

Geneva Swedish Days Parade - Instructions Sunday, June 28, 2026

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, illness –

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* 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** not colored poncho. Inexpensive ones can be purchased at Target, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, etc.

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

Re pants:

No form-fitting leggings, Both men and women (not wearing a skirt) are officially required to wear conservative "trouser-style" dress pants. **No tight-fitting, denim/jeans, low-rise, or Capri-style pants.** There should be no ornamentation such as studs, rhinestones or embroidery.

Re socks & shoes:

Anyone wearing pants must wear **black, opaque, dress/trouser socks**. Black leather shoes of a conservative style with a low heel and sole. Shoes must be solid black with no other colors or ornamentation. If shoes are laced, **laces must be black**. **No gym shoes**, sandals, boots or flip-flops.

- Be sure to eat, especially some protein, before coming to the parade
- 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. American Pride
 2. Spirit of America
 3. God Bless America
 4. Salute to America's Finest, *split in two with A,B,C cadence and roll-off in between (Part 1 measures 1 – 99, cadence & roll-off, Part 2 measure 103 to the end)*
- If you have a tuner, 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 Area – CHECK-IN no later than 12:00 Noon, Step-off 1pm.

No vehicles will be allowed in the line-up area. **No entry at Anderson and Center.** Two drop off areas are indicated with stars on the map. One is at the corner of Logan Avenue and Center Street, the other at McKinley Ave. and Stevens St. The map gives drop-off directions and shows the drop-off and staging areas.

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Porta-Potties

While they will be available within the staging area, due to sidewalk and cement construction around the high school, they won't know the exact location until that day. If not visible, one of the volunteers will be able to direct you.

The WSHSB's line-up number is 35. Geneva Civil Defense and Viking Service Organization parade marshals (yellow shirts) will assist in drop-off and unit line-up. A parade marshal will direct you to your staging/line-up location.

Parade Route - The Swedish Days parade will be stepping off from the intersection of Anderson Boulevard and Center Street, one block east of Geneva High School. It will proceed south on Anderson Boulevard to State Street, east on State Street to Third Street, continuing south on Third Street to the train station. VIP Reviewing stand is on the southwest corner of 3rd and James.

Shuttle Rides

Mr. Aaron Barclay and Mr. Scott Kindlespire are the two 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 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. One of the two shuttle drivers should be available to pick them up and take them to the beginning of the parade. We won't have room for entire families taking up seats in the vehicle. Their 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 11:30am
Cut-off time for Swedish Days shuttle rides is 12:25pm
(Note: Parade route closes at 12:30pm.)

Bring these cell phone numbers with you -

Mr. Aaron Barclay (708) 243-2978, 2009 silver Suburban

Mr. Scott Kindlespire (815) 341-9946, 2012 champagne gold 15 passenger van

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 will be in the train station parking area north of the tracks, west of Third Street.

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.