

Caroling in Coupeville Contest & Fundraiser – Details & Rules

- When:** Saturday, December 23rd, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
- Where:** Throughout the Streets of Historic Coupeville
- What:** A caroling competition of Central Whidbey nonprofit organizations featuring caroling teams of 2 or more people battling for *Best Coupeville Carolers'* bragging rights, cash prizes and donations!
- Why:** Creating a new Coupeville Community Holiday Tradition that celebrates the season with good cheer and merry music, AND helps raise funds for our Central Whidbey Nonprofit organizations.

RULES

1. Contest on Saturday, December 23rd, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
2. Free to participate.
3. Registration can be completed online at www.coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com or via provided entry form. Registration should be completed by **Wednesday, December 20th** to allow time for sign production.
4. Teams need to have 2 or more people and be prepared to sing *a cappella*. **Jingle/hand bells and claves may be used as enhancements to singing to emphasize carol lyrics, not as full accompaniment.**
5. The contest is non-sectarian and carolers may present any music of the season regardless of its origins.
6. Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association will assign performance locations (street corners/ courtyards/etc.) and provide team identification signs encouraging voting.
7. Team check-in is at the *Caroling Central Table* on Saturday, December 23rd from **12:30pm - 12:50pm**, with teams being at their performance location and singing by 1:00pm. The *Caroling Central Table* is located in The Birdbath's patio under the tree on NW Grace Street (below The Oystercatcher).
8. Voting ballots will be handed out at the *Caroling Central Table*, and must be returned there by 2:10pm to be included in the final competition count. One ballot per person, all ages welcome.
9. We encourage caroling teams to have donation boxes or to "pass the hat" to collect donations for their nonprofit organizations. At the end of the event, we will ask for the dollar amount collected so that we can let the community know the total funds raised during this event.
10. Teams are encouraged to wear costumes, create themes, have barkers*, and employ any other creative, fun and good-spirited means to gather crowds, woo votes and elicit cash donations.
**We recommend Barkers be outgoing, fun and loud people who can attract a crowd; work the crowds for votes and donations; ask for requests; speak about the organization; and hand out organization info.*
11. Contest will take place RAIN, SNOW or SHINE.
12. Cash prizes will be awarded to top 3 teams based on ballot count: **3rd Prize - \$75; 2nd Prize - \$125; 1st Prize - \$300**

EVENT AGENDA

Saturday, December 23rd in Historic Coupeville

- 12:30pm - 2:30pm: Refreshments served at *Caroling Central Table*, under the tree at The Birdbath.
- 12:30pm - 12:50pm: Teams check-in at *Caroling Central Table*, under the tree at The Birdbath. Teams are given a sign and directed to their performance location. Refreshments will be served.
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm: Music and fun abound while teams carol throughout the streets of Historic Coupeville, garnering donations, votes and support for their organizations.
- 2:10pm: Ballots must be turned into the *Caroling Central Table* by this time.

2:15pm: Winning Teams are announced back at *Caroling Central*, under the tree at The Birdbath.

Sunday, December 24th in Historic Coupeville

12:45p - 1:00p: Winners will be recognized before the *Red Ticket Drawing*, with the grand prize team invited to sing for the crowd.

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