



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

Fox Toledo will be broadcasting the parade on network and cable television, please provide as much information as possible on the entry and information form (all units) and return it by **Monday, November 16, 2009.**

- ❖ FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, THE SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN AND FOOD VENDORS WILL BE AVAILABLE.
- ❖ 4:00 P.M. – PARADE LINEUP IS AT THE IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- ❖ 5:00 P.M. - UNIT JUDGING BEGINS
- ❖ 5:30 P.M. - THERE WILL BE NO OUTBOUND TRAFFIC EXITING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
- ❖ 6:30 P.M. - FIREWORKS SHOW
- ❖ 7:00 P.M. - PARADE KICK-OFF
- ❖ PARADE BEGINS, RETURNS AND ENDS AT THE IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
- ❖ INDOOR STORAGE CAN BE ATTAINED PRIOR TO EVENT DAY ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS
- ❖ THE FIRST 130 UNITS INCLUDES, but ARE NOT LIMITED TO, FLOATS, FARM IMPLEMENTS, SHOW TRUCKS, MUSIC AND MARCHING UNITS WILL BE GIVEN ENTRY PRIORITY OVER SINGLE/CAR/PICKUP ENTRIES.
- ❖ COMMERCIAL ENTRIES SHALL BE LIMITED TO ONE (1) UNIT HOSTING ANOTHER GROUP.
- ❖ THE PARADE COMMITTEE WILL CONFIRM ALL ENTRIES BY TELEPHONE.  
ALL UNITS MUST BE DECORATED WITH SATISFACTORY LIGHTS. ALL LIGHTED UNITS ARE REQUESTED TO REMAIN AT THE SCHOOL AFTER THE PARADE FOR PICTURES UNTIL 10:00 P.M. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REQUESTS FROM VISITORS AND MEDIA FOR STATIONARY PHOTOGRAPHS.
- ❖ FOR SAFETY REASONS: NO THROWING OF CANDY, WALKERS MAY HAND OUT CANDY WITH THE UNIT.
- ❖ UPON YOUR RETURN TO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT AFTER THE PARADE, PLEASE PROCEED TO THE VERY EAST SIDE OF THE LOT TO ENABLE INCOMING FLOATS ROOM TO RETURN. PARADE OFFICIALS WILL DIRECT YOU THROUGH THE PARKING LOT.
- ❖ PARADE OFFICIALS WILL BE WEARING REFLECTIVE VESTS.
- ❖ BECAUSE OF LARGE CROWDS (30,000 VISITORS ATTENDED THE 2008 PARADE) AND CONGESTED TRAFFIC, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CAR POOL AND REMAIN AT THE SCHOOL AFTER THE PARADE TO ALLOW TRAFFIC TO SUBSIDE.
- ❖ THE PARADE ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS.
- ❖ **Any Other Santa or Mrs. Claus Shall Be Strictly Prohibited**
- ❖ RAIN DATE IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AND WILL FOLLOW SATURDAY'S SCHEDULED TIMES.

The Christmas in Ida Festival Board Reserves the Right to Inspect All Units Prior to Parade for Conformance to Regulations and Rules.

## **Direct All Parade Inquires and Completed**

### **Entry Forms by Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to:**

Dale W, Zorn, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 2  
Ida, Michigan 48140  
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(f) 734-269-2281

## **For Other Parade Information Contact:**

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