

DuPage County Fair Grand Opening Ceremony- Instructions
Wednesday, July 22, 2009

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 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.

- 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, bring instrument, lyre and flip-folder with music as directed below. If you have a tuner, please put your labeled tuner in your pocket and bring it along to help.
- Remember to apply sunscreen beforehand.
- Mrs. Wiesner-Pardee will have FAIR ENTRANCE TICKETS FOR MARCHING BAND MEMBERS ONLY. There are no extra tickets for other family members.

Parade Participants – CHECK-IN 10:15 AM

We will gather in the same grassy area where we gathered each day at band camp. After passing through the parking lot gate on the Manchester Rd. side, the grassy area is to your immediate right, just inside the gate. There is plenty of free parking in the lot.

Line-Up Order and Music Order for County Fair

The block will line-up in reverse order with percussion first and flutes last.

These are the songs and the order in which they will be played –

Marines Hymn – 2 times through, play the repeats

***IMPORTANT:** When the drums reach their stopping point, the other ranks continue moving forward creating the compressed formation as at marching camp.*

Star Spangled Banner (National Anthem)

Salute to America's Finest

God Bless America (Play while marching out, begin at measure 19, repeat.)

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Parade Route - We will be playing while marching down the midway to the flagpole. Columns 3 and 4 will need to separate to pass around the benches in the center of the midway. When we are done playing Salute to America's Finest, there will be a number of speeches. (*Read the notes below for conduct during the speeches and tips to avoid becoming faint.*) After the speeches watch the director and listen to her instructions. When we exit, we will march off to God Bless America.

Conduct During Speeches - During the speeches you will be at *Parade Rest* which is a form of *Attention*. It is not *At Ease*. While you may not be interested in the speeches, you must keep a formal stance with eyes forward, chin up, etc. You should not move your head around or talk with your neighbor.

Tips to Avoid Becoming Faint

To avoid becoming faint remember not to lock your knees, rather keep them slightly bent. Occasionally shift your weight (unnoticeably) and wiggle your toes.

Dismissal - Once you have turned in your cummerbund, you are free to go and enjoy the fair.