

2025 Raccoon Nights of Lights Competition

Registration

Event Timing: December 15th-19th, 2025

Event Address: Throughout Raccoon Township

Contact us by text or call at (724) 650-5525 or RaccoonTwpRec@gmail.com

* Indicates required question

1. Name (First and Last)*

2. Email address where we can reach you concerning the competition.*

3. Phone number where we can reach you concerning the competition.*

4. Type of property in Raccoon Township, Beaver County, PA entering the competition.* *Mark only one.*

☐ Residential

☐ Business

☐ Other: _____

5. I have read and agree to the official rules and regulations of the *2025 Raccoon Nights of Lights Competition*.*

☐ Yes

6. I have read and agree to the waiver and release of liability form of the *2025 Raccoon Nights of Lights Competition* that must be signed and submitted to complete registration.*

☐ Yes (SIGNED paper copies must be turned in with entry fee at Raccoon Municipal Building)

7. I give Racoon Township Recreation Board permission to take and use photos of my property*

- ☐ for identification during the competition.
- ☐ for competition promotion.
- ☐ to hang on display at Racoon Twp. Municipal Bldg. should the property win.
- ☐ I do not give my permission.

8. I understand that my property will be identified with a numbered yard sign for the competition and my address (without name) will be added to a tour map and posted to the competition webpage for the use of voters. *

- ☐ Yes

9. I understand that I am not fully registered until I have a signed waiver submitted and I pay the entry fee of \$20 by November 14, 2025. Cash or check is accepted at Racoon Municipal Building. Only exact cash can be accepted after hours in the dropbox. *

- ☐ Yes

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Official Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

- **Residency:** Contestants must be residents of, or own a place of business within, Raccoon Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.
- **Entry restrictions:** Limited to one (1) entry per household and/or business. Previous winners are eligible to win.
- **Entry fees:** Contest fee is \$20 per household or business.
- **Organizer exclusions:** Contest organizers, employees of sponsoring organizations, and their immediate families are eligible to win due to the nature of the ballot system.

Display requirements

- **Visibility:** All decorations must be visible from the street, and judging is conducted from outside the residence or place of business.
- **Safety and regulations:** Displays must comply with all local housing, safety, and electrical codes. The use of hazardous materials is prohibited.
- **Timeframes:** Registration deadline is November 14, 2025. Judging begins December 15 at 6:00pm and ends December 20 at 12:00pm. Lights must be turned on by 6:00pm nightly for judging. Please be mindful of municipal building office hours when registering.
- **Yard signs:** Contest requires participants to display an official yard sign for identification during the judging period.
- **Content:** Displays should be family-friendly, suitable for public viewing, and free of political elements. While music or sound effects may be permitted, participants must adhere to local noise ordinances.

Submission process

- **Registration:** Participants are required to submit an official entry form complete with entry fee either in person at the Raccoon Township Municipal Building at 1234 PA-State Route 18, Aliquippa, PA 15001 by November 14, 2025 or online under the events tab on the Raccoon Township webpage. Please note online payment may not be available. Again, be mindful of office hours when registering. After hours submissions must be clearly labeled and contain exact change when using the dropbox.
- **Photos:** Photo submissions of the decorated home or business may be taken by a Raccoon Township Recreation Board member and submitted online when competition begins.
- **Waivers:** Entrants must sign a waiver of liability, agreeing to participate at their own risk.
- **Promotion:** Please note that Raccoon Township Recreation has permission to use photos of displays for promotional purposes.

Judging and awards

- **Judging criteria:** Judging based on several factors, including:
 - Overall appearance and "curb appeal"
 - Creativity and originality
 - Use of lights and/or other materials
 - Overall theme and spirit

- **Judging process:**
 - Judging will be done via public voting conducted online through QR codes displayed at each home and in person at the Racoon Township Municipal Building. One vote submission per person per method. Duplicate entries will disqualify voters.

- **Award categories:**
 - "Ready for the Season" Award named from Racoon Township mascot "Ready the Racoon".

- **Prizes:** Prize(s) will be announced via Facebook livestream on December 20, 2025 at 4:00pm from the Racoon Township Recreation page and winner(s) contacted immediately. Winner(s) receive(s) recognition along with a photo of the winning property displayed at Racoon Township Municipal Building as well as an official certificate to keep and a yard sign to display on the winning property.

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Waiver and Release of Liability

By submitting this entry form and participating in the Raccoon Township Parks and Rereation Annual Raccoon Nights of Lights Competition, I, the undersigned participant, and my heirs, executors, and administrators, voluntarily agree to the terms of this Waiver and Release of Liability.

1. Voluntary Participation and Assumption of Risk: I acknowledge that my participation in the Contest is voluntary. I understand that the Contest involves inherent and potential risks associated with decorating and displaying holiday lights and decorations, including but not limited to the risks of electrical failure, fire, personal injury, and property damage. By signing this waiver, I knowingly and voluntarily assume all such risks related to my participation and my decorated property.

2. Release of Liability: Participants agree to release the contest organizers and associated parties from claims, liabilities, and damages related to their participation, including injury or property damage, whether due to negligence or other causes.

3. Indemnification: Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organizers from any claims, losses, or expenses resulting from their actions or participation, including third-party claims for incidents on their property.

4. Photo and Media Release: Participants grant the organizers permission to use photos and videos of their decorated property for promotional purposes without compensation.

5. Agreement to Official Rules: By signing, participants confirm they have read, understood, and agree to the contest's Official Rules and meet eligibility requirements. They also certify they are at least 18 years old and authorized to sign on behalf of all decorators at the provided address.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____