

# The Joyful Noise Project

## CAROLING TIPS

### *Pregame*

Spending time together as a group before you start caroling gets everyone into the Christmas spirit and gives you the opportunity to review caroling details. Share some hot cocoa and get ready to spread some joy!

### *Choose a Song Leader*

The Song Leader can start each song, leading the group to all begin singing at the same time

### *Practice*

Practice starting a few songs together as a group so that everyone feels confident. Practicing is a great activity for the pregame!

### *Plan a Route*

It's helpful to map your desired route and share it with the group during the pregame. This helps keep everyone together and sets expectations for the evening

### *Sing What You Know*

Most Christmas songs have certain verses that are well-known, and some verses that are not. For your convenience, we've provided a list of song lyrics and have put the most well-known lyrics in **bold**. To keep things easy for the group, feel free to just sing the bold lines

### *Timing*

We suggest singing 1-3 songs at each house, depending on the length of the song. Your total time caroling is up to your group, but we find that 30 minutes - 1 hour is comfortable for most groups.

### *Songs*

We encourage you to sing any Christmas song that your group enjoys! For your convenience, we've provided a downloadable/printable list of song lyrics on our website. For best results, we suggest printing song lyrics, placing them in plastic page protectors, and carrying them in a binder. This will protect your song sheets from rain or snow, and will ensure everyone in the group works through the song list in the same order.

## ***Kiddos***

To keep little ones energized while walking through the neighborhood, consider pulling them in a wagon or stroller. You can even decorate it with lights and tinsle to create their own Christmas sleigh ride!

## ***Stay Comfortable***

Don't forget to wear layers, scarves, gloves, and hats to keep warm while caroling. For those who have trouble walking long distances, consider driving a few blocks at a time - just be considerate of where you park; don't block driveways or mailboxes

## ***Spread Joy...Anywhere!***

If you don't live in an area with many neighbors, consider caroling at a nursing home, school, apartment building, hospital or anywhere else you can spread some joy. Just make sure you call and ask for permission beforehand

## ***Share Your Photos***

We strongly encourage taking photos and videos while caroling! Share your photos and videos with The Joyful Noise Project on Instagram and Facebook by tagging us or messaging us directly. Plus, your video could be featured on The Joyful Noise Project's website or YouTube channel!

## ***Have Fun!***

Above all, we wish you and your group a very joyful evening! Our mission is simply to spread joy within our communities, and we are so grateful for you to be part of this movement.

