



"A Christmas Vacation"

39th Annual Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 9, 2023

Official Use Only

Donation

Yes _____ No _____

Name of Entry: _____

Sponsor: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

In lieu of an entry fee, we are asking for monetary donations, donations of new toys, or donations of personal products to give to our local less fortunate children this Christmas season. We encourage float/entry coordinators to ask each of their riders and walkers to participate in donating so that we can help every child and their family in Destin have a beautiful Christmas. A List of suggested donations can be found on the final page of this application. Donations must be dropped off at the Destin Community Center (101 Stahlman Avenue) **with the application by December 1, 2023, by 5:00pm**. Let's help bring "A Christmas Vacation" to all of these families!

In the event of stormy weather, the parade will be canceled with no rain date.

Beginning with the tow vehicle to the end of the float, what is the **TOTAL** length of your entry? _____ feet.

Description of your entry (example: 1 truck and 10 walkers/ 2 cars and 2 walkers, 1 float and 3 walkers): _____

Will there be music on your float? Yes _____ No _____

What type of music? Live ____ Recorded ____ **Amplified?** Yes ____ No ____

Type of entry: Religious ____ Children's Service ____ Commercial ____ Band ____

Civic Club ____ Children's/Commercial ____

Instructions and Information to all Participants

Candy/trinkets may be tossed from a moving vehicle or float. For the safety of the spectators, all floats must have walkers with their entry to distribute candy/trinkets. **There is an absolutely no throw zone in the judge's area.** Anyone throwing candy, in the judge's area, will be eliminated from judging.

A script is required. The parade is televised, and the script will be used for the television commentary. The script should be approximately 150 words or less and is subject to editing by the parade committee.

Script: _____

Remember, the parade is a family friendly event. All handouts, decorations, and costumes must be appropriate for family entertainment. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages on the floats or in the parade area.

Line up: 8:00am for floats. Enter from the north access road of the church, in between the church and Bent Arrow Drive. 9:30am for groups walking in the parade. Walkers and riders can be dropped off in front of the Destin Methodist Church. Pick up is the Shoreline Church parking lot (140 Palmetto St., Destin, FL).

All entries must be decorated/dressed in the theme “A Christmas Vacation”. Judging of entries will take place at the judging stand. Only entries with line-up numbers on the float will be judged. Numbers will be given out the morning of the parade, at check in.

If there is an animal in the entry, you are responsible for their waste. Remember to be considerate of the entries following you.

Parade Floats: Floats will need at least two safety walkers and no more than 10 people on a float. No swapping of positions. All floats must be no taller than 14 feet. No construction or painting will be allowed in the parade area, minor assembly only. **No live Santa Claus in your entry.**

I, _____, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Destin, its staff, and volunteers from any and all liability, defense costs, including attorney fees, and all other fees incidental to defense, loss or damage the City of Destin may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgements. I have read all the rules and special instructions and I understand them fully.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Return this application and script to the Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Avenue, with new toys(s) donation **NO LATER THAN** December 1, 2023. You may also fax the application to 850-654-8998 or email recreation@cityofdestin.com.



Donation Suggestions

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____
(Monetary donations will be used for gift card purchases for families)

Toddler Aged:

- Baby dolls
 - Balls
 - Soft toys
- Play strollers
- Bath time toys
 - Vtech toys
- Picture books
- STEM learning toys
- Easy remote-controlled cars/etc.

Ages 5-10

- Play dough
 - Bicycles
- Board games
- Barbie dolls
- Matchbox toys
- Disney toys
 - Legos
 - Art sets
 - Puzzles
- Science kits
 - Balls

Ages 11-17 (Don't forget our teenagers!)

- Hair dryers
- Board games that require strategy
 - Friendship bracelet kits
 - Make-Up mirrors
 - Phone chargers
 - Portable chargers
 - Nintendo gift cards
 - Sports balls
 - Curling irons
- Personal products (perfume, cologne)
 - Weightlifting equipment
 - Legos