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2019 Strawberry Youth Parade winners announced

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 3, 2019) – 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 "It's A Hit!"

"It is a privilege for us to give recognition to the youth in our community," said Florida Strawberry Festival President Paul Davis. "We always look forward to seeing the Strawberry Youth Parade and the students who have worked so hard to share their love for our event."

In the best group float category, Advantage Academy of Hillsborough won first place, J.S. Robinson Elementary won second place and Faith Christian Academy won third place.

In the best church float category, Eastside Baptist Church (Crusaders The A-Team) won first place and Gospel Mets Ministries won second place.

In the best marching unit category, Patrick Patriots Twirling Corps won first place and Advantage Academy of Hillsborough won second place.

In the best band category, Dowdell Middle School Dolphin Pride Band won first place, Turkey Creek Middle School won second place and the Marshall Dragon Band won third place.

The grand parade will be held on Monday, March 4. It will begin at 1 p.m. and will pass 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 2019 Florida Strawberry Festival where "It's A Hit!" will take place February 28 - March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest19).

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