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ESPANOLA -

“You better not pout, you better not cry 'cause Santa Claus is coming to town,” and this past Saturday Espanola had an opportunity to light his way through town. Espanola was busy with many elves planning and preparing for this year’s arrival of jolly St. Nick.

The day, as always, was filled with many activities for the whole family to partake in from the Espanola Skating Club who held a bake sale in the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. At the Espanola Public Library more than 100 children were astonished and entertained by The Amazing Rene’s Magic Show.

Back at the complex there was be a variety of booths as part of the Family Fun Fair, while on the ice, families participated in free public skating. There was also a family swim in the pool where the water slide was a hit as always.

Upstairs the Espanola Lions Club served free hot dogs, cake and juice for the children. This is also where Santa made a brief appearance before the parade so all the children can tell him what they want for Christmas. This year’s favourites were Transformers, Beywheelz, and Justin Beiber concert tickets.

Then as everyone bundled up to wait outside for the parade the Espanola Festival Choir provided some festival carols in the lobby.

Oh, the excitement, the lights, the floats and children lined up along the streets waiting to catch that one glimpse of Santa and his reindeer. This year, Santa was generous and brought the residents of Espanola a festive surprise of snow. It was noted by many this was a warm welcome over the rain seen in years prior.

Immediately following the parade there was free hot chocolate, warm apple cider and cookies while everyone waited to hear who this year’s parade entry winners were.

What everyone has been waiting to hear; the winners of this years parade were Eacom’s Train for Best Commercial Float; the Elf Medical Services for Best Community Spirit created by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board and the EMS. This year’s Judges Choice went to Alger Boucher whose quad and trailer were covered in festive lighting bumper to bumper. But one thing many agreed was the parade and activities throughout the day were a wonderful way to welcome the holiday season.