

**2018 Town of Winterville Christmas Parade**

**December 8, 2018**

**Rain Date: December 15, 2018; same time**

**Time: 2:00 pm**

**Dear Participant(s)**

Thank you for participating in the 2018 Winterville Christmas Parade. We hope that you have a wonderful time!

**Parade Line-up & Procedures**

Please do your best to be on time (1:00 p.m.) and inform all participants riding/walking in the parade to be familiar with the procedures.

All bands (only) should park in the Winterville Recreation Park parking lot located at 332 Sylvania Street, entering Sylvania Street off of Ange St. All bands will line up on Sylvania St. **All other participants should enter the park at the intersection of Ange St. and Division St. There is parking on Division St. where you can load float participants.** Upon loading you should proceed down Division St. towards Church St. where a department representative will place you in the lineup. All late arrivals will be placed at the back of the parade, which we anticipate will be at or near Laurie Ellis and Church St. Additional parking to consider is Church St Ext. in the Winterville Operations Center Parking Lot (2936 Church Street). **The section of Church Street from Blount Street to Sylvania Street becomes extremely congested around 1:00 p.m. Please do not use this area as a location for your group to meet.**

Church St. will be closed from Sylvania to Division St. from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Due to the congestion of Church Street, between Cooper Street and Laurie Ellis Road, it is recommended for groups and individuals to avoid these areas for drop-off.

**Parade Tips & Regulations**

Please have float and participants prepared before you arrive. This will ease traffic flow due to limited parking.

**Inform everyone associated with your parade float when and where to meet.** Parade staff is unaware of each group's staging site.

All participants **MUST** have some type of Christmas Spirit!!! Christmas Decorations, Christmas Music, Christmas Costumes, etc...

Please be aware of your surroundings. **When throwing candy please throw to side of street.** Kids may run into the street in search of candy!

Be patient! Parades move slowly. Try to keep pace, if you slow down, you slow everyone behind you.

If you have music, please be respectful of parade patrons and other participants. No one likes constant loud music.

**No loud horns, sirens, or revving engines.**

No confetti, streamers, or similar items may be thrown or shot from parade floats.

Be safe, and have fun!

**Arrival Times**

Winterville Recreation Staff recommends that all participants arrive around 1pm to make sure everyone has an adequate amount of time to line up for the parade. Please communicate with all participants of information concerning meeting locations. Remember, if you arrive late you will be placed at the end of the Parade!

**Merry Christmas and we hope to see you next year!!!**