



THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND

Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade Competition Itinerary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019

This itinerary is tentative, pending final information from the parade organizers. See page 2 of this document for the parade route map.

What to Bring

Your water bottle for the bus ride, snacks or sack dinner for the bus ride, money for concessions and rides, a change of clothing for after the performance, instrument/equipment and all uniform parts (remember your gloves and shoes!)

Uniform/Appearance

The summer/parade uniform includes the black parade shirt, black pants, black belt, black socks, black marching shoes, and black gloves (gloves only for woodwinds and brass). The color guard parade uniform includes the parade tunic, guard shoes, black leggings, and guard gloves. Gentlemen are to be clean-shaven. All members' hair must be long enough that it can be worn in a dance-style bun or short enough that it does not extend over the eyebrows or ears in the front, or touch the collar in the back. Any artificial hair coloring treatment must result in a naturally-occurring hair color. No jewelry, make up, or visible finger nail polish is permitted when performing.

Communication

If you have not already done so, be sure to subscribe to the BAND app and turn on notifications. This is especially important in case we need to communicate while members are spread throughout the fairgrounds (in case of inclement weather, for example.)

Parent Information

We hope you will cheer us on in Springfield! If you are picking up your student at the Fairgrounds and they will NOT be riding the bus back with the NMB, please write a note and give it to the bus chaperone (not the directors.) Please check your student out with the bus chaperone before you leave so they can account for all band members. The best place to do this is the bus parking lot at the end of the parade route, near the Grandstand. Sign up to chaperone, assist with band hydration, and/or ride the bus at normalmb.org—VOLUNTEER!

In Case of Emergency

Mr. Budzinski's cell: (815)370-8730 | Mr. Meadows' cell: (309)824-9582 | Ms. Preston's cell: (309)310-4435

Itinerary

- 2:30 PM Meet at NCWHS, dressed in summer/parade uniform, ready to depart (Make sure you have all instruments/equipment. Long hair should be put up before you arrive.)
- 2:45 PM Load buses, depart for Springfield as soon as we are loaded
Drink water and eat snacks or dinner en route
- 4:15 PM Arrive at the Staging Area/Warm Up Site
Keep EVERYTHING that you need for the parade! The buses will drop us off and meet us at the end of the parade route.
- ~5:30 PM State Fair Twilight Parade begins! Go, Normal Marching Band!
The judging area is just inside the main gate of the fairgrounds.
The parade will end at the bus parking area, near the Grandstand. You may then change and head into the fairgrounds (FREE!) for concessions and rides (NOT FREE!) Stay in groups of three or more. Note—there is no designated clothes changing area. Plan accordingly.
- after parade Parade Awards Ceremony in the Commodities Pavilion (We'll text when it is about to begin.)
- 10:30 PM Load buses and depart for Normal. Be on time!
- 11:45 PM Approximate arrival time at NCWHS

A Note from the NMB Directors

We are very proud of your work so far, and we are excited to share the NMB with the State Fair audience! Remember that you represent our band, our schools, and our community for the duration of the day. Make sure that you are positive and respectful in all of your interactions, with chaperones, bus drivers, volunteers, members of other bands, and fairgoers. Have a great performance, and enjoy the fair!

-Mr. B, Mr. M, and Ms. P

