



**Umatilla Chamber of Commerce**  
**"Gateway to the Ocala National Forest"**  
*Serving as the Gateway since 1969*  
P.O. Box 300, Umatilla, FL 32784. 352.669.3511  
[www.umatillachamber.org](http://www.umatillachamber.org)

October 25, 2018

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 43rd annual Cracker Christmas Parade & Celebration in Umatilla. The parade is scheduled for **9:30 am on Saturday, December 8, 2018**. The theme for this year's parade is **"Jingle Jam"**.

- There are changes to the staging area for the 2018 and each entry must provide an email for your entry to receive important line up information. All parade units will be staging at **Larkin Park/Southside Ball Field area (WALKERS INCLUDED)**
- Please complete it and return to the Chamber via mail to PO Box 300, Umatilla FL 32784 by **Friday, November 23, 2018. There will be NO exceptions.**
- The **entry fee is \$15 per unit**. Please include your check with your completed application. Make the check payable to Umatilla Chamber of Commerce.
- The judges will choose the "Best" in the following categories:  
We will announce the winners for the parade at **12:00 in Cadwell Park**.

Float  
Marching Unit

Decorated Car  
President's Trophy

Business Float  
Horse Unit

**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 Parade & 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](http://www.umatillachamber.org).

Sincerely,  
**Lori Johnson**  
President  
Board of Directors

Umatilla Chamber of Commerce  
43rd Annual Cracker Christmas Celebration  
Parade Entry Form  
**Parade Theme: "Jingle Jam"**

Saturday      December 8, 2018      9:30 a.m.

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Include length of trailers, trucks, etc.** \_\_\_\_\_

Float \_\_\_\_\_      Marching Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Car \_\_\_\_\_      Horse Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Majorette \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a one sentence description of your entry for our parade Emcee.** \_\_\_\_\_

II/We agree to take full responsibility for the management of the group entered in the parade and will participate as requested by the facilitating organization to provide safety for all parade participants.

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 Friday, November 23, 2018.**  
**NO exceptions, please.**

*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*