

SANTA CLAUSE PARADE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

-Once again RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC will be participating in the Santa Clause parade. As usual we will have a full Color Party and the giant white top the cadets pull will make a second appearance.

-Cadet overall really enjoy the parade. Spectators are 4 to 5 deep the entire parade route which adds to the excitement of the night.

-The parade starts at 1700. The schedule is as follows:

Between 1430 and 1500 - Cadets meet at Chippawa.

1500 to 1600 - Cadets practice marching as a color party and white top escort. Cadets decorate their uniform with lights and garland.

1600 – Cadets prepare for departing Chippawa. (Cadet winter parka, cadet toque, milts, hand warmers, etc). We do not want cadets to overheat at Chippawa so carry extra clothing with you to put on just before departing

1630 – Cadets will walk up to our parade spot. Our spot will be somewhere on Main St between York and Portage. Parade organizers want the floats and participants in their spot up to 2 hours in advance. We will have some representatives there to ‘save our spot’. As long as parade starts on time the cadets will not be standing around for long.

1700 – Parade starts. It starts at Portage and Main, goes west on Portage, turns south at the Bay, and ends at Memorial and York. Cadets will proceed from there as a group and walk back to Chippawa. At Chippawa they will turn in lights and decorations. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be available at this time.

1900 – Cadets to be picked up from Chippawa. If we are at the very back of the parade pick up will be 15 minutes later. Traffic should be almost back to normal by then. When dropping off please give the parade route a wide berth. Many of the roads are closed and traffic is extremely slow. If you can approach Chippawa from the south it should be quicker. **On parade day text 1 204 330-4516 if caught in traffic.**

-Cadets will wear their work dress uniform with their cadet parka and cadet toque. The parka covers a lot of the uniform so cadets can and should wear multiple layers of clothing underneath uniform. (leggings, long underwear, pajamas, long sleeve t-shirt) Cadets can even have a sweater or jacket over their shirt as long as it cannot be seen.

-Cadets should make sure their cadet parka is in good repair and fits. For cadets that have just joined and do not have a uniform yet we will make arrangements for them to get a cadet parka (and toque and gloves if required). They will need to wear black pants.

-Cadets have cadets wearing their gloves. With that being said we know the gloves are not warm. Cold hands were the biggest complaint last year. We will provide hand warmers at the parade site but if cadets have a good pair of black mitts to wear over or instead of cadet gloves, please wear them. This is highly recommended!

-Even though cadets are wearing their boots, we have found that the parade route is clean and we have not had any problems with slipping during the parade. Make sure you wear warm socks!

-Cadets are meant to have fun on the parade. Lots of smiling and waving to the crowd is expected. Reminder: Range Day scheduled for Sun Nov 19 has been postponed. Questions? See CI Lorne Palmquist