

DuPage County Fair Grand Opening Ceremony- Instructions Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Parents, please remember to have your cell-phone with you, and on, in case we need to reach you for any unforeseen reason on the day of the parade.

In case of threatening weather –

The director does not run the parades and weather is beyond her control. It is *the parent's decision whether or not their child participates* when there are concerns about questionable weather, the child's health, etc. The director will always be present at the parade, for those who decide to attend. If rain is predicted, those marching should bring a clear poncho. Inexpensive ones can be purchased at places like Dick's, Target or Wal-Mart.

Reminders for Parade Participants –

Review and adhere to the complete Marching Dress Code found on the Summer Marching web page. Following are important reminders:

- Be sure to eat, especially some protein, before coming to the Grand Opening
- Water must be in a clear or color-coordinated container as discussed at camp.
- Bring water, and be sure to drink.
- Bring your hat. *Reminders about how the hat is to be worn-*
 1. The headband is to be across the forehead with USA front and center.
 2. The hat is to be worn above the ears. If the headband is not tight enough to stay above the ears use a safety pin to make a tuck on the inside.
 3. The bulk of the hat should lay to the right.
- Musicians, bring assembled instrument, lyre, flip-folder. **FIELD SHOW participants may bring their cases, while PARADE-ONLY participants should leave their instrument cases and other belongings in their car.** (Tape edges of pages to prevent music from blowing away and a rubber band to keep the pages in place.) Parade music order is -
 1. God Bless America
 2. Marine's Hymn
 3. Star Spangled Banner
 4. Spirit of America
- If you have a tuner, please put your labeled tuner in your pocket and bring it along to help.
- Remember to apply sunscreen beforehand.
- Double tie your shoe-laces.

TICKETS TO FAIR

The following link contains information on the cost of fair tickets: [County Fair Ticket Prices](#).
[It says kids are FREE on Opening Day.](#)

Participating adult band members get a ticket from Mrs. W-P. Other adult family and friends will need to pay admission.

FIELD SHOW PARTICIPANTS FOR JULY 24TH:

ALL Field Show participants should **check-in** at **12pm**, noon, with Mrs. W-P. Meet her at the Fair ticket booth/Fair entry just east of the S7 gate. She will give entry tickets to participating adult members. Meet her at the Fair ticket booth/Fair entry just east of the S7 gate.

ALL Field Show participants MUST bring their formation packets!

Enter the fair, adults with their tickets, and bring your belongings down to the grandstand area and be ready to practice from 12:30-1:30pm. We will not use cummerbunds or marching hats for this show. You can store your case and hat in the area next to the bleachers as we will have someone watching that area.

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Field Show begins at **2pm**. Upon completion, gather your belongings and head to the grassy area behind building 2 where we gathered for marching camp.

ADDITIONAL PARADE PARTICIPANTS (I.E. NON-FIELD SHOW) CHECK-IN AT 3PM

Check-in with Mrs. W-P outside at the Fair ticket booth/fair entry just east of the S7 gate at **3:00pm**.

ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Field Show and additional parade participants need to bring your marching hat and meet in the grassy area just south of the Home Ec. building where we always gather for camp. Your instrument case should be left behind in your car. All need to pick up a cummerbund, which will be distributed at the fair. Put on your marching hat. (See reminder about for proper way to wear.)

Practice for the parade will begin in the grassy area at **3:30pm**. The parade is scheduled to step off at **4:30pm**. Cases (for Field Show participants only) can be left in this grassy area until the end of the parade as we will have someone watching the belongings. **Non-Field Show (i.e. parade only) musicians should leave their case in their car.** After the parade and turning in your cummerbund, you are welcome to stay in the fairgrounds, but you must take all of your belongings as there will be anyone there to guard items left behind.

ORDER OF EVENTS FOR PARADE:

From gathering area, step off on clicks only, no music, in normal formation to parade staging area, just north of gate W5

Parade staging, step off; Patriots march in reverse formation to flag pole between exhibit hall and Home Ec. buildings for Opening Ceremonies.

Band will march and perform, alternating between God Bless America and Marine's Hymn. **Note:** *If there are benches in the Midway we will split between columns 4 and 5 around the benches.*

At flag position, band will be called to halt, about face, quarter left

After flag is raised, with field conducting, band plays Star Spangled Banner, followed by Spirit of America.

Immediately after - Quarter right and about face, step off and proceed south towards Manchester. Once we have 7 ranks that pass the white fence into the opening you'll be given the command to do a left flank turn. Proceed to the east fence bordering the grassy area where we hold camp. When all ranks have turned-in, the block will be called to a halt.

We will collect cummerbunds and disperse. **Please be patient** and hand in cummerbunds, etc. in an orderly fashion. You will need to take all your belongings and are then excused to enjoy the fair.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS – If this is your last parade be sure to turn in your hat, music, drum (percussion only) and field show packet.