



26 September 2026

America's Youth Inc,

invites your organization to be a part of the Annual

2026 LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE ON DECEMBER 5, 2026

Due to Mr. Gilbert's health, he has step back from several duties and Daisy Hester has been working with America's Youth. We ask that you please follow the instructions so that the proper person gets it directly. The application can be emailed, faxed, or mailed. Consequently, it will be prudent to have the applications and participation agreements to go directly to Vernetta Spaulding.

The parade procession will line up at 4:30 pm at Buccaneer Ball Field, 11th, and Ash Street. The parade will begin at 6:00 pm. We request that all entries reflect the theme, if possible,

"A GLOWING CHRISTMAS"

Enclosed are the necessary forms that ***MUST BE*** completed and returned to the following address: America's Youth Inc. c/o Vernetta Spaulding at (904) 583-1569 email, vernetta121@bellsouth.net, Fax: 904-775-5579 or mail to 1404 Beech Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.

If further information is needed, you may contact Louryne Spaulding at (904) 583-3085, lsaul966947@gmail.com or Daisy Hester at 904-310-6377, daisy@americayouth.org, Deadline for all applications will be December 3, 2026.

Sincerely,

Vernetta Spaulding & Louryne Spaulding,
Parade Chairpersons

Daisy Hester,
America's Youth Inc.
Parade Co-chair

2026 - LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

PARADE THEME: "A GLOWING CHRISTMAS"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026 @ 6:00 P M

(Please Print or Type)

Entry Name _____

Entry Organization _____

Commercial Sponsor (if Applicable) _____

Contact Person _____ E-Mail _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Evening # _____ Cell # _____

Mailing Address _____

Check Entry Category: Float _____ Walking Unit _____ Performance Unit _____ Golf Carts _____

Vintage/Unique Veh _____ Car _____ Truck _____ Truck & Trailer _____ Motorcycle _____

State law requires that each operator of a towing vehicle is responsible for seeing that their trailer is properly secured, and safety chains are used (Florida Statue 316.50) Please complete the application and sign the enclosed Participation Agreement. All applicants must submit this document along with the Participation Agreement. By signing the Participation Agreement, you agree to abide by the Americas Youth Inc. Parade guidelines or you will be excused from the parade. Please direct all questions to Vernetta Spaulding 904-583-1569, vernetta121@bellsouth.net, and Louryne Spaulding, 904-583-3085,

E Mail /bring documents to: Vernetta Spaulding or America's Youth Inc.

ALL UNIT/ENTRIES MUST BE LIGHTED

ALL Participants must wear and provide their lightening.
Accessories (head wear, blinking noses, lighted or glow jewelry)
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY DECEMBER 3, 2026

2026-LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to participate in such activity, the participant does hereby release and forever discharge Americas Youth Incorporation its officers, members, or assigns, jointly and severally from any, and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands for, upon, or due to any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by the participants, merchants, spectators, or others in consequence of participating in the Americas Youth Inc., activities, specifically the Fernandina Beach Lighted Christmas Parade. This waiver and release expressly include any action, cause of action, claim or demand based upon any act, omission, or negligence by Americas Youth Inc., its officers, members, or Assigns.

This release extends and applies to, and covers and includes all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated, and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability, and the consequences thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist. The provisions of any state, federal, local, or territorial law or statute providing in substance that releases shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries or damages which are unknown or unsuspected to the person executing such release at the time of such execution, are hereby expressly waived. I hereby agree on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to indemnify the Americas Youth Inc., officers, members, or assigns, jointly and severally, and to hold the same harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, and liabilities, loss, damages, and expense of whatever kind or nature, including attorney fees, which may at any time be incurred by them or claimed against them by reason of my participation in the Fernandina Beach Lighted Christmas Parade. I further agree that Americas Youth Inc., will abide by all guidelines, rules and regulations as set forth by Americas Youth Inc., This hold harmless and indemnity provision expressly includes any action, cause of action, clamor demand based upon any omission or negligence by Americas Youth Inc., its officers, members, or Assigns.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

Contact: _____

(Print Name) _____

**Return To: America's Youth Inc.
c/o Vernetta Spaulding
1404 Beech Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 583-1569 cell, 904-775-5579 fax**

2026-LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE GUIDELINE

1. No entry fee & Each parade entry must submit an application before the parade and by the deadline
2. Adults MUST accompany children, youth organizations, school groups, or non-profit groups with children participating.
3. Parade Officials will be stationed along the parade route to ensure compliance of all guidelines.
4. Entries should NOT STOP to perform.
5. **THROWING ITEMS INTO THE CROWD FROM A MOVING VEHICLE WILL BE PROHIBITED.**
6. All bike riders and skaters must wear helmets and appropriate safety gear.
7. ALL vehicles towing a unit must have safety chains between the pulling unit and the float. The float must be secured (Florida Statute 316.50)
8. Horse entries are required to supply clean-up crews (pooper-scoopers) to follow behind their unit.
9. Only registered floats and vehicles will be allowed in the staging area. All others, including parade participants that will be riding or walking during the parade, must be dropped off or park at the 13th Street side of Central Park and then walk to the staging area.
10. The parade staging area is at and around Central Park. All participants must be in their position with their group or on their floats and ready to go no later than 6:00 P.M.
11. The parade route begins at the intersection of 11th and Ash Street, travels West to 2nd Street, North to Centre Street and East on Centre Street. The parade ends at Atlantic and 11th Street.
12. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in disqualification.
13. The Christmas Parade committee reserves the right to make any changes and or additions to these Parade Guidelines at any time without prior notice.
14. **Santa Claus will be riding in the parade; we request no other "SANTA".**