



Be the Inspiration

Annual Community Christmas Parade

December 1, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by: The Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club

2018 PARADE PARTICIPANTS INSTRUCTION SHEET

TOYS FOR TOTS is again participating in the community Christmas Parade. Visitors to the Parade as well as participants are encouraged to bring NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS for our Local Toys for Tots toy drive. Volunteers will be collecting the toys at the beginning of the parade.

A representative from your organization **MUST** attend a meeting on **Monday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m.** at the City of Niceville Community Center to get instructions for assembly and entry number for your parade participation. It is imperative that a representative from your group attend this meeting, so you will know where to meet the morning of the parade!

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Grand Marshal and President's Choice

First, Second, and Third Places will be awarded for:

Commercial

ADULT Club/Non-Profit /Church/ Government

YOUTH Club/Non-Profit

Best Marching/Performing Unit

PARADE ROUTE is designed to enable all entrants to complete the entire route. The parade route is from John Sims Pkwy at the intersection of Palm Blvd and goes to Partin Drive where the Parade will turn and travel down Partin between the Children's Park and Ruckel Middle School. Location of the judging stand is in the Ruckel Middle School Parking lot on Partin Drive.

ASSEMBLY TIME: 8:30 a.m.—Participants need to arrive on time, **NO EARLIER**, to the assembly area. There is a maximum of two vehicles per entry fee.

NO STOPPING DURING THE PARADE! SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT!

Build your float with safety in mind. Supervise your children carefully.

SPOTTERS In the interest of improving safety, all vehicles will be required to have a minimum of two spotters walking along side. If a float is being pulled behind a vehicle, then there must be one spotter per axle. **SPOTTERS MAY NOT THROW CANDY OR HANDOUT INFORMATION. SPOTTERS are there for safety only!**

END OF PARADE PICK-UP TRANSPORTATION: All participants will exit at the end of the parade route. Walkers will exit South on Palm Blvd and floats and automobiles will exit South on Juniper, proceeding back to parade beginning. **NO floats or automobiles** will be allowed to exit on Palm Blvd at the end of the Parade. **No one** will be allowed to exit before the end of the route.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY forms is November 23, 2018. \$10.00 Late Fees will apply!

ENTRY NUMBERS will be distributed at the **Monday, November 26th meeting, 6:00 p.m.** at the City of Niceville Community Center. Display your numbers on the **Right side** and **front windshield** in full view of the judges. Entries not clearly displaying their number will not be judged. Units comprised of vehicles and walkers should each display identifying numbers.

CANDY AND SOUVENIRS MAY BE "TOSSED" (as opposed to thrown) from parade vehicles to the crowd. Persons walking the parade route may hand out items, but the flow of the parade must not be interrupted. Candy must be individually wrapped. No items will be distributed in a manner that encourages spectators to enter the roadway (i.e. dispersing items from an automobile.)

ANIMALS IN THE PARADE: The Parade Committee will make a decision on an individual basis.

Results will be posted at the Chamber office by 3 p.m. the day of the parade. Trophies may be picked up at the Niceville Valparaiso Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting, Thursday, Dec 6th, NWFSC Student Services Bldg, Noon. Two members of each winning entry are invited to attend LUNCH and AWARDS! Winners must RSVP via e-mail: nicevalrotary@yahoo.com on or before 12-3-2018.

THE ONLY SANTA PERMITTED in the parade will be the official Santa Claus designated by the Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club as the Grand Finale of the parade.

RULES WILL BE ENFORCED Failure to abide by these rules will result in an automatic disqualification from the parade.

For further information contact the

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