



The 66th Annual Winter Park "**Ye Olde Hometown**" **Christmas Parade**, the oldest Christmas Parade in Central Florida, is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2018 beginning at 9:00AM. Each year the parade attracts thousands of spectators to enjoy the pageantry of the parade as the festive holiday season begins.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **August 10** - Applications open to Chamber members
- **August 24** - Applications open to the general public
- **September 28** - Applications close
- **October 26** - Accepted applicants notified
- **November 9** - All entry payments due
- **November 30** - Mandatory meeting for all parade participant representatives

RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

- Application fee: \$125 for Chamber members and \$175 for non-members (marching bands excluded)
 - Submission of application does not guarantee parade entry. Parade will be limited to 85 entries.
 - Evaluation criteria for applicants include:
 - Order of application submission
 - Chamber membership
 - Proximity to Winter Park
 - Number of years in parade
 - Number of participants in entry, and
 - Use of float over large walking entry
 - All selected applicants will be notified by 10/26/18. Invoices will be sent out upon notification. Payment must be received by 11/9/18 or entry risks revocation of invitation into parade.
 - Refunds will not be made within two weeks of parade.
 - Parade is subject to cancellation due to weather or safety. No refunds will be issued in cases of poor weather or act of God and no rain rates will be offered for the parade.
 - Only 15 groups will be permitted to perform for judges for one minute each. Performers must supply music and speakers. Any group not adhering to the time limit risks denial of performance in future years.
 - Maximum float height is 12 feet from the group up.
 - All vehicles must be decorated or carrying dignitaries.
 - Santa characters may not appear in any parade unit.
 - For public safety, the Winter Park Police Department prohibits any item from being thrown from vehicles/floats.
 - Due to parade logistics, applications will not be accepted from political candidates or organizations. No political collateral, messaging, or signage are permitted in the parade.
 - All parade entries are required to send a representative to a mandatory meeting on 11/30/18 at 2:00pm to cover event logistics.
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