



THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND

Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade Competition Itinerary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

What to Bring

This itinerary is tentative, pending final information from the parade organizers. See page 2 of this document for the anticipated parade route map. This route is different from the past couple of years, but it is what is expected for 2024.

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 (black socks and shoes!)

Uniform/Appearance

The parade uniform includes the black parade shirt, black parade shorts, short black socks, and black marching shoes. The color guard parade uniform includes the parade tunic, as worn at the preview performance in June. All members' hair must be long enough that it can be worn in a low ponytail 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 fingernail polish is permitted when performing. Performers should be clean-shaven.

Safety/Security

Procedures will be discussed during rehearsal. We encourage students to carry their phones in their parade shorts pocket on the parade route.

Band App

If you have not already done so, be sure to join the NMB group on the BAND App and turn on notifications. Visit normalmb.org/appnotifications to do so. 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 home, 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. Parents can sign up to chaperone, assist with band hydration, and/or ride the bus at normalmb.org. Thank you!

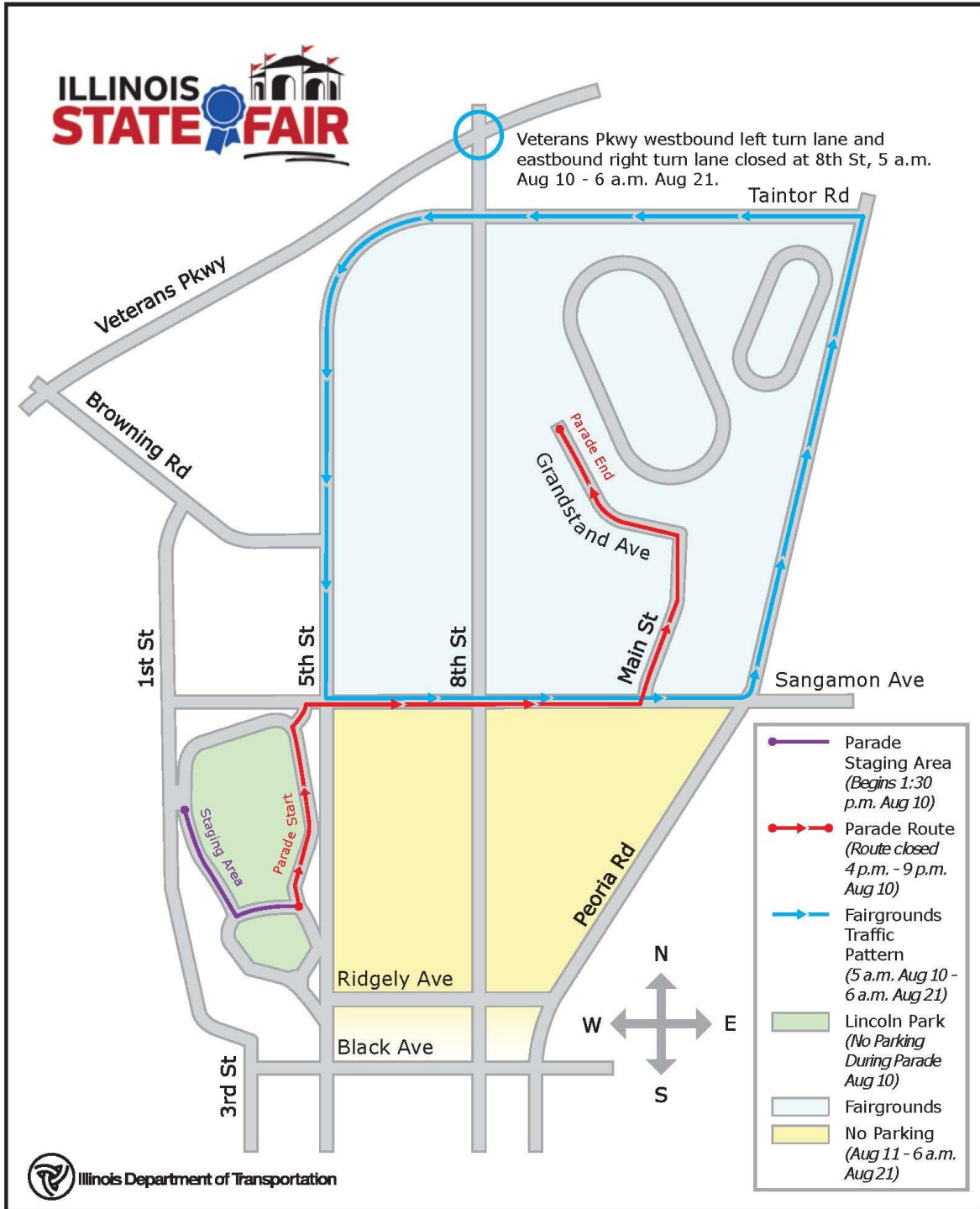
In Case of Emergency: Mr. Budzinski's cell: (815) 370-8730 | Mr. Carter's cell: (215) 749-2673

Itinerary

- 2:15 PM Meet at NCHS, and load buses dressed in summer/parade uniform, ready to depart (Make sure you have all instruments/equipment. Long hair should be pulled back before you arrive.)
- 2:30 PM Depart for Springfield, drink water and eat snacks or dinner en route
- 4:00 PM Arrive at the Staging Area/Warm Up Site
Keep EVERYTHING that you need for the parade! Put instrument cases and other items back on the bus. 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.
- 9:30 PM Load buses and depart for Normal. Be on time! (Departure time subject to change.)
- 11:00 PM Approximate arrival time at NCHS

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!



Parade route map from previous years, subject to change.