

Warrenville Independence Eve Parade - Instructions Friday, July 3, 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 –

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 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–

ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN by 5:00 PM

**The WSHSB's line-up number is #11
in the Warrenville Police Station lot.**

Because we are near the beginning of the parade you must arrive early or no later than 5pm to be lined-up, ready to step off at 6pm sharp.

See both

1. The Warrenville Staging map.
2. The Warrenville Parade Route.

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Please note: We've been told Manning will be open from Batavia to Warrenville Road to allow through traffic. See staging map. From the corner of Manning and Warren it's a short walk to our staging spot in the police station lot between Manning and Tracy/Curtis. Look for folks wearing official Friends of the 4th yellow tee-shirts for line-up assistance or questions. [Give the person our unit number, 11](#). For the first time this year some units will be assigned to a parade pacer. The pacer's goal will be to guide a unit during the parade to improve the flow. Parking is available at the old Woodland school, the designated pick-up point described below.

Shuttle Rides

Mrs. Jessy Gilligan and Mr. Tyler Wightman are the 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 Manning Street. 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 4:30pm
Cut-off time for Warrenville Parade shuttle rides is 5:40pm

Bring these cell phone numbers with you -

Mrs. Jessy Gilligan (630) 299-6661, White 15 passenger Chevy van

Mr. Tyler Wightman, (847) 302-4300, Blue Honda Odyssey

Bathrooms - There are public restrooms near the round house on Stafford near the intersection of Warren and the Illinois Prairie Path. There will also be porta potties. The Warrenville Recreation Center bathrooms WILL NOT be available.

Parade Route –

Step-off is at 6 PM at intersection of Warren, Tracy/Curtis

South on Warren Avenue to Warrenville Road

West on Warrenville Road to Curtis Avenue

South on Curtis ending at Forestview Dr.

(The reviewing stand will be at the Community Baptist Church at the intersection of Main St and Warren Ave.)

NOTE: While the parade officially ends at Forestview Dr, we will continue to march further south on Curtis Avenue to the old Woodland School, 4S208 Curtis Ave. We will disperse from there.

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 Pick-ups are at the old Woodland School, 4S208 Curtis Ave. It is just south of Woodland Road on the west side of Curtis Ave.

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.