

Elk Grove Village Hometown Parade- Instructions Saturday, September 16, 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 –

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 Target or Wal-Mart.

All Parade Participants – Review and adhere to the complete Marching Dress Code found on our Forms/Documents web page.

- Be sure to eat, especially some protein, before coming to the parade
- Hats and cummerbunds will be distributed at the parade and collected afterwards.
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.)
 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 – CHECK-IN 1:00 PM

Note the following road closures from approx. 11am - 5pm on Saturday September 16.

- Elk Grove Blvd between Arlington Heights Rd and Tonne Rd
- Touhy Ave between Tonne Rd and Lively Blvd
- Tonne Rd between Chase Ave and Greenleaf St

Unit number for this Parade is 43. The best drop off is Touhy and Lively. For mapping purposes, you may use the address of 1098 Touhy Avenue, Elk Grove Village, 60007. Units line up on Touhy Avenue from Tonne Road east to Lively.

Parade steps off at 2pm. The **PARADE ROUTE** goes west from Touhy on Elk Grove Blvd. and ends at Elk Grove Blvd. and Lions Drive (.9 miles). They will be directing people down Lions Drive into the **rear parking lot of Elk Grove High School** so parade participants can meet up with their ride in the parking lot after the parade. The parking lot has an exit onto Arlington Heights Road.

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Volunteers will be wearing bright green or yellow t-shirts labeled "VOLUNTEER".

Please refer to the Parade route & parking map link on our Member's News Page. **The WSHSB unit number is 43.**

Bathrooms There will be several portable restrooms along the staging area near Touhy and Lively.

Shuttle Rides

Any Elk Grove Village golf cart shuttles are for parade workers and not those marching in the parade.

Mrs. Jessy Gilligan and Mr. Ralph Tausz are the two shuttle drivers.

If your family has both students and one or two parents marching, one parent should drop off all the marchers at the front of the parade route as described in the specific instructions found above. If the remaining parent is also marching they should **then** go park their car at the end of the parade route behind Elk Grove Village High School. One of the two shuttle drivers should be available to pick them up and take them to the beginning of the parade. There is not room for entire families taking up seats in the vehicle. Cell phone numbers are below. Call if you need a ride, noting cut-off time for shuttles.

Also, if you are a sole adult marcher, you may park at the end of the route and call for a ride to the beginning of the parade.

**Shuttle rides will be available starting at 12:30pm
Cut-off time for Elk Grove Parade shuttle rides is 1:40pm**

Bring the shuttle drivers' cell phone numbers with you.

630-299-6661, Mrs. Jessy Gilligan, look for a white, 15 passenger, Chevy Express van

847.337.0550, Mr. Ralph Tausz, look for a green Toyota Sienna minivan

Returning Band Items

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

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

IMPORTANT WSHSB DISMISSAL INFO

Please pick up your students from the baseball field between Elk Grove High School and Lions drive, to the right of the purple line on the map. It will be too congested and dangerous to dismiss in the parking lot. The parking lot has an exit onto Arlington Heights Road when you are ready to leave.

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.