



Dear Applicants,

The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to the 2025 Christmas Parade. We appreciate your interest in participating in this important community holiday event.

This year's parade theme is "Gingerbread Lane". For the first time, we will have a friendly competition amongst the float entries for a prize. The votes will be collected by the spectators on December 13 and the winner will be contacted Monday, December 15th. Your parade registration is your entry into the competition, so be sure to decorate in the theme of Gingerbread Lane with Gingerbread houses, sweet treats and more!

Please carefully review the information provided, as all floats will be accepted for participation based on compliance with the provided rules and completion of the applications in full.

We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas parade for our community, and we thank you for your participation.

The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce
18 N Oak Avenue, Lake Placid, FL 33852
863-465-4331
www.visitlakeplacidflorida.com

Instructions

1. Application

- To be considered, applications must be completed in FULL and SUBMITTED before the deadline (December 4, 2025)
- All complete and timely applications receive equal consideration. Placement is not guaranteed. Prior participation in the parade does not guarantee placement in this year's parade.

2. Parade lineup

- Line up begins at 4PM at the corner of Dal Hall Blvd and Waldo Aliff. You will be given your number and escorted to your space.

3. Walkers & Animals

- No strollers or motorized scooters are allowed.
- Animals will be accepted at the discretion of the Parade Committee. Units composed of live animals must be followed by a "pick up" person and submit proof of liability insurance coverage.

4. RESTRICTIONS

- **No alcohol or smoking is allowed on or in a parade unit including floats, vehicles, or cars.** Anyone caught with alcohol will be dismissed immediately from participation in the event as well as the float conjunction with the same may be dismissed from participation.
- **Santa is provided by the Parade Committee and *MAY NOT* appear on or with any unit.** Any other Santas will be unable to participate in the event.
- **Throwing candy is not permitted.** Walkers may hand candy or trinkets out to the spectators by walking it to the side of the road only. Failure to comply will result in removal from the parade
- **Units may NOT STOP at any time during the parade.**
- Any music played must be holiday music.
- No revving of engines or burn outs

5. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Waiver of liability forms will be required from each parade participant.
- Any person driving a motorized vehicle should have a valid driver's license.
- All parade participants should be picked up at the end of the parade route. Parents are encouraged to be at the corner of Dal Hall and Waldo Aliff waiting for their child's arrival.

Please direct all questions to information@lpfla.com

Please sign and return the instruction acknowledgement form located at the end of this packet . (Page 11)

APPLICATION

LAKE PLACID ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE: "Gingerbread Lane"

Proudly sponsored by:



Saturday, December 13, 2025 - Applications due by December 4, 2025

Entry Form – No Entry Fee

Name: (Individual/Organization/Company)

Contact Person: (please print)

Phone # _____ **Email:** _____

Type of entry:

(e.g., float, vehicle, animals, band, dancers)

Theme: _____ **Number of Units** (e.g., vehicles, people) _____

Length of float AND towing vehicle: **REQUIRED**

_____ Please note: This measurement needs to include the total length of vehicle as well as whatever it may be towing. Any entry that does not fit in the space allotted due to an inaccurate measurement given on this form will be placed at the end of the parade line-up.

Audio: ____ No ____ Yes Type _____

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My signature confirms that I understand the parade line-up is at the discretion of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Lake Placid; all decisions are made for the enjoyment of our guests. I further understand that I release the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Lake Placid, and all of their employees, agents, representatives and volunteers from any liability, accident, injury, damage, or claim arising out of or relating to my participation in the Christmas Parade. Routine Florida State law applies to all vehicles operating in the parade. **REQUIRED:** Florida law minimum limits of auto/liability/no-fault insurance. **Full waiver must be signed and returned.**

NOTE:

Motorcycles – See Helmet Disclaimer attached.

Horses – Maximum entries 20. Each entry **must** have a clean-up crew.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**Return completed applications to: Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce
18 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 or email information@lpfla.com**

Deadline to enter is December 4, 2025

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LAKE PLACID ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE
Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM
RULES OF PARTICIPATION:

Please read the rules carefully. The deadline for entries is December 4, 2024

- The OFFICIAL parade Santa Claus will be provided by the Parade Committee. In keeping with parade tradition, no other live Santas will be permitted in the parade.
- **Decorations need to be carried to the float – no additional vehicles allowed in the staging area.** Parade vehicles only!
- For safety reasons, no roller skating, rollerblading, or skateboarding is permitted.
- For safety reasons, candy may be handed out by people walking only. Candy may not be thrown from a float or moving vehicle.
- For safety reasons, the Parade Committee and/or the Police Department have the right to stop the activity of any parade participant deemed dangerous to spectators or participants (e.g., bicycle or motorcycle stunts, poor driving technique).
- The completed application must be at the Chamber of Commerce no later than December 4, 2025. Acceptance after that date will be at the discretion of the Parade Committee.
- Participants with floats or vehicles will not be permitted to line up before 4:00p.m. on day of parade. Vehicle(s) must remain manned at all times. All drivers must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid driver's license.
- You will be advised of your line-up number and be escorted to your space upon check-in on Dal Hall Blvd. - **Check-in begins on Dal Hall Blvd. at the Wawa/Publix entrance at 4pm!**
- Dance units and bands must report to Chapman & Morris Accounting office parking lot (on the corner of Dal Hall Blvd. and Pine Ave.) by 5:30 p.m. Bellevue Street must be used to reach this area as Dal Hall Blvd. and Main Ave. will be closed to everyone but parade officials. Park on Bellevue and walk one block north to Chapman & Morris Accounting office.
- In order to keep the parade flowing, there will be NO STOPPING for a performance.
- The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Lake Placid reserve the right to restrict the audio level and the type of audio output so as to prevent one entry from disrupting other entries and the parade in general.

