

**Christmas in Ida
Parade of Lights
Information and Rules**

Parade Day Schedule:

3:00 P. M. Parade Line-up at Ida Public Schools
5:00 P. M. Unit Judging Begins
5:30 P. M. No Outbound Traffic Exiting the School Grounds
6:30 P. M. Fireworks Show
6:30 P. M. Pre-Parade Show at television stage
7:00 P. M. Parade Kicks-off

- ❖ Parade lineup is at the Ida Public Schools. **Please use the Ida School Bus South Drive (on Lewis Ave. south of the BlueStreak Snac Shop) to enter the school grounds.** The school will be open for your convenience and food vendors are available.
- ❖ Indoor storage can be attained prior to event day on a first come, first serve basis.
- ❖ The first 120 units (floats, lighted units, farm implements, music and marching units) will be given priority over single car/truck entries.
- ❖ Commercial entries shall be limited to one (1) unit when hosting another group.
- ❖ **All units must be decorated with satisfactory lights.**
- ❖ Parade Line-up officials will be wearing reflective vests.
- ❖ Because of large crowds, it is best to car pool and remain at the school after the parade to allow for traffic to subside.
- ❖ **For safety concerns, absolutely no throwing of candy, however walkers can hand out candy alongside their unit.**
- ❖ **Units with walkers should not walk between television cameras and the parade unit.**
- ❖ The parade route starts in front of the Ida Elementary School on Ida St, to Mill St, to Ida East Rd and onto Lewis, ending at the Ida Public School South Drive
- ❖ Upon your return to school from the parade route, please proceed the east side of the parking lot, not to block incoming parade units from the parade route. Parade officials will direct you through the lot.
- ❖ **Please attach your unit number to the right side of your parade unit. The left side (driver side) will be on the television camera side.**

Important Notes:

The parade organization shall provide Santa and Mrs. Claus, absolutely no other Santa's or Mrs. Claus's shall be permitted and will be ask to remove themselves from the parade.

The Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights Committee reserves the right to inspect all parade units prior to the parade for conformance to regulations and rules, and to reject entries that do not conform to regulations and rules or that is not in the best interest or representation of the Christmas in Ida Festival and Parade of Lights as deemed by the Parade of Lights Committee.

The Parade Committee will confirm all unit entries by email.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact Dale Zorn (contact information below)

Submit Entry Form by Nov. 20th to:
Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights
P. O. Box 27
Ida, Michigan 48140

For Parade Inquiries Contact:
Bob Knabusch, Parade Chairman
2922 Lewis Ave.
Ida, Michigan 48140 (w) 734-269-3670

Submit by emailed to: dwz@chartermi.net
Submit by fax: 734-269-2281

For Festival or Parade Information Contact:
Dale W. Zorn, Executive Director
Email: dwz@chartermi.net
(h) 734-269-617 (c) 734-735-0576