



City of Safety Harbor Florida

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Safety Harbor's 44th Annual Holiday Parade

Dear Parade Participant:

Thank you for your interest in Safety Harbor's 44th Annual Holiday Parade. This packet includes the 2025 application and rules for the Safety Harbor's 44th Annual Holiday Parade. Please read through this **ENTIRE** packet carefully before submitting.

We are so excited for this year's parade, and we know it will be the best one yet! We are encouraging float entries, decorated in a "holiday theme" and identified by a banner or sign.

The parade will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m. (Rain or shine event).

Enclosed you will find a Parade Entry Application Form, Parade Rules and Policies, Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, and an Announcer/TV Information Form.

Please fill out **ALL** four forms completely, sign and return to City Hall @ 750 Main Street, or email to jcooper@cityofsafetyharbor.com no later than **November 14, 2025!**

Please note that **ALL** parade participants must sign and submit the Holiday Parade Waiver, Release & Hold Harmless Agreement. Group Waivers are attached to this application.

Please return the completed above listed forms as soon as possible. Once, the completed forms have been submitted the parade committee will review your entry, and secure your line-up space & number. The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject any application for any reason.

Please include an active e-mail address - all applicants will be notified by email. If no email address is provided, you will be notified by phone. All parade information concerning the parade route, line up time, parade position will be sent to you by December 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at City Hall, 727-724-1572.

For a quicker response, please contact me by e-mail at jcooper@cityofsafetyharbor.com

Additional applications can be downloaded from the city website at www.SafetyHarborEvents.com.

****One final note, SANTA will arrive at the end of the parade.****

No matter how jolly they may be – **NO SANTA IMPOSTERS WILL BE ALLOWED!**

Sincerely,

Joe Cooper

Joe Cooper, Special Events Supervisor
City of Safety Harbor



Safety Harbor's 44th Annual Holiday Parade Entry Application

The parade will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (No applications accepted after Friday, November 14, 2025)

We cannot guarantee participation if application is received after deadline.

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

Name of Organization/Business: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail (required): _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Brief Description of your entry: Float (propelled or pulled by vehicle) car, marching, walking, horse unit

CHECK ONE:

☐ Non-profit/Organization Unit/Clubs (provide certificate) ☐ Band Unit

☐ Commercial Unit - \$25 entry fee

Check made payable to the City of Safety Harbor (to be included with application). No Refunds

List all music (song title/artist/volume/type) & advertising that will be used in entry: _____

Music must be holiday related and subject to approval. Music / noise must maintain a set level as to not interfere with other units.

FLOAT ENTRY

Length of space needed for lineup: _____ Pickup: _____ Flatbed: _____ Pickup/Trailer: _____

Entry Size Limitations: Height 15' Width 12' Length 45'

COMBINATION WALKERS, FLOAT, VEHICLE:

At least 4 to 6 adults must walk with vehicle or float for purposes of safety and handing out items to spectators.

of adults walking _____

All children must be either on the float or in a vehicle, walking in front or behind the float or a vehicle, accompanied by an adult.

NON-FLOAT ENTRY

Length of space needed for lineup: _____ Walking Unit: _____ Other _____

Be very specific on spacing size due to line up space on Bayshore.

of Cars in your unit _____ *Car Units will be limited to **10** cars per group.*

Length of space needed for lineup: _____ Marching Band: _____ Number of participants: _____

Please be very specific on spacing size due to line up space.

Please return to: The City of Safety Harbor, Attn: Parade Coordinator, 750 Main Street, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Name of Participant/Group _____

**Safety Harbor's 44th Annual Holiday Parade
Rules and Policies**

Rules and Policies:

1. Line up along 9th Avenue South and 7th Street South will begin at 8:30am. *Parade starts promptly at 10:00 am.*
2. **NO CANDY, NOVELTY OR PROMOTIONAL ITEMS MAY BE THROWN TO SPECTATORS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE FROM ANY PARADE ENTRY INCLUDING FLOATS.**
3. ***ALL ITEMS MUST BE UNDERHAND TOSSED OR HANDED OUT BY WALKERS.***
4. *****At least 4 to 6 Adults must walk with unit, vehicle, or float for purposes of safety and handing out items to spectators.*** Adult walkers must remain at the sides of the unit, close enough to spectators to keep them safely off the parade route and to hand materials directly to crowd. Walkers are not allowed to jump on and off float or unit. All children must be either on the float or in a vehicle, walking in front or behind the float or a vehicle, accompanied by an adult.
5. All walking units will be allowed to hand out candy, novelty, or promotional items to spectators.
6. **ALL participants in the parade must sign & submit a Holiday Parade Waiver, Release / Hold Harmless Agreement with the Holiday Parade Entry Application.**
7. Participants are responsible for their own litter, at line up and along parade route, including any animal droppings.
8. Exhibitions of speed or reckless driving, (wheelies, peeling out, etc.) are **NOT PERMITTED** in the parade. **All vehicles entered the Holiday Parade must carry valid automobile insurance meeting the requirements of Florida law and any person driving a motorized vehicle should have a valid driver's license and must be at least (21) years of age.**
9. There is only **ONE Official Santa Claus** in the parade. Impostors or Santa Claus outfits are **NOT PERMITTED** in the parade, Santa hats are acceptable.
10. It is clearly understood that the sponsoring organization will provide all personnel necessary to man and operate the parade entry and all costumes for each of their participants.
11. No confetti cannons or other types of confetti may be shot or thrown at any time. Parade participants caught shooting or throwing confetti will be charged a clean up fee of \$300.00 per occurrence.
12. Open fires, flames and fireworks are **NOT PERMITTED** in the parade by order of the Fire Marshal. 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.
13. This is a family event, and ALL parade entries must be appropriate for a family-oriented event. Entries that do not adhere to this standard will not be permitted to participate in the parade. The Safety Harbor Parade Committee reserves the right to determine whether an entry complies with this requirement.
14. Units with sound or noise ***must be noted on the written application*** and must maintain a set level as to not interfere with other units.
15. This is a drug/alcohol/smoke free event. The use of any such products is strictly prohibited on the Safety Harbor line up premises, parade route, and at any time prior to or during the parade.