Please be aware that there is a law effective October 1, 2009, referred to as "Nicole's Law" and creates F.S. 773.06 that requires minors under the age of 16 years to wear approved riding helmets while riding an equine on any publicly

owned or controlled property. A trainer, instructor, supervisor, or other person may not knowingly lease or rent a horse for riding by a minor unless the minor has an approved helmet or an approved helmet is provided. A parent or guardian of a minor may not authorize or knowingly allow the child to violate the helmet requirement. Violations are non-criminal and punishable as provided in F.S. 775.083.

- Horses – to be in festive dress – Maximum entries - 20 horses. Each entry must have a clean-up crew.
- All entries must have the name of a business that they represent, either on the float or preceding the group.
- Parade float needs to be capable of moving @ 5 miles per hour.
- The Vendor (food or otherwise) application can be obtained on the Lake Placid Police Department's website (www.lppd.com) 699-3757. Vendor applications should be submitted to Lake Placid Police Department, 8 North Oak Ave., Lake Placid.

- **DIRECTIONS FOR LINE-UP AND PARADE LINE-UP NUMBERS:** You will be given your line-up number upon checking in on Dal Hall Blvd., after 4pm the evening of the parade. You will then be escorted to your line-up location.

ABSOLUTLY NO LINING UP WITHOUT CHECKING IN!

- **(road closure will be at 4:00 p.m. – do not line up before that time)**
- **PARADE ROUTE:** The Parade will actually step off at the corner of Dal Hall Blvd. and North Main Ave. (Located near Journal Plaza) and proceed south on North Main Ave. until reaching Interlake Blvd. The route will then head east on Interlake Blvd. to Highway 27. Only floats and other entrants will be allowed on Dal Hall Blvd. and North Main Ave. after 4:00 p.m. on parade day.
- **DISBANDING:** Turn north (left) on Waldo Aliff Ave. (formerly Eucalyptus Ave). Disband on Dal Hall Blvd. **Do not disband on Waldo Aliff Ave. unless the POLICE advise that this may be done.**
- **PARKING:** **Do NOT park** in Chapman & Morris Accounting parking lot. This is a drop-off/gathering point only for bands and/or dance units.
- **Information:** Information about the parade may be obtained by calling:
The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce (465-4331) and ask for Jennifer or Nicole.
DO NOT CALL for a line-up number.
Parade entry authorization is restricted to the Town of Lake Placid and the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce.

Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce
Christmas Parade Waiver,
Release & Hold Harmless Agreement

This is to certify that _____ (the participant or the parent/legal guardian of the participant) hereby agrees to waive, release, absolve, and covenant not to sue the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, or The Town of Lake Placid, including any of it's officers, employees, volunteers, organizers, sponsors, participants, representatives, and agents for any and all claims, including claims for equitable or injunctive relief, actions, damages, loss or injury of any kind including personal injury, bodily injury, death, and property damage, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, in connection with or arising from my entry, participation and/or travel in any activities of any kind in any way connected to the Lake Placid Christmas Parade. **This release includes a release for any and all losses or injuries arising out of any and all negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Lake Placid, including any of its officers, employees, volunteers, organizers, sponsors, participants, representatives, and agents specifically concerning or arising out of any activities of any kind and in any way connected to The Lake Placid Christmas Parade, including any risk or hazard in transportation associated with participation.**

I further agree to assume liability for and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Lake Placid, including any of it's officers, employees, volunteers, organizers, sponsors, participants, representatives, and agents of, from, and against all liability and expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees in connection with any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, and suits in equity of whatever kind of nature, including claims for personal injury, property damage, relief, or loss of use arising out of my entry, participation and/or travel in any activities of any kind in any way connected to the Lake Placid Christmas Parade whether or not due to or caused by the negligence of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce or the Town of Lake Placid including any of its officers, employees, volunteers, organizers, sponsors, participants, representatives, and agents. The obligations pertained in this provision shall survive the termination of this agreement and shall not be limited by any amount of insurance required to be obtained or maintained under this agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability The Greater

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Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce or the Town of Lake Placid may be entitled to under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S NATURAL GUARDIAN

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY.

YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT EVEN IF THE GREATER LAKE PLACID CHABER OF COMMERCE OR THE TOWN OF LAKE PLACID USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM THE GREATER LAKE PLACID CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR THE TOWN OF LAKE PLACID IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND THE GREATER LAKE PLACID CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

By signing this agreement, I agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth by The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce as it relates to the Lake Placid Christmas Parade. I understand that the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce may change or modify the rules and policies as needed for the Lake Placid Christmas Parade. If any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance notwithstanding shall continue in full force and effect.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

This Waiver, Release & Hold Harmless Agreement is signed of my own free act and will.

Printed name of participant

Date

Signature of Participant
(If participant is 18 years or older)

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
(If Participant is under age 18)

Name of Organization

For office use only:

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INSTRUCTION SHEET

ACKNOWLEDGE AGREEMENT

☐ I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES OUTLINED
IN THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE.

Signature

Date

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