.
3. Entry Applications must be received no later than COB on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.
4. Participants will be assigned a community center location to decorate based on the district of the registered neighborhood organization.
5. Participants can decorate between 11/20/17 through 12/01/17. Please call in advance to set up time with building supervisor. (Details will be provided)
7. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done from outside the identified location.



8. Judging will be based on “curb appeal” as viewed from the street only. Therefore only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged.

9. Participants will have one or more photos of their decorated location posted on the City of Hampton website and/or published in the City of Hampton eNEWS newsletter. Participant acknowledges there will be no compensation of any kind for said posting or publication.

10. Judging criteria will include [a] unique design and creative use of light balls and decorations; [b] Storyline or theme; [c] Display and placement of decorations; and [d] overall presentation.

11. Judging will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12/05/17. Depending on the number of entries, judging may continue from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 12/06/17. All judging will be completed no later than 8:00 p.m. on 12/06/16.

12. Participants should ensure that all lights and decorations are in place and ready for judging on both nights.

13. Three prizes will be awarded: 1st prize will be Five (5) Scholarships to HCS students to attend one week of HPRLS “Summer Camp Hampton” from said organization; 2nd prize will be Five (5) Gift Certificates to HCS students to attend a complimentary “Swim Class” from said organizations; 3rd prize will be Five (5) Gift Certificates to HCS students for Annual HPRLS memberships.

14. Winners will be announced at the annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, 12/09/17 at Carousel Park located at 602 Settlers Landing Road next to the Virginia Air & Space Center. The ceremony follows the annual Holiday Parade beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m.

15. Please don't wait to register, the more organizations the BETTER!

16. Organizations must be registered with a registered neighborhood service organization. Please confirm that you are registered with the Community Development Department. You can call 757-727-6140 to register before November 15th by 5:00 pm.

17. **Please be creative, be festive, have fun!**

