



Dade City Christmas Parade Participant Information and Waiver

ANYONE PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE IS REQUIRED TO READ AND SIGN WAIVER

**PRESENTED AND ORGANIZED BY THE PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM AND VILLAGE
A CHILDREN'S NIGHT PARADE!**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Lineup is 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

This parade emphasizes the spirit of the season and was developed with the focus of entertaining our local children. The Pioneer Florida Museum will carry on in Dade City Christmas Parade tradition and set the priority to entries that will involve or entertain children.

PARADE APPLICATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025, 5 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS.

PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANT SAFETY

All City Ordinances, State & Federal laws shall be adhered to by ALL participants. Entries should observe applicable rules and regulations or be barred from the parade. The Christmas Parade Committee reserves the right to remove from the parade, at any time, any entrant not conforming to rules and regulations or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials. Entries should be approved by the Christmas Parade Committee before entering the line of the parade march. The following is a list of rules and regulations.

FLOAT INSPECTION AND SAFETY MEETING

- 1. A safety meeting for entries is MANDATORY and will be conducted during line up INSPECTION. The float driver and all safety must be present. Make sure your driver fully understands the rules and regulations. All motor vehicles must have AND PRESENT a licensed driver, valid tag and insurance.**
- 2. The committee requires inspection of floats prior to the parade. Float inspections may be done in the staging area. Entries should be in your assigned spot no later than 6:15 pm the night of the parade.**
- 3. A review of driver and vehicle suitability is conducted before the parade begins. Be prepared to make necessary adjustments or your presentation may be barred from participation. Entry will be turned away if not fully decorated with lights and a Christmas Theme for children, if music is inappropriate or the entry is not in compliance with any of the other rules or regulations.**
- 4. The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse to allow any unit in the parade after inspection is done during line up based on inappropriateness, aesthetics, and/or safety reasons. There is NO REFUND AND NO APPEALS PROCESS.**



COSTUMING RULES

- 1. No Santa Claus suits are allowed, as not to confuse children. Santa is the last entry in the parade to greet children.**
- 2. Parade entries, except equestrian, clowns, bands, marching units, drill teams and colorful performing groups, should follow the theme.**
- 3. Adults, children and walkers should be in costumes, preferably with lights, pertaining to their float theme.**
- 4. Individuals and organizations are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with safety in mind during the parade.**
- 5. It is the responsibility of the parade entries and parents with children participating in the parade to make necessary arrangements to have children met and picked-up at designated points.**

FLOAT SPECIFICATIONS, OCCUPANCY AND SAFETY

- 1. Float size: Professional and home-built; motor driven or pulled (NOT JUST A SINGLE VEHICLE). Maximum size of these units (excluding tow vehicles) is 40 ft. length, 8 ft. width, 12 ft. 6 inches' height from the road surface (Maximum height is up to 12 ft. 6 in. including standing riders.)**
- 2. Floats and trailers should be within 6 inches in height from the street level or skirted completely to within 6 inches of the ground.**
- 3. Float tire wells must be covered with plywood. All tire wells shall be covered by 60% with plywood. The use of welded wire or any wire is prohibited. Deck-over type trailers shall comply with this rule also. No exceptions.**
- 4. All towing vehicles (the trailer) must be equipped with a tow bar, safety chains, and WORKING brake lights.**
- 5. Safety bars, railing or stable structure must be provided for persons standing or riding on the unit. Floats with riders should have rails or sides no less than 3 feet high.**
- 6. Unit Spacing - Units must allow 8 ft. spacing between units and curb for public safety operations. Units are to maintain 2 car lengths (about 20 feet) between groups for safety and continuity of the parade. All parade vehicles/floats must be able to make a 90° degree turn. Please, do not crowd other units. All drivers should leave enough space to come to a slow stop. Headlights off.**
- 7. All children riding on a float must be supervised by at least two responsible adults.**
- 8. Please do not overcrowd your float with riders. No more than 20 people should occupy a float, depending on size. Parade officials reserve the right to limit riders based on float size.**
- 9. Single vehicle entries may not be allowed unless they are carrying an elected public official or VIP with prior approval.**
- 10. All decorative materials used should be fire resistant or flame retardant**



FIRE SAFETY: All motorized apparatus must have a fire extinguisher with a minimum UL rating of 2-A-10B:C that is accessible to the operator. No smoking is permitted on floats and parade vehicles. No open flames are permitted on floats and/or parade vehicles. No flammable or combustible liquids are permitted on floats and parade vehicles. If a gasoline-powered electrical generator is used and is located on the float (rather than on a trailer), a second 2-A-10B:C fire extinguisher must be located near the generator.

12. If enclosed, a driver and all passengers must have a minimum of two escape routes.

13. Floats and trailers should have Safety chaperones walk beside each tire. A minimum of 4 Safety chaperones per float. (Additional 3 safety chaperones for any walkers).

14. Candy, beads and things: No one may throw or spray objects of any kind, including water. Walkers may hand out items to the public curbside and NOT in the center roadway.

