

Williston Area Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Parade Application

Theme: The Songs of Christmas

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Parade begins @ 6:00 pm

Deadline for applications to be received Nov. 29, 2017

The Parade will begin behind the High School football field and go East on Noble Avenue to SE 6th Street and end at the City Ball Field. This is the traditional parade route.

Please review our application carefully before submitting to ensure you have included all possible information.

No Entry Fee: Except as noted

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Work: _____ Home: _____ Best time to contact _____

Description of Entry: Please describe your unit completely including the song you will be using in your unit.

Please check on unit group below and fill in blanks appropriate for that group:

____ **Float Unit:** Commercial _____ Youth Built _____ Not for Profit _____ Music: Yes _____ No _____
Approximate Length _____ Height _____ Width _____ (maximum height 14")
of persons riding on float _____ # of persons walking along side of float _____
Type of Towing Vehicle _____

- Floats must be in position and completely decorated by 5 p.m..
- All material must be properly secured to float and proper support and/or restraints provided for all riders.
- All floats and large towing vehicles must have a fire extinguisher on board and be subject to inspection by the Williston Fire Department prior to parade starting.

____ **Band Unit:** # of Musicians _____ # of Auxiliary _____ # of Buses _____ # of Chaperones _____

- Band units must play Christmas/Holiday music only and must be played for the entire parade route.
- All Band units and participants must be in correct lineup spot by 5 p.m.

____ **Marching Unit:** # of Marchers _____ # of Chaperones _____ Music Yes _____ No _____ Audio/Vehicle _____
Description of Costumes _____

____ **Motorized Unit:** # of Vehicles _____ # of Riders in Vehicles _____
Describe decorations of vehicle(s) _____

- All drivers and riders in vehicles must be in lineup spot and be ready for parade at 5 p.m.
- All vehicles must display Parade pass on the dashboard of the driver's side.

____ **Horse/Animal Unit:** # of Horses/Animals _____ # of Riders _____

- All horse/animal units must arrive into the staging area in trailers. All horse/animals must be parade ready and comfortable with noise and crowds. Off-site non-trailer and walking into the staging area is not allowed.

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The Parade rules as listed above have been developed for the safety and enjoyment of participants and spectators. Any violations of parade rules will result in the participant not being accepted into the parade for subsequent years.

Parade participants are required to clean trash from their area prior to the beginning of the parade.

Anyone participating with a horse must have a current Coggins available to show proof of good health.

I understand that any rule violation by any member of this group may result in non-acceptance into subsequent parades.

Williston Area Chamber of Commerce provides liability insurance for the protection of participants, spectators, merchants, or others who participate in the Williston Christmas Parade. In consideration of being permitted to participate in such activity, the participant does hereby release Williston Area Chamber of Commerce, its elected officials and employees, together with the County of Levy, its elected officials and employees, jointly and severally against all claims, suits, actions and causes of action brought against them, including active negligence of the people that are hereby released, and to indemnify and hold the same harmless from and against all actions, claims demands and liabilities, loss damages and expense of whatever kind of nature, including attorney fees, any of which may at any time, be incurred by myself or claimed against them by reason of my participating in the Williston Christmas Parade.

I have read the application and rules and agree to abide with the terms of this application. In signing this entry form, I do hereby release Williston Area Chamber of Commerce its elected officials and employees, the organizers of this parade, together with County of Levy, its elected officials and employees, from any and all damages or injuries sustained by reason of my unit's participation in this parade. I also agree to distribute copies of this application to all participants in this parade unit.

Printed Name

Signature

Date: _____

Requirements:

Completed and signed application DEADLINE: Nov. 29, 2017

Mail Application to: Williston Area Chamber of Commerce
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Williston, FL 32696
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Christmas Parade 2017
Rules for Participation

1. Lineup position cannot be changed once assigned.
2. No vehicles and/or riders are allowed to leave or be removed from any unit once the parade has started.
3. All units and participants must be in position for lineup and parade ready by 5 p.m.
4. No horn blowing or sirens are allowed by any units with the exception of police escort vehicles.
5. Any unit using sound must play Christmas/Holiday music only and must be played for the entire parade route.
6. No profanity, verbal or otherwise, will be tolerated by persons or on vehicles in lineup or on parade route.
7. During parade units are to maintain a safe distance of at least 10 feet from each curb and 10 feet from the unit in front of you. Units are to maintain a safe speed of 5 mph and will watch for the unit in front and behind them to maintain a smooth flow. Motorized units will be lined up 2 abreast and are required to maintain lineup for entire parade route.
8. No persons are allowed to dress, as Santa Claus in or on any unit other than the Official Santa Claus float as designated by the parade committee.
9. Candy may only be passed out by walking participants **NO THROWING PERMITTED.**
10. Any person who possesses or is under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be violating a City of Williston ordinance and will be removed from the lineup area and the parade itself.
11. Parade officials' instructions, in the staging area, on parade route and in dispersal area, must be followed. The parade committee has the right to eliminate a unit from the parade if instructions are not followed or if any unit is considered unsafe to proceed down the parade route.
12. The parade committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
13. Parade will be held, unless conditions dangerous to participants are present.
14. Three trophies will be presented to the parade's best units. Those will be awarded in the Heritage Park Pavilion during the Light Up Williston activities at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Williston's 17th Annual Christmas Parade

The Holiday season is just around the corner and the Williston Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 17th Annual Williston Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm and will be the official start of the "2016 Light up Williston Festivities". This year our parade theme is *A Christmas Past*

There will refreshments & novelties available beginning at 5:30 pm, near the pavilion in Heritage Park. Once Santa Claus arrives and brings the parade through town, he will be available for pictures, also near the pavilion. All proceeds from the evening will benefit local community projects.

If you are interested in being in the parade and would like an entry form, please contact Sharon C. Brannan, CPA, PA 352-528-6558 OR Mary @ the Chamber 352-528-5552. All entries must be received by December 1, 2016.