



Holiday Happiness



Help us celebrate the holiday season at the **Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce's 39th Annual Christmas Parade!**

*Holiday Happiness...*is our theme this year.

Dazzle the crowd in downtown Punta Gorda with your very best float, decorated car, performing or marching unit on **Saturday, December 9, 2017 at noon.**

Awards will be presented to first, second and third place winners in a variety of categories: Best Float (flatbeds or trailers), Best Decorated Car or Pickup Truck, and Best Marching/Performing Unit. The awards will be announced and presented at the Third Wednesday Coffee on December 20, 2017.

Don't forget, the only Santa permitted in the parade will be the official Santa Claus designated by the Chamber.

Please respond immediately to reserve your space. Complete the registration form below, include a check in the proper amount (profit organizations - \$35.00; nonprofit organizations - \$20.00; Add \$5.00 for each horse; official school band - no charge) and mail by November 12 to:

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
2702 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Questions? Call 941-627-2222.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Float (Semi/Flatbed/Trailer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marching/Performing Unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorated Car or Pick-up
Estimated length of entry including tow vehicle: _____ FT trailer: _____ FT	Number of Members in Unit: _____	Estimated Length of Entry: _____ FT and _____ walkers
Total Feet _____ and _____ walkers		

Amount Enclosed: for profit _____ \$35 non-profit _____ \$20 (Add \$5.00 for each horse) Total: \$ _____
or register online at in the Chamber Store at www.charlottecountychamber.org and fax your description to 941-627-9730

Good little boys and girls will complete the reverse side of this form!

PARADE INFORMATION

STAGING AREA: WE WILL STAGE THE PARADE AT CHARLOTTE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 701 CARMALITA STEEET, 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 9.

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!**

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/Pickup 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/Horses: Arrive no later than 11:15 a.m.



PARADE ROUTE:

The parade will leave Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 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. 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 22 will not be refunded.

PLEASE NOTE: NO CANDY, COINS, OR SOUVENIRS ARE TO BE THROWN BY OR DISTRIBUTED FROM PARADE PARTICIPANTS TO THE CROWD DUE TO INSURANCE REGULATIONS. 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.

Please provide a **brief** biography of your group/entry to be read during the parade by the Master of Ceremonies:
