

GUIDELINES FOR BAND PARTICIPATION

(PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES FOR YOUR STUDENTS)

1. The official start of the Parade is at the intersection of Alhambra Circle and Ponce de Leon Blvd. It ends just beyond the grandstand seating area at City Hall. Total march time is between 40 minutes to an hour.
2. Marching Bands must have at least 30 band members participating in the Parade. Not meeting the minimum requirement could disqualify your unit from marching in the Parade.
3. All chaperones and participants are encouraged to be costumed to coincide with the Theme of the Parade. (We realize most bands are in uniform, but anything you wanted to add is encouraged! Have fun with it!)
4. The contact person should be with the unit at all times during Staging and the Parade.
5. No objects may be thrown into the crowds.
8. No fire batons.
9. No handouts.
10. Because of insurance coverage, children under the age of five may not march in the Parade.
11. We will email you to let you know if your band has been selected to participate. Once the band selection has been made, all units will be provided with complete Parade instructions, including the staging area diagram and a bus route map for drop off and pick up.
12. Parents and Chaperones may watch the band along the Parade route at no fee (you may stand or bring your own chair). Grandstand seating tickets must be purchased. **PLEASE NOTE THAT parents will not be allowed to stand in front of the grandstand area or in the grandstand stair corridors.** For ticket information, please contact the Junior Orange Bowl office.
13. The Junior Orange Bowl will try to provide water for the band but be prepared to have your own available. Please stay hydrated!
14. Any band violating any aforementioned Parade Rules or official instructions given on the day of the Parade will not be invited back the following year.

PLEASE NOTE: The Junior Orange Bowl Parade is an invitational event. Your application does not guarantee entry into the parade. You will be notified if you have been selected to march in this year's parade by the Junior Orange Bowl staff.

I have read and agree to the GUIDELINES FOR BAND PARTICIPATION and understand that the violation of any of these will result in the possible exclusion from any future Junior Orange Bowl Parades.

Authorized Band Representative (Print Name)

Signature

Date

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Arrival Time

Staging is located on Alhambra Circle between Douglas Road and Le Jeune Road. **All units are expected to arrive and check in with a staging representative between 4:00 and 4:30 PM.** While the parade committee understands that being there hours prior can be a burden to some groups, it is imperative for the organization of the parade that groups follow those directions. **Groups that arrive late may be removed from the parade lineup and denied entry to parade.** Your buses will be allowed to stay with the group until 45 minutes previous to parade start. At that time, buses will be asked to leave for the dispersal area.

Kindly note that the Junior Orange Bowl may not be able to provide water to all the participants. Please bring your own water on Parade day.

Band Pick-Up

Bands should be picked up by their corresponding bus at the dispersal area after they have finished marching in the Parade. The dispersal area will be located near Biltmore Way and Hernando Avenue, just west of Coral Gables City Hall. Your bus drivers will be given maps to help them find the dispersal area for band buses.

Parade Route

The parade starts at Alhambra Circle and Ponce de Leon Blvd. It will travel south on Ponce de Leon Blvd and turn right to head west on Miracle Mile. The parade will proceed down Miracle Mile and approach the grandstands and television cameras at Coral Gables City Hall. The parade will end immediately after the units exit the grandstand area.

NOTE TO BAND DIRECTORS AND DRUM MAJORS:

PLEASE HAVE YOUR BAND PLAYING (not just cadences) once they enter the VIP grandstand area (as you march in front of Coral Gables City Hall.)

Remember to smile!! You are being televised!