



2024 Fred Meyer Junior Parade
Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Instructions for Bands, Drill & Dance Teams

Please see attached sheet for your band's number and arrival time

Welcome to the 2024 Fred Meyer Junior Parade! Please read these important instructions carefully, as they include important information regarding construction and road closures in the area.

ARRIVAL AND BAND BUS INFORMATION

All Bands, Drill/Dance teams and Baton groups arrive at Normandale Park. Please follow the attached arrival schedule, as bus and vehicle unloading space is limited. With the large number of participants involved, it is necessary for your group to arrive **ON TIME** and pay close attention to all instructions relating to the parade organization and formation. **Please PRINT and place the attached access pass on the inside of the bus so that it is visible to parade officials.**

Please have your bus driver drop off parade participants on the west side of NE 57th Avenue, between Wasco and Hassalo. Buses must then turn west on Hassalo. If you have instruments that require more unloading time, your bus or truck may pull in to the parking lot of the Oregon Catholic Press (5536 NE Hassalo) for temporary unloading. After unloading, all vehicles must go directly to the Disband area at Grant High School. Traveling west on Hassalo (there is a small jog to the north to continue on Hassalo) turn right on NE 52nd Ave, left on Halsey, and right on NE Cesar E Chavez Blvd, then left on NE Tillamook which becomes NE U.S. Grant Place. A map of this route is attached to this email. Please give this map to your bus driver. **Please note: this is NOT the same route used in previous years.**

Bus parking is located along U.S. Grant Place between NE 32nd and NE 35th. Band buses do not park at Beverly Cleary School. Please have your bus drivers review the maps to and from the formation and disband areas **PRIOR** to leaving your school.

CHECK-IN AND FORMATION

Please have a representative from your group check in at the registration table at Normandale Park to confirm your arrival.

Restroom facilities, drinking water fountains and garbage bags are available at Normandale Park. Parade participants should pack a lunch or snacks. **Hydration is important -- be sure to bring sufficient water to last for the duration of the parade.** Your students may bring bag lunches to eat in Normandale upon arrival; you may also wish to consider having your students eat lunch on the bus prior to arrival.

JOINING THE PARADE

Once you check in, parade officials in Normandale Park will direct you to line up and move toward the formation area. Your band will cross Halsey, go north on 56th Ave., west (left) on Hancock and north (right) on 52nd Ave. A map of this route is attached. Parade officials along these streets will make sure you are in the correct place.

The parade route is one mile long and takes about 45 minutes to one hour to march. Because the amount of community groups joining the parade varies from year to year, it is difficult to estimate a finishing time. For transportation planning, please use the following approximations: Numbers 1 to 10, 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.; Numbers 11 to 19, 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

JUDGING

Judging for Bands, Dance/Drill teams, and Baton groups takes place on the parade route. The judging stand is located between NE 41st and NE 42nd on the roof of Rite Aid on the right side of the street. Judging is based on performance and appearance while marching. **No stopping or counter-marching is allowed near the judging stand or at any point along the parade route.** Awards results are emailed to winners by the end of June.

TELEVISION

The Junior Parade will be televised live on FOX 12 Plus (KPDX). The broadcast location will be at the parking lot located at NE 50th and Sandy on the left side.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Your group must enter the marching line when directed by parade officials. Because of the grassroots nature of the Junior Parade, the lineup may change during the event. Your group may be marching next to a band or another group with music.

A Festival Parade Marshal may hold your band for a few moments before entering the adjudication area to ensure the judges have the opportunity to accurately hear your performance.

Also, please remember that **parade participants are not allowed to give anything to spectators**, touch parade spectators, or hand out literature, candy, etc. along the route or in the formation and disband areas.

DISBAND

Parade volunteers will be greeting your group and directing your group onto NE 36th OR onto US Grant Place, depending on your vehicle's location. **Please look for parade officials or police and follow their instructions!** **We ask that you board your bus quickly to not disrupt the flow of traffic.** Parade officials and police are looking out for the safety of all parade participants.

OTHER

While your group is attending the Fred Meyer Junior Parade, whether in the formation area, disband area, or anywhere in between, please be sure to keep all litter picked up and group members under control. Your group will be provided with litter bags at check-in. Hollywood residents graciously allow us to host thousands of spectators and parade participants. Please instruct your students that they are representing your school or group, and to respect the property of homeowners in the Hollywood District, our city streets, and parks.

THANK YOU!

We wish your group a successful parade and thank you for your support, cooperation and participation. If you have any further questions, please email Lynn Weigand at lynnw@rosefestival.org.