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Santa waves to the crowd during the Light Your Way Parade in 2019. Registration is now open for the 2023 parade

Registration open for Light Your Way Christmas Parade

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, in partnership with Miracle on 7th Street, invites groups, organizations and businesses to participate in the sixth annual "Light Your Way Christmas Parade." Entries are now being accepted for the parade, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Dec. 2 in downtown Terre Haute.

Creative and unique entries aligned with the parade's Christmas theme are being accepted from the community. Entries must be family-friendly, contain lights and portray a Christmas story or theme. Up to 80 entries will be accepted, and three awards will be given at the event: best overall, most creative and most lights.

"The Christmas parade is a wonderful Terre Haute event kicking off the holiday season," said John Mace, director of conferences and events at SMWC. "The College is a proud sponsor of this event, and we invite everyone to join us in celebrating our commu-

nity this season."

This year, the parade will be the kickoff event for Miracle on 7th Street, compared to being the finale for the weekend. The 2023 parade route begins at Fifth Street and Wabash Avenue, goes east on Wabash and continues until Ninth Street, then turns north.

Since 2016, the Light Your Way Christmas Parade has been the kickoff to the holiday season. Crowds at the parade have grown through the years with over 12,000 people in attendance in 2022. It has grown to accommodate up to 80 participants featuring marching bands, decorated floats, dancers, honored guests and, of course, Santa Claus.

The deadline to submit parade entries is Nov. 27. This will allow time for the approval of themes. For more information about the Light Your Way Christmas Parade, how to participate and more, visit www.smwc.edu/community/event-services/light-your-way-christmas-parade.