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Strawberry Youth Parade winners announced

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 3, 2018) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the winners in its annual Strawberry Youth Parade.

The Florida Strawberry Festival hosts the youth parade each year that highlights youth groups, dance studios, school marching bands and other community youth organizations. Other than chaperones, all participants in the youth parade are 18 years of age and under.

Floats are decorated to include strawberries and the Florida Strawberry Festival's current theme. The theme for this year's Festival is "Building New Memories!"

"Our youth are the pride of our community," said Florida Strawberry Festival President Paul Davis. "It's a privilege for us to highlight them in our youth parade."

In the best group float category, J.S. Robinson Elementary School won first place, Camp Genesis Ministries won second place and Patrick Patriots Twirling Corps Float won third place.

In the best church float category, Eastside Baptist Church (Crusaders The A-Team) won first place, First Assembly of God Plant City won second place, and Plant City Church of God (Kids Church) won third place.

In the best marching unit category, Patrick Patriots Twirling Corps won first place, Zephyrhills High School JROTC Drum Corp won second place and Unique Stepperettes Dance Team won third place.

In the best band category, LLT Band of Steel won first place, Marshall Dragon Band won second place and Turkey Creek Middle School won third place.

The grand parade will be held on Monday, March 5. It will begin at 1 p.m. and passes by the south side of the Festival grounds at approximately 2 p.m.

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About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival where we're "Building New Memories!" will take place March 1-11 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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