



2024 Huntsville Santa Claus Parade Float/Participant Registration & Parade Information

Parade Date: Friday November 29th 2024
The parade will start at 7:00pm sharp!

This year's theme is “*Magic of the Season*”. Participants are encouraged to decorate their float in holiday style using the theme as inspiration.

Float drivers **must** be aware of all parade rules and regulations. All parade entries **must** comply with the following safety guidelines:

1. Float order is on a first come, first served basis. Line up on **Main Street West** between Lorne Street and Yonge Street (NOT in front of Huntsville Public School). To avoid turning your float around, we encourage you to arrive via Highway 11/Exit 219 or via Yonge Street.
2. The Parade Marshall reserves the right to place certain floats or groups at specific locations along the route to coordinate music, marchers, and bands.
3. All participants must obey all instructions from the Parade Marshall and route officials. Failure may result in disqualification. Watch route officials (yellow reflective vests) along the route for direction, as needed.
4. Every item on your float must be firmly and safely attached. Loose materials cannot hang from the float.
5. Do not throw candy or other material from your float, nor encourage children to come up to your float, as this presents a serious safety hazard. Any entry caught throwing candy or otherwise in breach of this rule will be required to exit the parade immediately without refund of fees or other recourse. If your group would like to hand out candy it must be done person-to-person only. Please keep any food items “nut-free.”
6. Anyone walking along the parade route should have a flashlight and/or reflective clothing.
7. Maintain a safe distance between floats. Watch route officials (yellow reflective vests) along the route for direction, as needed.



8. There will be no early exiting of the parade route, except for an emergency. It is expected that all entries complete the parade route from start to finish.
9. Any horses or other live animals must be accompanied by a clean-up crew. Please be aware that they must cross the swing bridge and that you must abide by the “stoop & scoop”. This is the animal control bylaw.
10. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade are subject to removal from the parade.
11. No entry may depict anything political, controversial, or otherwise offensive within the sole discretion of the Huntsville Santa Claus Parade Committee.
12. Please have music and lights on your float – remember this is a nighttime parade. Moose 105.5 will play holiday music commercial-free so tune your vehicle radios to Moose 105.5!
13. **No entry may depict Santa Claus and/or Mrs. Claus or Santa’s Float. We want to save our special guest for last.**

Important Information:

- **Float Marshalling Area:** Floats will assemble **NO EARLIER** than 5:00pm on Main Street West starting at Lorne Street and continuing along Main Street toward Yonge Street. **Please approach the parade marshalling area on Main Street from the Yonge Street end to avoid turning your float around.** All floats will line up on a first come-first serve basis. There will be **NO** traffic going west on Main Street toward Yonge Street after 5:00 p.m., so all riders will have to walk to their float from this intersection. In the spirit of the holiday season, parade entries must be decorated and/or have music depicting a holiday theme or scene. Floats may be pulled by commercial vehicles, but undecorated commercial vehicles without a float will be removed from the parade.
- **Dance / Sports groups** will be part of the regular parade only. There will be no performing in advance of the parade as in previous years. **The dance/sports groups MUST keep moving with the pace of the floats to avoid creating gaps in the parade.**
- **Bands/Marchers:** All bands, marchers and people walking the parade will meet in the Huntsville Public School gymnasium (16 Caroline Street West) and be placed in the parade at the parade Marshall’s discretion.
- **Drivers:** At the end of the parade route, after dropping off children/float riders, please continue **behind** Huntsville Place Mall or continue out of the parking lot. Please **do not**



stop at the Huntsville Place Mall entrance. It is important these dispersal rules be obeyed as there have been safety concerns in the past. Please note larger floats will be directed past the mall entrance to be unloaded on King William Street.



- **Float Participants:**

- o Clearly communicate a meeting place with all your float participants. Listed below are the road closures for the parade. When parents are escorting children to your designated float meeting place, please make sure they are aware of the road closures:
- o Main St., from Yonge St. to Centre St., closes at 5:00pm., reopens around 8:00pm.
- o Main St., from Centre St. to Brunel Rd., closes at 6:00pm, reopens around 8:00pm.
- o Main St., from Brunel Rd. to Huntsville Place Mall, closes at 6:30pm., reopens at end of parade.



Parade Registration Form

Please complete the following registration and **submit it before November 17, 2024.**

Early Bird Registration Fee (Register by: November 10th): \$75.00

Registration Fee (After November 10th): \$100.00

Registration Fee for Charitable Organizations, Non-Profits, & Service Clubs: \$50.00

Fees cover advertising, bands, and other parade expenses.
Thank you for your support!

1. Contact Information (Please print):

Name of Organization/Business/Group: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Contact's Cell Number: _____

Contact's Email Address: _____

Business Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

I understand and accept all guidelines as outlined on page one and hereby agree to abide by them.

Organization Representative's Printed Name & Signature

Date



Float Information

Type of Entry: (Description, size, approx. length of vehicle/float, number of vehicles)

Will there be music on the float (*Please check*)? Yes _____ No: _____

REMEMBER – Moose 105.5 will play Christmas music during parade – tune in to 105.5!!!!
Note: Please play festive holiday music only



Payment Information

Payment **must** accompany registration.

****Please make cheque payable to Rotary Club of North Muskoka****

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Payment Enclosed (*please circle one*): Cheque or Cash

Amount: \$ _____

*****New this year: e-transfers*****

_____ Email your registration fee to nparoschy@gmail.com.

Email address sending the e-transfer: _____

Please complete this form and return to:
Chamber of Commerce,
77 Main Street East (side door)
P.O Box 5143, Huntsville, ON P1H 2K5
Email : chamber@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca
No later than November 17, 2024



Waiver Form

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Santa Claus Parade and hereby absolve the Town of Huntsville, The District of Muskoka, The Huntsville Santa Claus Parade Committee, and all volunteers of any liability for any personal injury, death, property damage, loss, or expense that participants may suffer as the result of participating in the parade.

I have read the rules and regulations and accept the above waiver by signing below.

Business: _____

Contact Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



TV Information Form

This information is to be broadcast when your float passes the Muskoka TV broadcast booth at town hall.

Business or Association Name: _____

Tell us a bit about you and your float (100 words or less): *Please print or type.*

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