

Carol Stream July 4th Parade - Instructions Saturday, July 1, 2023

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 –

Since the director does not run the parades and weather is beyond her control it is a parent's decision whether or not their child participates if weather is threatening. 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** not colored poncho. Inexpensive ones can be purchased at Target or Wal-Mart.

All Parade Participants – Review and adhere to the complete Marching Dress Code found on the Summer Marching web page.

- 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 - do not bring your instrument case to the start of any parade. Only bring your assembled, "ready to play" instrument, lyre and flip-folder, when you are dropped off at our designated staging/line-up location. Nothing can be left behind when the band steps off.
- **Music should be loaded in the order below.** (Tape edges of pages to prevent music from blowing away and a rubber band to keep the pages in place.)
This list is the same for all parades.
 1. Go Northwestern
 2. Spirit of America
 3. And Dance
 4. God Bless 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.
- Water must be in a clear or color-coordinated container as discussed at camp.
- Double tie your shoe-laces

Parade Participants Drop-Off–

While parade lineup starts at 8:30 and Mrs. Borow will be there, arrive no at our line-up location (see below) no later than **9am**. Step-off is at 10am. There is NO line up number for this parade. We'll be included in the staging when all our participants are present. It is very important that you arrive on time.

To get to the drop-off point - Start at the intersection of Kuhn Rd/Madsen Dr and Army Trail (where Bloomingdale Costco is). Go south on Kuhn to Woodhill Dr. Turn right (west) on Woodhill Dr. Take Woodhill Dr. to Chetwood Dr and turn left (south). Go almost 1 block to where the road curves and there is a large cul-de-sac on the right. That is where we will gather. To exit continue on Chetwood Dr. to Brighton Dr. Turn left and return to Woodhill Drive and turn right (east) and go to Kuhn. Turn left (north) and to go to Army Trail, then right (east) to Gary. Right (south) on Gary to get to the Ross Ferraro Town Center to park.

NOTE: You cannot go south on Kuhn which will be closed for the parade at Lies.

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Parking

Please park at the Ross Ferraro Town Center at Gary & Lies. There will be Carol Stream shuttle buses taking **adult** parade participants to Simkus for lineup. **None of our students should use these Carol Stream shuttle busses**; rather they should be dropped off as described above. For safety reasons no parking will be allowed at Simkus. Carol Stream shuttle buses run from 8:30-9:20am.

Enter off of Lies Rd. onto Fountain View Dr and park in the field parking area. The shuttle bus staging area will be just south of the field parking entrance and will have parade volunteers there to help guide you. This is also the end of the parade so you will be returning directly to your vehicles. See parking map → [Fountain View Parking](#)

Shuttle Rides

Mrs. Jessie Gilligan and Mrs. Donna Friesen are the WSHSB shuttle drivers for this parade.

If your family has both students and one or two parents marching, one parent should drop off all the marchers on Chetwood Dr. as described above under drop-offs. If the remaining parent is also marching they should **then** park their car at the end of the parade route at the Town Center. One of the two shuttle drivers should be available to pick them up and take them to the drop off point. We won't have room for entire families taking up seats in the vehicle. WSHSB shuttle drivers' cell phone numbers are below. Call if you need a ride, noting cut-off time for shuttles.

If you are a sole adult marcher, you may park at the end of the route, at the Town Center, and call for a WSHSB shuttle ride to the beginning of the parade or use one of the Carol Stream shuttle busses. None of our students should use these shuttle busses; rather they must be dropped off as described above under Drop-Offs

WSHSB Shuttle rides will be available starting at 8:30am
Cut-off time for WSHSB Shuttle rides is 9:20am

Bring these cell phone numbers with you -

Mrs. Jessie Gilligan, 630-299-6661, look for a black Chrysler Pacifica minivan

Mrs. Donna Friesen, 630-930-3816, look for a light green Toyota Sienna van

Bathrooms - Open bathrooms will be available at the Simkus Recreation Center, a short walk from where we will gather on Chetwood Drive.

Parade Route –

Step-off is at 10 AM from the staging area on County Farm Road.

South on County Farm Road to Lies Road, East on Lies Road to Gary Avenue

South on Gary Avenue to the end at the Ross Ferraro Town Center

Here is a parade link, including a map, from Carol Stream. [PARADE LINK](#)

Returning Band Items

After the parade is over **please be patient** and hand in cummerbunds and flags, etc. in an orderly fashion.

Pick-up after the parade We will disperse at the end on the grassy area just west of the Ross Ferraro Town Center parking lot, off of Gary and Lies. Parents, pick up your children there.

BE AWARE - The director or one of the other adult volunteers must remain until the last person is picked-up. Please be considerate of their time and PICK-UP PROMPTLY after the parade. Do not make them wait for you.