

2016 Berwick & Somersworth Holiday Parade Participant Information
Saturday, December 3rd parade steps off at 2:30 pm

"Celebrate"

- ** Please let Kim know if you have any special requests/needs or indicate on registration form.
- ** Entries with minors must confirm with parents where children should be picked up following the parade. Someone from your group must stay with the children until all are picked up.
- ** Float builders are reminded that the 2016 Parade Committee will be having Santa arrive on a special unit and that duplicate live Santa's are not permitted.
- ** For SAFETY REASONS, NOTHING is to be thrown from floats or vehicles. Candy or other treats may be handed out by participants walking along the parade route.
- ** As stated on the entry form, safety is a high priority! Side rails are required when youth are riding on a float and there must be adequate adults (minimum of 4) supervising all sides of the float from each corner, monitoring the youth and able to communicate with the driver. Trailers with exposed wheels are not allowed.

1. **TIME, ARRIVAL & JUDGING:** Check in will begin at noon at the former Prime Tanning Parking lot at the corner of Wilson & Sullivan Streets in Berwick. Berwick Firefighters and other volunteers will direct entries to their designated locations in the parking lot and direct participants to their spot in the parade line up. Some entries will be on Wilson St. Fire and EMS vehicles will be on Jordan St. Entries participating in judging **must** check in at the Check-in station to let the Parade Committee know you have arrived. **Judging will begin at 1:00pm**. Judges will go by only once and their decision is FINAL. Some judging guidelines are on the reverse side. Winners will be announced before the start of the parade. (All banners need to be returned, thank you). **Floats and other participants not being judged need to arrive by 2:00pm. The parade steps off promptly at 2:30pm.**
2. **ROUTE:** The parade route will start in Berwick from Wilson St. then straight across to Allen St. (RT. 236), turn right onto Sawmill Hill Rd. down to the bridge crossing into Somersworth on Market St, onto High St, turn left onto Constitutional Way, left onto Washington St, left onto Main St. and disbanding in the parking lot and on Main St. Floats and participants staying for Somersworth Gala, park on the right side of Main St. Floats and participants returning to Berwick or other destinations, stay on Main St. Walking groups and band participants enter into parking lot in front of Hilltop Family Practice. Please leave Main Street as quickly and safely as possible to allow others to get to their destination. (The route is 1.3 miles)
3. **Participant Parking:** Participant and Public Parking will be in Town Hall Parking lots on Sullivan St., Berwick Rec. Field (25 Sweetser St.) Carpooling is encouraged. The parking lot on Wilson St. will be for parade floats, bands and participants ONLY. Firefighters will direct floats and participants in the lot for appropriate line up of parade.

The Parade Committee will have light refreshments (prepared by the Noble High Culinary Arts program) and beverages available by **1:30pm**. We will have a portable toilet in the parking lot. **IF** the weather is extremely cold the Town Hall will be open to warm up and for bathroom facilities prior to the start of the parade. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the grounds clean and picked up following the event, and that all youth are being supervised and safe. Thank you!

Participants are invited to the Berwick Tree Lighting at Town Hall at 4:15, and the Winter Gala in Somersworth following the parade with many activities and Tree Lighting at 4:50 by old Police Station.

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