

Elk Grove Village Hometown Parade- Instructions

Saturday, September 19, 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 –

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 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.)
 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, 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

*******PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THE DROP-OFF, STAGING AND PARKING*****
INSTRUCTIONS ARE DIFFERENT FROM PAST ELK GROVE PARADES.**

Parade Participants – CHECK-IN 1:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (down to the ~~~~~) IS FROM ELK GROVE VILLAGE

Check-in is in the Southbound lanes of Tonne (**GREEN** line on the map) and will be heading Northbound in those lanes. Please enter off Devon Ave. We ask that one person/vehicle be assigned as the check-in person for your organization.

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VEHICLE(S) IN THE PARADE

If your vehicle is in the parade, stay left on Tonne Rd. to enter the parade staging area. **Staging** will take place northbound in the Southbound lanes (**GREEN** line on the map) on Tonne Road.

All participants are required to stay in the left lane and/or parkway while waiting for the parade to start. Do not cross into the right lane as that is a passing lane for vehicles.

PARADE PARTICIPANT DROP-OFF

- Use the Northbound lanes (**BLUE** line on the map) of Tonne. Enter off Devon.
- Vehicles dropping off parade participants and not driving in the parade will be directed northbound Tonne Road in the northbound lanes.
- Please use the streets & parking lots below to park and drop off parade participants
- Parking and stopping on Tonne Road will not be permitted
- Pedestrian crossing will be at Tonne Rd / Clearmont Dr & Tonne Rd / Greenleaf Ave, between the green and blue lines.
- Parade participants can use the sidewalks on the east side of Tonne Road

PARADE PARTICIPANT PARKING

At the start of the parade:

- Morse Ave (lower **PINK** line on the map)
- Greenleaf Ave (upper **PINK** line on the map)

Pedestrian crossing will be at Tonne Rd / Clearmont Dr & Tonne Rd / Greenleaf Ave (*Intentionally repeated*)

At the end of the parade:

- Middlebury Lane
- Sussex Court
- Charing Cross Road
- Grosvener Lane
- Elk Grove High School (500 W Elk Grove Blvd) **BAND MEMBERS' FAMILIES SHOULD PARK HERE FOR EASIER DISMISSAL & MEET-UP AFTER THE PARADE.**
Please use the entrance/exit at S Arlington Heights Road.

ROAD CLOSURES & DETOURS

Please note the following road closures from approx. **10:30am - 5pm on Saturday September 19.**

- Elk Grove Blvd between Arlington Heights Rd and Tonne Rd
 - Tonne Road between Devon Ave and Chase Ave
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Unit number for this Parade is 56. The best drop off is Devon and Touhy. For mapping purposes, you can use 586 E Devon (for Fatt Mustards Cafe) as your reference address for Devon and Touhy. Units line up on Tonne Road as described above in the Elk Gove info.

Position numbers will be spray painted on the pavement on Tonne Road.

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**). The director will turn on Lions Drive and lead the band to the grassy area just south of the High School where band members can meet

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up with their ride in the parking lot after the parade. The parking lot has an exit onto Arlington Heights Road. Traffic **must** enter / exit off Arlington Heights Road, as Elk Grove Blvd will be closed.

Elk Grove staff and volunteers will be wearing **maroon shirts**. They will be located at the check-in point and down the staging area to assist participants.

Refer to the two Elk Grove Village map links on our summer Marching Page.
One is the staging map the village sent us. The other is an Elk Grove Village street map,

Bathrooms There will be portable restrooms. They will be at Tonne & Clearmont, Tonne & Greenleaf and then Tonne & Elk Grove Blvd.

Shuttle Rides

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

Mr. Tyler Wightman and Mrs. Jessy Gilligan 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 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.

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

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

Returning Band Items

After the parade is over **please be patient** and hand in your 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 grassy area just south of Elk Grove High School. It will be too congested and dangerous to dismiss in the parking lot itself. 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.