



2025 Parade of Lights Guidelines for Participants

- This is the Rotary Club Of Naperville Parade of Lights—all entries should be lit in some manner!
- Parade Participants can be dropped off at the Centennial Beach parking lot on Jackson St. via the VFW Hall drive.
- **ONLY PARADE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CENTENNIAL BEACH PARKING LOT.** Parking will be available in the lots that extend to the West near the Grand Pavilion. Street parking will also be available in the neighborhood North of Jackson across from the parking lot.
- Please keep 4 car lengths between units. All units should travel slowly—this is not a race! Drivers of vehicles must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.
- **NOTHING MAY BE THROWN FROM ANY ENTRY!! This includes both riders on floats and participants who walk in the parade.** The entry agrees to pass trinkets, candy or flyers from hand to hand only. This is for the safety of all parade spectators and to prevent children from running into the street during the parade. If your unit is caught throwing anything, your organization will be subject to a fine. Further, your group risks not being invited to participate in future Rotary Club of Naperville Parades.
- **Please obey the Stop/Go Parade Officials** located at the west end of the Library, the Main Stage, and the top of the hill on Webster Street
- **NO PERSON MAY BE DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS.** There is only one Santa Claus and he is already accounted for.
- Only one vehicle (van, truck, trolley, etc) per entry unless granted an exception by The Rotary Club of Naperville ahead of arrival. Vehicles used by non-profit entrants must not be of a commercial nature; commercial firms should register for the parade separately.
- The Entry agrees to properly dispose of any litter they may accumulate around their unit prior to or during the parade. A dumpster will be provided in the staging parking lot for all trash. A fee of \$75 will be imposed if this guideline is not adhered to.
- You **MUST** stay in order!
- The parade will end at Naper Elementary on Eagle Street. Follow directions of parade staff at the end of the parade regarding traffic. **PARADE TRAFFIC MUST TURN LEFT and return to Centennial Beach Parking Lot via Jefferson St. to West St. to unload. Only units designated by the Parade Committee may turn right on Eagle St..** All units must obey traditional traffic rules once they've exited the parade route.

- **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Event organizers will work with local Police/Fire/Public Works to determine if cancellation is necessary due to inclement weather. Participants will be notified via phone, email, and/or social media of cancellation in as timely a manner as possible.

The following rules apply to participants who are riding floats provided by the Parade Committee:

- No Alcohol/Drug Use or intoxicated participants
- Each float can support riders up to 2500 lbs. total. This is about 10 – 12 average adults, but could be more if there are children
- The style of float may limit the number of riders regardless of total weight.
- Children must be supervised by an adult
- The tow driver is the ultimate authority for what is the safe number of riders. The rider count may be adjusted up to the actual start of the parade, so prepare your planned riders just in case it is determined there is not enough room for all to safely ride.
- For safety, there should not be any persons who approach the float during the parade. No handout items (candy etc.) may be stored on the floats or with the tow vehicle.
- If you have any accompanying marchers, they should position themselves behind the float. Bring a separate wagon for any handouts.
- The floats cannot be towed on open-access streets with any riders. At the end of the parade route (Naper School on Eagle St.), you will be required to disembark from your float. You will need to either walk back to the Beach staging area (about 4 blocks) or arrange different transportation from Naper School.
- A \$75.00 Fee will be billed if trash is left on the float after the parade