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## **Ocoee Christmas Parade to be held on December 7**

**OCOEE, Fla.** – Santa Claus and his helpers will pass out candy and holiday cheer at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocoee Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m. The parade, presented by the City of Ocoee and the Ocoee Lions Club, will start at the intersection of Maguire Road and Enterprise Street, and end at Bill Breeze Park, 125 North Lakeshore Drive. If it rains, the parade will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m.

A parade contest will be held for festive floats, vehicles and walkers. Judges will score participants in the following categories: Youth; Commercial; Non-Commercial; Churches and the Overall Winner. The Ocoee Lions Club will present the winners with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies at the Ocoee City Commission meeting on December 17 at 6:15 p.m.

The Grand Marshal for the parade will be Dr. Jeffrey Redding, director of choral activities at West Orange High School and artistic and executive director of the Orlando Choral Society. Dr. Redding is the 2019 winner of the Grammy Music Educator Award given to one teacher for his or her role in shaping students' lives through music.

In lieu of entry fees, parade participants have been asked to bring new, unwrapped toys that will be donated to the Ocoee Police Department's Holiday Toys for Kids in Need. For more than 30 years, parade participants have donated more than 15,000 toys.

For more information, visit [www.ocoeelionsclub.org](http://www.ocoeelionsclub.org).

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