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**PARA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF
2009 CHRISTMAS PARADE JUDGED ENTRIES**

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -- The Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority announced winners of the West Alabama Christmas Parade judged entries at a post parade meeting in the conference room of the PARA Building on December 7.

Ava Buchanan, Lisa Waldrop, Carla Stovall and Elizabeth McGuire served as parade judges. There were 132 entries in this year's parade. Blair Plott, Director of Marketing, Advertising and Community Relations announced the winners and presented trophies in four categories.

Winners who were not present at the meeting may pick up their trophies at the PARA Building.

**2009 West Alabama Christmas Parade
Judged Entry Winners**

Best Overall
Forest Manor

Bands

1 st Place	Hillcrest High School
2 nd Place	Northside High School

Marching Groups

1 st Place	Dance Centre
2 nd Place	Southern Strutters
3 rd Place	Holt Ironettes

Decorated Vehicles

- 1st Place Bamberger
- 2nd Place Beautiful Zion AME Church
- 3rd Place VFW 6022 & Ladies' Auxiliary

Floats

- 1st Place TDOT
- 2nd Place Coaling Fire Department
- 3rd Place T-Town Tinsel Express
- 4th Place Northport Church of God Girls Club
- 5th Place Northstar EMS

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Live, Learn, Play PARA! The Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority is a county wide non-profit agency funded by the city of Tuscaloosa, the city of Northport and Tuscaloosa County, whose mission is to provide safe, clean, and beautiful facilities, parks and open spaces, along with professionally managed leisure activities for all people and to enrich the quality of life, provide economic value, and encourage long-term community stability and growth. Through strong partnerships, we will achieve exceptional services and foster an atmosphere of cooperation, trust, and innovation to better serve our community.