



Imagine Peace on Earth

Annual Community Christmas Parade

December 10, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by: The Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club

2022 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 front of the parade.

A representative from your organization MUST attend a meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the the 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!

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 December 2. **\$10.00 Late Fees will apply any date following 12/2/2022.**

ENTRY NUMBERS will be distributed at the **Tuesday, December 6th meeting, 6:00 p.m.** at the 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 will be presented at the Niceville Valparaiso Rotary Club Meeting, Monday, Dec 12th, PROPS ALE HOUSE, 5:30pm. Two members of each winning entry are invited to attend SOCIAL and AWARDS! Winners are request to RSVP via e-mail: nicevalrotary@yahoo.com on or before **NOON** December 12th.

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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Register and Pay On-Line at <https://www.nicevillevalparaisorotary.org/>



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