

West Chicago Railroad Days Parade - Instructions Sunday, July 15, 2018

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.

- 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 except the County Fair Grand Opening.

1. Zacatecas
 2. Spirit of America
 3. God Bless America
 4. American Pride
- 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 color-coordinated container as discussed at camp.
 - Double tie your shoe-laces

Parade Participants – CHECK-IN 12:00 Noon at the latest

There is no designated drop-off point for the West Chicago Railroad Days parade. **WSHSB's line-up number is 20**, which is on Highland, south of Elmwood and north of Grand Lake.

Bathrooms – There will be at least one portable toilet near Claremont and Elmwood.

Parade Route - The 2018 Railroad Days parade will be stepping off at 1pm from the intersection of Elmwood and Ingaltton Avenues and is about one mile in length. It will proceed south on Ingaltton Avenue to Washington Street, west on Washington Street to Arbor Avenue, continuing north on Arbor Avenue to National Street, by Reed Keppler Park. We will then continue east on National Street, turning south on Highland Avenue, returning to our original line-up spot.

No Shuttle - There is no shuttle for this parade. Drop off and pick-up are in the same area.

Returning Band Items

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

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Pick-up after the parade – Pick up will be in the same area as drop-off since we will return to the point from where we started on Highland Avenue to line-up before the parade.

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.