

Caroling in Coupeville Contest & Fundraiser 2018 – Details & Rules

- When:** Saturday, December 22nd, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Where:** Throughout the Streets of Historic Coupeville
- What:** A caroling competition of Central Whidbey nonprofit organizations featuring caroling teams of 2 or more battling for *Best Coupeville Carolers'* bragging rights, cash prizes and donations! This Coupeville Community Holiday Tradition celebrates the season with good cheer and merry music, AND helps raise funds for our Central Whidbey Nonprofit Organizations.

RULES

1. Free to participate.
2. Registration can be completed online at www.coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com or via provided entry form. Registration should be completed by **Wednesday, December 19th** to allow time for sign production.
3. 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.
4. The contest is non-sectarian and carolers may present any music of the season regardless of its origins.
5. **NEW:** we will have 3 stations along Front Street that the teams will rotate through for 15-minute sessions. There will be at least a 15-minute break between singing sessions. CHWA will assign performance start time and location by Thursday, December 20th.
6. Team check-in on the 22nd is at the *Caroling Central Table* to sign a Participation Consent Form and **receive identification sign** that encourages votes. *Caroling Central Table* is located in The Birdbath's patio under the tree on NW Grace Street (below The Oystercatcher). Refreshments will be available.
7. Voting ballots will be handed out at the *Caroling Central Table*, and must be returned there by 3:10pm to be included in the final competition count. One ballot per person, all ages welcome.
8. 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 to know the dollar amount collected so that we can let the community know the total funds raised during this event.
9. 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. ***Barkers should be outgoing, fun and loud people who can attract a crowd; work the crows for votes and donations; ask for requests; speak about the organization; and hand out organization info.**
10. Contest will take place RAIN, SNOW or SHINE. Dress appropriately and bring umbrellas. We will have a canopy at each stage in the event of rain.
11. Cash prizes to be awarded to top 3 teams based on ballot count: **3rd Prize - \$100; 2nd Prize - \$150; 1st Prize - \$350**

EVENT AGENDA

Saturday, December 22nd in Historic Coupeville

- 12:30pm – 3:30pm: 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.
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm: Music and fun abound while teams carol throughout the streets of Historic Coupeville, garnering donations, votes and support for their organizations.
- 3:10pm: Ballots must be turned into the *Caroling Central Table* by this time.
- 3:20pm: Winning Teams are announced at *Caroling Central*, under the tree at The Birdbath.

Sunday, December 23rd in Historic Coupeville

- 12:45p – 1:00p: Winners recognized before the *Red Ticket Drawing*; grand prize team invited to sing.