15. No air horns, horn blowing, fireworks permitted.

16. NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO ENTER, EXIT OR APPROACH THE FLOAT ONCE THE PARADE HAS STARTED. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DISBAND from the parade before reaching the end of the parade. doing so will forfeit all privileges, including future application acceptance. This is for the safety of all. Return to your starting point.

17. Units may not stop at any time during the parade. Please safely keep up with the parade flow.

18. TRASH - All entries must bring trash bags or receptacles and remove all trash from the line-up location.

HORSE AND WAGON UNITS

1. Horse/Wagon units will be accepted at the discretion of the parade committee - with a maximum of 10 animals per unit allowed. Live animal units shall be followed by 1-2 clean up persons.

2. Horse/Wagon units must submit a certificate of liability insurance listing the Pioneer Florida Museum and the City of Dade City as additional insured.

3. No one may throw or spray objects of any kind, including water. Walkers may hand out items to the public curbside and NOT in the center roadway.

4. Horse/Wagon units - Wagon Drivers must be 18 yrs. of age

5. Open horse wagons carrying people in the back are required to have some sort of safety railing.

6. Horse/Wagon units are required to remove their animal immediately if it experiences distress or control issues.

7. Live animal units shall be followed by 1-2 clean up persons in a high visibility, reflective safety vest.

8. Safety shall accompany Horse/Wagon units one Safety Chaperone on each side of the unit



WALKER SAFETY

- 1. Walkers will have at least 3 Safety chaperones , one on each side and one behind the walkers.**
- 2. No strollers or wagons pulling children are allowed on the parade route.**
- 3. MARCHING BAND/PERFORMANCE UNITS - (Professional, Public, Private - School Affiliate). Only ONE VERY SMALL support unit of hand, electric, or motorized type allowed to follow behind the band unit or performance unit to generate music. - DRILL TEAMS (Professional, Public, Private - School Affiliate) may perform in conjunction with marching band units.**
- 4. TRASH - All entries must bring trash bags or receptacles and remove all trash from the line-up location.**
- 5. Walkers may HAND OUT items at CURBSIDE (candy, beads, etc.). They must be 13 or older to pass out items and keep up with the parade pace. Under no circumstances is anyone to throw an item from a float or vehicle.**

SAFETY CHAPERONES

- 1. Safety chaperones shall accompany EVERY ENTRY. Floats and trailers should have Safety chaperones walk beside each tire. A minimum of 4 Safety chaperones per float. Walkers will have at least 3 Safety chaperones , one on each side and one behind the walkers. Horse/Wagon units one Safety Chaperone on each side of the unit. (Live animal units shall be followed by 1-2 clean up persons.)**
- 2. Safety chaperones may not hand out anything during the parade.**
- 3. Safety chaperones must be focused on keeping their area and surrounding areas safe for spectators and parade participants.**
- 4. ALL Safety chaperones must be in a high visibility, reflective safety vest (you must provide your own vest)**

EMERGENCIES Call 911



Parade Entry Name: _____

DADE CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE DISCLAIMER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT Signatures required for all participants. Email Signed pages to pioneerfloridamuseum@gmail.com and PFMFrontDesk@gmail.com

***Everyone participating in the parade must sign the Christmas Parade Disclaimer and Hold Harmless Agreement below. *If the participant is a child under 18 years old, a parent or guardian must sign.**

The undersigned agrees that they have read and understand the Rules and Regulations set forth for this PARADE and agrees to comply as described. The undersigned also understands failure to comply will result in a direct order to vacate the PARADE. PARADE PARTICIPANT shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION and THE CITY OF DADE CITY and all of their officers, agents, volunteers, and employees from and against all claims, liability, loss and expense, including reasonable costs, collection expenses, attorney's fees, and court costs which may arise because of the negligence (whether active or passive), misconduct, or other fault, in whole or in part (whether joint, concurrent, or contributing), of PARADE PARTICIPANT, its officers, agents or employees in performance or non-performance of its obligations under the Agreement. PARADE PARTICIPANT recognizes the broad nature of this indemnification and hold harmless clause, as well as the provision of a legal defense to PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION and THE CITY OF DADE CITY when necessary, and voluntarily makes this covenant and expressly acknowledges the receipt of such good and valuable consideration provided by PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION and THE CITY OF DADE CITY in support of these indemnification, legal defense and hold harmless contractual obligations in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. This clause shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Compliance with any insurance requirements required elsewhere within this Agreement shall not relieve PARADE PARTICIPANT of its liability and obligation to defend, hold harmless and indemnify PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION and THE CITY OF DADE CITY as set forth in this article of the Agreement. By signing this application, I understand this disclaimer. I certify that I have fully read the above Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by all of the terms and conditions. I/we certify that individuals will not be barred from participation in the PARADE due to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, or physical impairment. PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE - Participating units release the rights to all images taken of parade entries and participants to PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM. PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM may display, publish, alter, or reproduce the images acquired for any use, including but not limited to display through social media, news coverage, marketing material design and/or any application as determined by the PIONEER FLORIDA MUSEUM. If the participant is a child under 18 years old, a parent or guardian must sign:

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