

THE CITY OF DAVENPORT

NIGHT TIME CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

START TIME 6:00 PM

Entry Fee: New unwrapped gift to support Sharing Christmas with You

The City of Davenport is seeking entries that will contribute to a high-quality production and will provide an enjoyable family, friendly experience for all spectators. We ask that you take into consideration the following criteria for this year's Night Time Parade: **Winter Wonderland**

- Are colorful, entertaining and display community achievement and pride
- Represent the best our region has to offer, such as health, sports, prosperity, entertainment and/or the arts
- Promote tourism and enhance the marketing efforts of Davenport
- Support worthy causes in a creative, crowd--pleasing way
- Exemplify the wide cultural diversity of the community
- Present an attractive, cohesive, coordinated group appearance
- Add to the overall entertainment value of the parade

The City of Davenport Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to refuse entries that may be disruptive, overly loud or unruly or lack a theme, cause or family--friendly message.

Entry Type (Circle one) **Float** **Vehicle** **Walker**

Size of float: Truck: _____ Truck & trailer: _____ Car: _____ Van: _____ Marching Unit: _____ Animals: _____

ENTRY NAME: (Church/Organization/Business: _____

LENGTH OR SPACE REQUESTED (How long is your float/space of marching unit) _____

FLOAT DESCRIPTION: _____

CONTACT: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL (PLEASE!) _____

Release

The participants do hereby release from all liabilities and responsibilities, the City of Davenport Christmas Parade, from any and all liabilities arising from transactions and occurrences at the said event and agree to hold such parties forever harmless. I have read the above rules and agree to comply with them.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Mail, drop off, or email your application.

**City of Davenport
207 North Blvd. West
Davenport, FL 33837**

Phone: (863) 588-1130 or Email: Dbleiweiss@mydavenport.org

NOTE: The City of Davenport has made arrangements to have Santa included in the parade. We respectfully request that no other "Santa's" be incorporated into any participant floats. Thank you.

Safety Rules and General Information

1. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and follow instructions from police and parade officials or be barred from the parade. The City of Davenport and The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, while assembling or at any time during the parade.
2. No entries may stop forward motion except in the event of a safety precaution. A space of 10 feet between each unit will be enforced. All units are required to close gap between units when instructed by parade officials. Failure to do so may warrant removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation.
3. Drivers of vehicles in the parade areas must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and proof of liability vehicle insurance. Exception" ATVs can be operated by those age 16 or older. All golf cart entries can only have seated riders. No three-wheelers or loud dirt bikes allowed.
4. Only Christmas theme music will be allowed. No loud mufflers, sirens, fireworks, open flames, or confetti is allowed in parade.
5. Entries must be decorated according to 2023 Christmas theme. Banners must be neat and legible. No decorations and/or float construction material may protrude from the side of the float. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.
6. Participants must be costumed according to the parade theme, with no participant dressed as Santa Claus. No other Santa's are allowed to participate.
7. No participants will dismount from a float during the parade route. No body parts, particularly legs, feet, arms and hands can extend past the sides, front or rear of float.
8. All members of any marching unit should be at least 5 years old. Participants must be suitably costumed. Dress in uniform attire to easily identify walkers as a part of the same group.
9. All entries must maintain control of vehicles, riders and/or animals. All children under 16 must always have adequate adult supervision. All vehicles must maintain safe speed.
10. Candy tossed must be low to the ground, landing beyond curb of the street. No parade participant is allowed to encourage viewers to enter the parade route or advance beyond the curb of the road.
11. Parade sponsors/officials are not responsible for personal injury, lost, damaged or stolen property prior, during or after parade.
12. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle, or on any participant.
13. The City of Davenport and Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to withdraw any unit of which costume or performance does not meet the Christmas parade rules and regulations or conform to the standards of reasonable public taste and fit the parade theme.
14. All entries must stop at check-in station to receive further instructions about the parade upon arriving at the staging site. **Line-up for the parade will be at the Lewis Mathews Sports Complex at 400 E Palm Street beginning at 4:30 PM.**
15. Entry Fee will benefit 12 local Elementary Schools which will consist of a new unwrapped gift.