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Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 2014: Where To Watch The 88th Annual NYC Parade

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The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York will be kicking off at 77th Street and Central Park West on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 2014 features more than 8,000 participants, giant character balloons, large scale novelty balloons, floats, cheerleaders, clowns, marching bands and new ballonicles (a hybrid of cold-air balloon and vehicle). This year's parade will see the debut of six new character balloons, the biggest class of new balloons ever, which include Paddington bear, a redesigned Pikachu, Pillsbury Doughboy, the red Power Ranger, Thomas the Tank Engine and Eruptor from the Skylanders game franchise.

These new Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 2014 balloons will join returning favorites like Snoopy and Woodstock, Hello Kitty, Papa Smurf, Spiderman and more. This year's holiday spectacular also boasts a long list of celebrity guests including Lucy Hale, Nick Jonas, Idina Menzel, Meghan Trainor and more. The 88th annual parade will be led little league team the Philadelphia's Taney Dragons and their star pitcher Mo'ne Davis, along with Macy's Parade executive producer Amy Kule.



"This is a record breaking year for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as we debut the largest new cast of giant character balloons ever assembled, along with five amazing new floats," Kule said in a release. "In addition to an incredible line up of celebrity performers, America's best high school and college marching bands, hundreds of dancers, cheerleaders, clowns, and balloon handlers, we are adding some new layers of interactivity to the Parade for the first time this year. From live cameras on a float capturing special moments along the route to incredible 360-degree panoramic photos where fans can find themselves part the action, and finally, through our Confetti Carpet, the behind-the-scenes look at the starting line with our celebrity performers, we are bringing the Macy's Parade closer to audiences in New York City and in homes across the country."

To watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade in person, Central Park West from 75th Street to 59th Streets offers great vantage points for early risers who camp out early. The parade will travel down Central Park West and turn at Columbus Circle before travelling down 6th Avenue from 59th to 34th Streets before making its final turn to stop in front of Macy's Herald Square. Great views of the parade (again for early birds) can be had on 6th Avenue from 59th to 38th Streets but viewing is restricted on 6th Avenue from 38th to 34th Streets because of TV cameras.

For Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade 2014, more than 3.5 million people are expected to line the streets to watch the parade. Meanwhile, 50 million viewers are expected to tune in to watch the parade live on NBC from 9am to noon in all time zones. EarthCam offers a live stream of the Macy's Thanksgiving parade starting point so you should be able to see all the action early.