

Charlotte County Chamber 45th Annual Christmas Parade

Tropical Christmas

Saturday, December 9, 2023
12 noon



Tropical Christmas is our theme this year.

Awards: First, Second and Third Place winners in each category:

- Best Float (flatbed or trailer)
- Best Decorated Car or Pick Up Truck
- Best Marching / Performing Unit

Awards will be announced and presented at the **Third Wednesday Coffee on December 20, 2023.**

Deadline and Fees: Please respond immediately to reserve your space. Complete the registration form and **send by November 10th** with your payment to:

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Janet Caffee
2702 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

For Profit organization: \$50.00

Nonprofit organization: \$35.00

Official School Band: no charge

Add \$5.00 for each horse

Staging Area: Charlotte Performing Arts Center
701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda

The staging area will be laid out in numerical order. Each position in the parade is marked. Prior to the parade you will receive your staging number. **Please be sure to inform all members of your group the assigned number in advance of the parade.** There will be volunteers who will have the parade staging order on a print out, should anyone need directions on December 9th.

Shuttle Service: For ease of traffic flow, a one-way shuttle service will be provided for parade participants from the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center disbanding area to the staging area at Charlotte Performing Arts Center. We encourage all participants to use this service, starting at 9:30 a.m. **BE ON TIME - THE SHUTTLE STOPS AT 11:30 a.m.**

Parade Day Schedule: To ensure your unit will participate in the parade, participants should plan to arrive at the staging area according to the following schedule:

Floats (flatbeds, semis or trailers): Arrive no later than 9:00 a.m.

Cars, Pick Up Trucks: Arrive no later than 10:30 a.m.

Band Members: Arrive no later than 11:00 a.m.

Dignitaries: Arrive no later than 11:00 a.m.

Marching/Performing Units and Horses: Arrive no later than 11:15 a.m.

Parade Route: The parade route will leave Charlotte Performing Arts Center on Carmalita Street, then head north on Taylor Road, and proceed to the Event Center parking lot for disbanding. The judging area is in front of Centennial Bank.

Disbanding Area: The Event Center parking lot will be the disbanding area. Arrangements for PICK UP should be made well in advance and are the responsibility of each entry's group leaders.

Rain Date / Cancellations: Due to the number of public safety personnel, volunteers, parents and children, road closures and more involved in the parade, it is not possible to have a rain date. Cancellations after November 20th will not be refunded.

Please Note: No candy, coins or souvenirs are to be thrown by or distributed from the parade participants to the crowd due to insurance regulations.

Insurance: Please provide us with proof of liability insurance and have your insurance company name the Chamber as an additional insured on your policy for this event.

For more information, call the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce at 941-627-2222.

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Please Print or Type

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check the category in which you would like to be judged:

Float (Semi/Flatbed/Trailer)

Estimated length of entry

tow vehicle _____ ft. / trailer _____ ft.

Total feet _____ and _____ walkers

Marching/Performing

Number of Members in Unit

Decorated Car or Pick-Up

Estimated length of entry

_____ ft. and _____ walkers

Please provide a brief biography of your group / entry to be read during the parade by the Master of Ceremonies. (50 words or fewer)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS NOVEMBER 10, 2023

for profit \$50 non-profit \$35 (Add \$5.00 for each horse) Total \$ _____

Charge my card # _____ Exp _____ CVV _____

Name on Card _____

Credit Card Billing Address _____

Fax to 941-627-9730 or scan and email to JCaffee@charlottecountychamber.org

Or mail a check to: Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, 2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
or register online at charlottecountychamber.org

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