



Waterfront Winterfest Christmas Parade

November 26, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.

- Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from police and parade officials or be barred from the parade.
- Vehicles will not be allowed in the parade unless pulling a float or providing transportation for pageant entrants. Exceptions will be considered for other specialty vehicles with prior approval.
- **NO MATERIALS MAY BE THROWN ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. WALKERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAND MATERIALS TO SPECTATORS.**
- Forward movement maneuvers only by marching units are permitted. No units may stop forward motion for performances except in the areas designated by the Parade Committee. This stop may not exceed 90 seconds.
- A space of 50 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.
- Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup. All city, county and OH State statues concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced.
- Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade areas must possess a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old and possess all liability vehicle insurance.
- **Livestock, reptiles, wild and domestic animals shall not be in the parade unless special written approval by the Waterfront Winterfest Parade Committee is obtained.** If approval is granted, all horses must have someone to clean up, if necessary, along the parade route.
- Use of high intensity sound making devices is strongly discouraged. Sound of any type must be approved by the WW Parade Committee and must be at a compatible sound level. Only Christmas theme music will be allowed. Parade officials have the complete authority in this matter and reserve the right to withdraw any unit that does not comply with their instructions to turn down or turn off sound when instructed to do so. Failure to comply with the officials' instructions will result in immediate removal from the parade and jeopardize future participation.
- The WW committee 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.
- Entrants that do not appear on parade day without prior notification to parade officials or entries that do not comply with the rules and regulations jeopardize future participation in the WW Christmas Parade.
- Political campaigning is NOT permitted.

- The WW Christmas Parade Committee's decision regarding all entries is final.
- The WW Parade Committee does not accept the responsibility for travel, food or lodging expense of any unit.
- The WW Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.

FLOATS

- Only vehicles pulling floats or providing transportation for pageant entries will be allowed in the parade. Vehicles pulling floats should be incorporated as much as possible into the float and decorated accordingly.
- All entries must be decorated according to a Christmas theme. All banners must be neatly lettered and legible. Sketches of homemade floats must be submitted along with the application including all parts of the float including the towing vehicle.
- NO decorations or flat construction material may protrude from the side of the float. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.
- All floats must have handholds or standup holds for each rider on the float. Any self-propelled float must have a spotter beside the float who is in two-way communication with the float driver (e.g. two way radio).
- Participants must be costumed according to the parade theme with **NO PARTICIPANT DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS.**
- **No participants may jump on or off the float while the float is participating.** No body parts will extend beyond the side of the float.
- **The only Santa Claus in the parade will be the one secured by the WW Parade Committee.**

MARCHING BANDS/MARCHING-WALKING UNITS

- All marching units must maintain forward motion. Routines that cause gaps will not be permitted. Stopping or reversing motion will result in removal from the parade and will jeopardize future participation. Only Christmas theme music will be allowed.
- No unit may stop forward motion to perform except in areas designed. Performance stops may not last more than 90 seconds.
- If for any reason a gap of greater than 50 feet is created marching units must increase their pace to close the gap.
- All members of any marching unit should be at least 10 years old. Participants must be suitably costumed with no participant dressed as Santa. Walking groups must be dressed in uniform that easily identifies walkers as a part of the same group.
- No vehicle may accompany marching units without written approval.

LINE-UP

- All entries will be assigned a line-up number and receive further instructions about the parade via e-mail upon receipt and approval of the application.

ROUTE

The parade will form between West 10th Street and West 12th Street on Broadway. No vehicles of participants will be allowed in the formation area. Participants must be dropped at West 12th Street or West 9th Street at Broadway. The parade will proceed north on Broadway, turn west onto West Erie Avenue and then south on Washington Avenue and disband at 4th Street. Floats will be judged prior to the parade and instructions for location will be included with acceptance.