



Umatilla Chamber of Commerce

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P.O. Box 300, Umatilla, FL 32784. 352.669.3511

www.umatillachamber.org

October 26, 2017

Dear Parade Participant,

The Umatilla Chamber of Commerce would like to extend an invitation to you and your organization to join us for the upcoming 42nd annual Cracker Christmas Parade & Celebration in Umatilla. The parade is scheduled for **9:30 a.m., Saturday, December 9, 2017**. The theme for this year's parade is **"A Florida Christmas"**

We would very much like to have your group join us in the parade. Please complete it and return to the Chamber via mail to PO Box 300, Umatilla FL 32784. In order to adequately prepare for the parade, we ask that you return the completed form to the Chamber by **December 1, 2017**.

We have many events planned following the parade and would welcome your group to stay and participate in the festivities. We will announce the winners for the parade at 12:00 in Cadwell Park. The judges will choose the "Best" in the following categories:

Float
Marching Unit

Decorated Car
President's Trophy

Business Float
Horse Unit

To help defray the costs of the parade, we are requesting an **entry fee of \$15 per unit**. Please include your check with your completed application. Make the check payable to Umatilla Chamber of Commerce. **Motorized parade floats and towing apparatus shall be provided with a minimum 2-A:10-B:C-rated portable fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator.**

In conjunction with our **Go Green** campaign, two things:

- We can provide your line-up information via e-mail or fax. If you would like to receive your information in this format, please provide us with an e-mail or fax number.
- **PLEASE do not simply throw candy to our parade watchers!** The streets are often littered with candy after parades which has a very negative impact on our community, our lakes and our storm drains. You may hand candy to parade watchers **but PLEASE do not scatter debris along SR19**

If your group will not be able to participate this year, please give the Chamber office a call at (352) 669-3511.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Cracker Christmas festival. We look forward to hearing from you and your organization. If you have any questions, please call our office or check the website at www.umatillachamber.org.

Sincerely,
Lisa Neuman
President
Board of Directors

Umatilla Chamber of Commerce
42nd Annual Cracker Christmas Celebration
Parade Entry Form

Parade Theme: "A Florida Christmas"

PLEASE NO THROWING OF CANDY OR PAPER!

Saturday December 9, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: Day _____ Evening _____

*E-mail address: _____

*Fax Number: _____

We will participate in the Following Category: (Please check one)

Include length of trailers, trucks, etc.

Float _____ Marching Unit _____

Car _____ Horse Unit _____

Majorette _____

Special Instructions: _____

Please provide a one sentence description of your entry for our parade Emcee. _____

Signature: _____

NOTE: No Santas on any units. Parade is by invitation only and
ALL units must be labeled with organization name.

We appreciate your donation of \$15 per entry to help defray the cost of the parade. **Deadline for entry is December 1, 2017.**

*For further information, please call the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce at (352) 669-3511.
Mail entry form to P.O. Box 300, Umatilla, FL 32784*