



**Christmas in Ida
2024 Parade of Lights
Dec. 7, 2024**

Band and Marching Units Information

PARADE DAY SCHEDULE

- 3:00** Parade Line-up at Ida Public Schools Begins – Enter school grounds through south bus driveway next to car wash on Lewis Ave
- 4:15** Recommended Arrival Time
- 4:05** Young Country Music Concert **FREE** downtown *starring Presley and Taylor* 1 block from school
- 5:00** **Downtown Streets Begin to Close** – If arriving after 5pm enter the village from the south on Lewis Ave.
- 5:00** Country Music Concert **FREE** – Headlining with country music legend Tracy Byrd
- 5:30** No Outbound Traffic Exiting the School Grounds
- 6:30** Pre-Parade Show at television stage on Lewis Avenue - Performing: Anita's Dance Center of Wisconsin
- 6:30** Fireworks Show
- 7:00** Parade Kicks-off

PARADE PERFORMANCE

- ❖ Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights adheres to parade protocols.
- ❖ No two units alike or units with loud noises ahead or behind of musical entries.
- ❖ Bands and Marching units will have the opportunity to stop to perform at the television stage.
There will be a Floor Director that will direct you where to stop at the television stage.
The performance time limit is 2 minutes. The Floor Director will release you when it is time to move. If parade is behind schedule, an early release could occur.
- ❖ Instruments may be decorated with holiday lights or Christmas theme.
- ❖ The parade route starts in front of the Ida Elementary School on Ida St, to Mill St, to Ida East Rd to Lewis, ending at the Ida Public School South Drive. The route is nearly 2 miles. Parade starts and ends at the Ida Public School.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ❖ Parade lineup is at the Ida Public Schools. To enter the school grounds, please use the Ida School South Bus Drive (on Lewis Ave. south of the BlueStreak Snac Shop) The school will be open for your convenience and food vendors are available.
- ❖ Parade Line-up officials will be wearing reflective vests.
- ❖ Because of large crowds, it is best to carpool.
- ❖ Upon your return to school from the parade route, please proceed to the east side of the parking lot, do not block incoming parade units from the parade route. Parade officials will direct you through the lot.
- ❖ Bus and vehicle parking is available at the school, or offsite at the shuttle bus turn around, just south of the parade ending point. The off-site parking is convenient if you wish to leave town before the parade ends.
- ❖ After the parade, it is best to remain at the school until traffic subsides.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ❖ **Absolutely no other Santa's or Mrs. Claus's shall be permitted and will be asked to remove themselves from the parade. Only the parade organization shall provide Santa and Mrs. Claus.**
- ❖ For safety concerns, absolutely no throwing of candy. Walkers can hand out candy with their unit.
- ❖ Units with walkers should not walk between television cameras and their parade unit.

- ❖ Parade Units must be decorated in a Christmas theme with Holiday lights.
- ❖ The Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights Committee reserves the right to inspect all parade units prior to the parade for conformance to RULES AND REGULATIONS and to reject entries that do not conform to regulations and rules or that is not in the best interest or representation of the Christmas in Ida Festival and Parade of Lights as deemed by the Parade of Lights Executive Board.

Submit Entry Form by U. S. Mail to:

Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights
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Submit Entry Form by Email to: dwz@d-pcomm.net

Submit Entry Form by Fax to: 734-269-2281

Submit Entry Form On-line at: www.christmasinida.com

Deadline: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

For more information contact:

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