

43rd Annual Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights
Presented by DTE Energy
Saturday December 6, 2025
Musical Parade Entry Application
****Entry Deadline Friday November 21, 2025****

The following information is for television broadcasting commentary. Parade television hosts and announcers will use the information to introduce your organization and describe your entry. Please provide as much information as possible.

Name of Entry _____

Director's Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Telephone _____

Entry Confirmation Email: _____

Parade Entry: ☐ Marching Unit ☐ Marching Unit with Float ☐ Jazz/Ensemble Float ☐ Other, please explain

School Nickname/Mascot _____

Drum Major Name(s) _____

Total Musicians ____ Total Majorettes _____ Total Flag Corps _____

List music selections that will be performed _____

How many years has your organization participated in the Christmas in Ida Parade? _____

Approximately how far did you travel to participate in the Christmas in Ida Parade? _____

Upcoming performances _____

If Applicable

Approximately how many hours, days did it take to build your parade entry? _____

How long is your entry? _____ How high is your entry? _____

Approximately, how many Christmas lights do you have on your entry? _____

Narration of Entry: Describe awards won, travels, specific points of interest or comments, other events, etc. If more space is needed, please use a separate page.

No Commentary changes shall be permitted after submission.

If more room is needed use another page



**Christmas in Ida
2025 Parade of Lights
Dec. 6, 2025
Band and Marching Units Information**

Please Read and Print for Reference

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 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**
- 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.
- ❖ Floats 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.

For more information contact Dale W. Zorn at the contacts below.

Submit Entry Form by U. S. Mail to:

Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights
Dale W. Zorn, Executive Director
P.O. Box 27
Ida, MI 48140
(h) 734-269-6175
(c) 734-735-0576

Submit Entry Form by Email to: Executive_Director@christmasinida.com

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

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

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