Fenelon Santa Claus Parade

Start Time: 5:00pm

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Safety & Procedures

- All entries shall be decorated with lighted materials.
- Driver must have clear vision forward and to the sides.
- Railings or handbars must be provided for all riders who are standing. All children must be seated and be secured in their seats.
- **NO** SANTAS or MRS. CLAUS – One in the parade is enough; we don't want to confuse the kids.
- Each entry must have its own insurance coverage and agrees, by participating in the parade, to hold the Fenelon Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Claus Parade Committee and the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes **free of liability** for any accident or injury caused by or involving a unit and its vehicles, animals, or people.
- If you are giving out candy or anything else NO THROWING, have walkers move to the people and handout items'
- **NO** OPEN FLAMES like candles or sparklers.
- NO AIR HORNS >> they will be used by emergency vehicles if needed. Sirens are okay.
- THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY ENTRY TO LATE OR INAPPROPRIATE FLOATS.
- LINE-UP -Please be in place by **4:00 PM** >> Registration & Line-up will be between **2 and 4 PM**

  -Bands and Dignitaries will assemble at Home Hardware/Ultramar

  -**All other entries will enter at Elliot Street (Tim Horton's); proceed to Wychwood where a Marshall will direct you into position. The parade moves up to Ultramar at 4:40 pm. BE READY!**

  -At 2:00 pm Wychwood @ West Street will be CLOSED to entry traffic from West Street.

  -Pick up your entry number from the Parade Marshalls at the corner of Wychwood Cres. & Ellice St. before taking your position. It should be displayed on the windshield on the left-hand side. These numbers are important for the judges and announcer.
  The parade marshals will tell you when it is time to move up for the start of the parade.

  It is important for the driver of the float to know where the float is to go following the parade so there are no delays at the top of town.

- PARADE -**Spacing is very important** for the public's viewing pleasure and to give our judges adequate time to assess all entrants.
  -To maintain proper spacing please cooperate with the Parade Marshals if they request you speed up or slow down. Maintain the spacing established at the start of the parade. **(Approx. 50 ft.)**
- EMERGENCY - In the event of an emergency your marshal will give you directions. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE STOP ON THE BRIDGE. If an

emergency occurs we will be moving to the right hand side of the road and you are to stop. The parade will not proceed until an all clear is given. When your marshal gives you the OK proceed back to the center of the road and check your spacing with the float in front of you.

- DISPERSAL -Walkers will go straight ahead to the Ballpark. Dispersal Marshalls will do their best to direct floats to your drop off site. Floats may download at the Ultramar exiting Fenelon to the east. Or some may wish to be directed along Princess St to John St.
  - In any case…DO NOT STOP >> MANY FLOATS BEHIND YOU NEED SPACE TO LEAVE THE PARADE ROUTE.

OBEY THE PARADE MARSHALS AT ALL TIMES

Creative tips & Sources

- Use Chicken wire with 2 x 2 inch wooden framing to create shapes or the illusion of buildings, etc. Lights can be fastened to the wire with cable ties or twist ties.
- Frame work or supports that you don't want seen can be painted black to disappear at night.
- Foil can be used to cover objects or framing to reflect light. Industrial foil is available at lumber yards.
- If you are using a truck or a trailer a skirt around the bottom will improve the appearance of your float.
- Outdoor lighting should be used at all times.
- Chase lighting can be used to create movement.
- Rope lighting is very effective and can be used to create outlines of characters.
- Spot lights can be used effectively with reflective materials like foil and garland.
- If you are using spotlights try to aim them up or in on your display so that they do not shine in spectators eyes.
- Balloons can be used very effectively. They can be foil to be reflective or regular balloons that light will shine through. Glow sticks can be used inside balloons.
- Garden light systems like "Noma" can be powered by 12 volt systems.
- To have music on your float use a large amplifier and speakers, "ghetto blaster" type systems do not have enough power. Be sure to aim speakers to the side so that you will not interfere with other floats. Electric pianos and organs can also be used with amplifiers, as can singers.
- Smoke machines can create an intriguing effect.
- Fans can be used to strategically create movement to garland, tinsel and balloons.
- Movement can be created with simple turntables or teeter totters.
- Colored plastic film with lights shining through can create a nice effect.
- LET YOUR IMAGINATION GO AND MANY MORE IDEAS WILL COME TO MIND AND REMEMBER IT IS A NIGHT TIME PARADE – USE LOTS OF LIGHTS.

A few suggested sources.

- All the area Rental Stores have generators at reasonable prices. Seabrook Rent-All in Lindsay, Just Ask Rentals in Bobcaygeon, and Dalemar Rentals in Oakwood.
- Home Depot carries the high quality rope lighting. 12 volt lights and 110 volt lights can be purchased at Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, MAP, and many other sources.
- Van Halteren Music Centre in Lindsay has 12 volt PA systems, 110 PA systems, various stage lighting and a smoke machine with prices starting around $40.00.
- Remember to check out Party supplies for foils and other ideas.
- www.astroparade.com
- www.dekralite.com

Have Fun ***Be Creative*** ***Wave to the crowd***

Thank you for participating, your involvement is vital to the success of our parade.