

JTAA Holiday Parade

FREQUENTLY ASKED PARADE QUESTIONS

Q: When and where is the parade?

A: The parade is on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 1:00 pm

On Old Dixie Highway just west of the railroad tracks, between Center Street and Indiantown Road. The parade will step off on to Center Street cross the railroad tracks follow route Alt. A1A north to Tequesta. The reviewing stand, is located on Old Dixie Highway in the CEMEX (formerly Rinker's Cement) Parking lot. The parade will turn right on to Bridge Road and will disburse from there.

Q: What is the 2009 parade Theme?

A: **"Toys on Parade"** This year's theme was chosen because it brings childhood toys to life. It's fun, family-oriented, and allows for a lot of creativity on the part of parade participants.

Q: Can anyone enter in the parade?

A: Yes. The parade is open to all people, groups, organizations and business in the community. The parade is designed as a community and family event. However, the Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry if it is deemed unsuitable.

Q: Can I display my company sign?

A: Yes. Feel free to decorate your business or private vehicle. If you would like feel free to distribute your company information or discount coupons etc.

Q: Is there an entry fee?

A: Yes, A new unwrapped toy (or toys, shop with your heart) to be donated to the US Marines TOYS FOR TOTS is required. All toys will be collected in the staging area.

Q: When do we line-up for the parade?

A: Staging will take place on Old Dixie Highway, between Indiantown Road and Center Street. Staging begins at 11:00 AM for those needing a little extra time for set up. All floats to be judged MUST be in place by 12 noon!

Q: Do I have to have a float to be in the parade?

A: NO All Walkers, people on bikes, riding in cars are welcomed.

Q: How long does the parade last?

A: Approximately 1½ to 2 hours from any given point.

Q: What is the Distance of the parade?

A: Approximately 1½ miles in length.

Q: We are in the parade. How do we get back to the beginning of the parade route?

A: Coordinate this with person organizing your entry.

Q: Will free water be available?

A: No. Bring your own along with sunscreen and other protection from the sun.

Q: Will there be bathrooms available?

A: Portable restrooms are available in the Staging area (Old Dixie Highway, between Indiantown Road and Center Street) Also at the end of the parade on Bridge Road in Tequesta

Q: Our entry is a children's group, can their parents walk along side during the parade?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I hand out literature or candy, etc.?

A: Tossing of any items, including candy is prohibited. Due to safety precautions, tossing of candy or any items is not encouraged. If you are giving out candy or other items you must have walkers hand the items to the spectators along the parade route.

Q: Can we have Santa Claus in our entry?

A: No. Santa Claus is the guest of honor for the Holiday Parade and he has already found a float to ride on. Do not put a Santa on your float since we all know that there can only be one! Only inanimate caricatures will be allowed.

Q: Where should I drop off my children and pick them up?

A: Coordinate a drop off and pick up location with the person organizing your entry.

Q: Is there parking designated for parade entries?

A: Yes. There is public parking on all side streets, leading to the staging area.

Q: What types of vehicles are allowed in the parade?

A: Business or private cars, bicycles, scooters, motorbikes, flat bed floats — or your own two feet! Anyone is welcome to be a part of the parade.

Q: Can I include animals in my Parade Entry?

A: We do welcome animals within the following parameters for the health and safety of participants. Animals must remain 100% supervised and "contained" by leash, cage, or rider/reigns at ALL TIMES. All parade entries with animals must have a plan for the removal of animal waste.

Q: How often can we perform along the parade route?

A: If a performance is a part of your parade presentation, we ask that you limit yourself to 60 second performances at the reviewing stand located on Old Dixie Highway in the CEMEX (formerly Rinker's Cement) Parking lot. Gymnastics, dance, and cheerleading type performances that must stop along the parade route seriously delays the parade progression. Bands or a performance that can be performed during continuous movement is acceptable and encouraged.

Q: When can I find out my assigned Parade #?

A: There will be a MANDATORY MEETING: All entries MUST send at least one representative. On Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm at the Jupiter Community Center (210 Military Trail) for the purpose of passing out parade line-up information and to clarify all aspects of the parade.

Q: How is placement in the parade determined?

A: There is a protocol for placement. We try to place entries according to date their application is received, and try to spread similar type units evenly through out the parade. We also try to make sure performing units are spaced through out the parade, and try to place units playing music in between units that do not play music or make noise. If you have a special request for placement, please let me know. I will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Q: What happens if it rains?

A: The parade will only be canceled due to heavy rains. If the event is canceled it will not be rescheduled. Cancellation information will be available after 11:00 am the day of the event by calling (561) 746-1722.

Q: When will Prize Winners be announced?

A: Completion of parade. Plaque plus prize money can be picked up immediately after the parade or at the Jupiter Community Center starting the Monday after the parade.