The Safety Harbor Parade Committee retains the right to refuse participation of any entry that fails to maintain compliance with the above rules. Failure to adhere to any of the rules or any directions made by parade officials during the event puts the parade, the Holiday Parade Committee, and the community at risk. Any transgression may result in ejection from the parade and/or prohibiting the participant from participating in any future events held or sponsored by the City of Safety Harbor.

Special Notes:

- The Announcers are located at the Gazebo. Units may NOT STOP at any time during the parade, and they should only SLOW down for review.
- Weather: THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT! Be prepared for any kind of weather. Plan to bring plenty of water, snacks for your group, along with bug spray.
- We treat for fire ants along the parade route, so please take proper caution.
- Restrooms are located at the Safety Harbor Community Center located at 650 9th Ave S.

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand the terms of your participation and agree to follow all the parade rules. Before signing, please share the terms with your entire group. Send this portion with your completed entry page to the return address below.

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Safety Harbor's 44th Annual Holiday Parade
Announcer Information

Your group will be announced at the Gazebo!
Tell us something about your group!

Parade entry and group name _____

Tell us about yourself or your group _____

Group or Organization History _____

Any special story to tell the audience _____

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Safety Harbor's 44th Holiday Parade Waiver, Release & Hold Harmless Agreement

I, _____ (the participant or the parent/legal guardian of the participant) agree to waive, release, absolve, and covenant not to sue the City of Safety Harbor, its mayor, commissioners, employees, officers, volunteers, representative, attorneys and agents ("Releasees"), 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 and participation in any activities of any kind in any way connected to the City of Safety Harbor's Holiday 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 City of Safety Harbor, its mayor, commissioners, employees, officers, volunteers, representatives, attorneys and agents specifically concerning or arising out of any activities of any kind and in any way connected to the City of Safety Harbor's Holiday Parade.**

I further agree to assume liability for and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City, its commissioners, mayor, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and attorneys 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 and participation in any activities of any kind in any way connected to the City of Safety Harbor's Holiday Parade whether or not due to or caused by the negligence of the City, its commissioners, mayor, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and attorneys. The obligations contained 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 City 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 CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR 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 CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR 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 CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

COPYRIGHTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

I further understand that the City does not hold licenses for intellectual property rights for event participants. Therefore, I understand that it is my sole responsibility to obtain the necessary license(s) for any and all copyrighted music or other copyrighted material that I, or any member of my group, may play during the event. I further acknowledge and agree that the City does not profit, obtain any direct or indirect financial benefit from my use of any music during the event, nor does the City have any right or ability to exercise control over any copyrighted music or other copyrighted material that I, or any member of my group, may play during the event. Therefore, I acknowledge, agree, and represent that I understand that it is my

responsibility to obtain the required license or licenses for any music or performances I choose to deliver during the City Events. I further hereby release, discharge and covenant not to sue Releasees for any and all liability, claims, demands, suits, or losses, for my failure to obtain appropriate licenses, copyrights, or any other required intellectual property rights. I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this waiver and release, I, or anyone on my behalf, or anyone who has a claim against me connected to my failure to obtain a license to perform protected by intellectual property rights, and makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.

By signing this document, I agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth by the Safety Harbor Parade Committee. I understand that the Safety Harbor Parade Committee may change or modify the rules and policies as needed and any failure to abide by this Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement or the rules and policies set forth by the Safety Harbor Parade Committee may result in revocation of my approval to participate in this or any other event held or sponsored by the City of Safety Harbor.

Please read carefully before signing. **This release is signed of my own free act and will.**

Printed Name of Participant

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

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
(if participant is under age 18)

Date

Below to be turned in with Application:

☐ Copy of Driver's License

☐ Copy of Insurance Card

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Printed Name of Participant/Group _____

Safety Harbor's 43rd Annual Holiday Parade Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement (Groups)

I, the participant or the parent/legal guardian of the participant, agree to waive, release, absolve, and covenant not to sue the City of Safety Harbor, its mayor, commissioners, employees, officers, volunteers, representative, attorneys 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 and participation in any activities of any kind in any way connected to the City of Safety Harbor's Holiday Parade.

This release includes a release for all losses or injuries arising out of any and all negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the City of Safety Harbor, its mayor, commissioners, employees, officers, volunteers, representatives, attorneys, and agents specifically concerning or arising out of any activities of any kind and in any way connected to the City of Safety Harbor's Holiday Parade.

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