



Great Expectations

Toronto Christmas Parade



Focus in Toronto, is orchestrating the Annual Toronto Christmas Parade. We are once again co-sponsoring this event with the Toronto Area Chamber of Commerce.

You are cordially invited to participate in our annual Christmas Parade

Saturday - December 5, 2009 at 5:30 pm

In a few short years, Toronto's Annual Christmas parade has become one of the largest, most successful Christmas parades in the Ohio Valley. Focus In Toronto has not only met the challenge of restoring the parade to its original grandeur, we've surpassed our every goal. Please join us this year in making the 2009 Christmas Parade better than ever. We promise – you won't be disappointed.

In keeping with Toronto's Dickens tradition, the parade has been dubbed "Great Expectations." However, floats and entries need not follow the Dickens theme. We strongly encourage imagination and creativity in entries.

Please Note: This is an early evening parade and the use of Christmas lights in the design of your floats and entries is not required but is encouraged.

Prizes will include:
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Cash Awards - Floats
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Trophies – Dance/Gymnastics/Performance
Participation Trophies – High School & Middle School Bands

"Pictures with Santa" will be held in the Gazebo/Commons Area immediately following the Parade. Additional events taking place throughout the day will be announced as plans are finalized.

The parade will be broadcast on Jefferson County Cable several times during the Holiday Season. The viewing schedule will be released when dates and times are finalized. The parade will also be available on DVD. You can contact us for ordering information or visit FocusInToronto.com for details.

Please be mindful of the following rules:

For their safety, children under 5 are not permitted to march and must be on a float or in a vehicle.

DO NOT include a live Santa in your entry. Santa will arrive at the end of the parade. We don't want to confuse the little ones. We reserve the right to deny entry to any "live Santa."

Horses are welcomed. However, you must provide your own clean up crew to follow your entry.

*Dance/performance groups are permitted to stop for a maximum of one minute in front of the judge's stand. **Please adjust any routines accordingly.** We cannot allow the parade to back up and come to a stand still. In an effort to keep the parade moving along at an acceptable pace, **this rule will be strictly enforced.** Entries other than performance groups are not permitted to stop at the judge's stand. Please keep moving.*

Come help us light up the night, for Toronto's "2009 Great Expectations" Christmas Parade!

Sincerely,

Focus in Toronto Parade Committee

2009 Toronto Christmas Parade - ENTRY FORM

Name of Organization/Business: _____
(Name exactly as it will appear on TV and Parade Video)

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Contact Phone Number: _____ **Alternate Number:** _____

Email: _____ **Fax:** _____
(optional) (optional)

Type of Entry: Please mark ALL that apply, with the correct number.

Example: If you have a dance group and 2 cars, place a 1 on the dance group line and a 2 on the Vehicle(s) Accompanying line. It is extremely important that you complete this section accurately. We have limited lineup space and need to allot enough space for each entry.

- ___ Float (pulled by Vehicle)
- ___ Decorated Vehicle Only
- ___ Dance/Gymnastics/Twirling Group
- ___ Vehicle(s) Accompanying Your Walking/Dance Group
- ___ Walkers Only
- ___ Marching Band
- ___ Motorcycles - If yes how many? _____

Will your unit have music? (circle one) yes no

Please Describe Unit/Float: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES NOVEMBER 27, 2009

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