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Good day!

As is traditional, we are part of a Scouting entry into the Hamilton Santa Claus parade, coming up next weekend. (Saturday afternoon, 2pm parade official start time, November 16th)

Our usual parade float methodology, has had some hiccups this year, and has delayed the release of details, however, the parade is still on, and we're still going to be in it! :-)
(we just had to execute plan "B"... or is it plan "C"?)

If you have never been to the Hamilton Parade, the Parade goes, rain, snow, or shine, so dress for the weather and temperature as always. :-)

FULL UNIFORM, please.

For the infirm and the Beavers, who will be riding on the float wagon, keep warm for sitting, but there is a roof over your head...

Cubs, Scouts, etc, will be walking the route and distributing Candy Canes, to the kids along the route. :-)
(it's not a long hike, totally reasonable)

We meet at the parade marshalling area, between 1-130pm.
(all must be there and ready to go, no later than 130pm)

Cannon & Queen St, is the general cross street for marshalling and pickup, and then you just have to walk up or down the line of parade entries, looking for # 59. (that's us, they are in numerical order, usually on Cannon itself)

Families are totally welcome to come, drop their youth with us, and then go watch the parade, gathering youth from us once we pass the end at Copps Coliseum, or back at the marshalling area on Cannon.
(you can rescue them at the end, and then stay to watch the rest of the parade and wait for Santa of course!)

We are "mid-parade", at #59.

Shuttle Bus Carpooling

Here's where it gets interesting... we have access to the bus, so we should do the right thing environmentally, and use it. So, if you would like to ride down with us, we can support that.

The Bus supports 72 passengers, although at that 72, that's three to a seat.

Families are welcome to come along too, but we have to leave Binbrook a bit early to get there in time and be ready. (and we might have to do a tiny bit of decorations cleanup before leaving afterwards, but not likely a delay, given our position in the parade line)

Departure and Return location: **Binbrook Fairgrounds.**

The idea would be this:

- Depart Binbrook, 1210pm, latest. (aiming for 12 noon)
- Arrive parade marshalling area, before 1pm.
- Parents and families walk up to parade route, to get a spot, and enjoy the parade.

- We ready the wagon and bus, and do the parade.
- After parade, we load everyone up, and drive home.
- Back to fairgrounds, for dinner time roughly. (usually)
- Parents who have just sent their youth, we can arrange an email/txt/something to notify you when we're on our way home. :-)

What if the bus is full?

If 12 noon comes, and the bus is full, we would just have to ask a couple of families to carpool in their own vehicles, giving priority to the youth riders. :-)

But, given that a bus uses the same amount of fuel, full or empty, we might as well try and fill it.

Thanks!

Scouter Andy