



A Very GNV Holiday Parade

Participant Packet

2023

***We want to say thank you for
participating in the inaugural
A Very GNV Holiday Parade!***

Please be sure to read the following procedures and parade rules carefully. Failure to adhere to the rules will disqualify your organization from participating in future parades by the City of Gainesville.

The Basics

Date: Saturday, Dec. 2

Time: Parade begins at noon

Route: University Avenue heading east (from Sixth Street to Bo Diddly Plaza)

Staggered Arrival Times:

- 8-9 a.m.: floats and large vehicles
- 9-10 a.m: bands and animal units
- 10-11 a.m.: walking units

Parade Volunteers will be in marked t-shirts. Please follow any directions given by them, city staff or police.

Parade Rules

- **No honking** of vehicle horns or sirens
- **No throwing** of any items from floats or vehicles (candy, favors, pamphlets, etc)
- **No open flames** or smoking in the parade
- **No stopping** to perform along the parade route. You will hold up the whole parade and will risk not being invited back again.
- **No Santas** will be permitted other than official city Santas
- **No parking** available within the staging area. Only vehicles in the parade will be allowed to enter staging
- Do consider **bringing water and snacks** for your participants for the staging area
- Do **bring helmets** for any unit that includes bikes, scooters, skates, or skateboards
- Do have your unit participants **dressed festively or in costumes.**
- Do **clean up** after your unit, including trash or decorations
- All animal units must have people to **clean up animal waste**, immediately
- Junior equestrian riders under the age of 10 must have a lead line to a handler on the ground
- All floats and trailers must have a **portable fire extinguisher**

Any unit that is behaving dangerously, ignores staff directions, or acting inappropriately will be removed from the parade.

Hate speech, profanity, and political grandstanding will not be tolerated.

Unit Procedures

Staging: Parade staging is expected to be around or along Sixth Street. You will receive more specific location details at the meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Once you reach staging, the **staging crew will give you your unit number**, and you will proceed to where the unit number has been placed along the street.

Only vehicles in the parade will be allowed in staging. If you are dropping off participants, you will have to park outside of the staging area.

Please turn off all engines once you find your unit space on the street.

Parade Route: No stopping to perform along the parade route, and absolutely no throwing of any items from vehicles or floats.

Pay attention to the unit in front of you so you don't create large gaps in the parade. Also pay attention to the parade staff along the parade route, who will help you speed up or slow down, as needed.

Dispersal: At the end of the parade, you can continue and leave the parade route, or you can unload participants at the Alachua County School District Office (620 E. University Ave.). This parking lot can also serve as a meeting place after the parade if needed.

Lost Children: Before noon, bring lost children to the Santa Fe Blount Center (University Avenue and W. Sixth Street). After noon, bring children to the announcer booth, located in front of Bo Diddley Plaza (University Avenue and SE First Street).

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Rules and Procedures

☐ I have read all the parade rules and procedures that were provided by the City of Gainesville.

☐ I understand that violating these rules and procedures may cause our unit to be immediately removed from the parade and may prevent our ability to participate in subsequent parades by the City of Gainesville.

Organization Name: _____

Name of Contact (please print): _____ Signature: _____

Mandatory Waiver and Release Form

Each member of your unit in the parade must fill out one of these forms. If the participant is under 18 years of age, the participant's parent or guardian must sign as well.

In consideration of the City of Gainesville's A Very GNV Holiday Parade for accepting this entry, we the Participant(s), Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) jointly, severally, and intending to legally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby waive, release and discharge the City of Gainesville, the Gainesville City Commission, Alachua County, the owners and managers of any public and/or private facility used for the A Very GNV Holiday Parade, all parade sponsors, all parade staff, including City of Gainesville community builders, authorized volunteers, or security and police, all supervising or coordinating organizations and all of the above members, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns from any and all liability and/or claims for illness, injuries, death, disfigurement and loss of property that may arise directly or indirectly as a result of participating in A Very GNV Holiday Parade, or of his/her travel to and from event venues.

Consent for Media Productions: We the Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) and Participant, hereby grant full consent to the City of Gainesville and A Very GNV Holiday Parade for the free use of the Participant's picture or name in any broadcast, telecast, or other account of any of the A Very GNV Holiday Parade meetings and/or events, for any purpose whatsoever.

We the Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) and Participant have read, understand and agree to abide with the parade regulations as set forth in this application.

Unit Name/Sponsoring Organization	
Participant name	Parent/Guardian name
Participant Signature	Parent/Guardian signature
Address	
City, State ZIP	
Email	
Cell phone #	Home phone #