

2025 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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Click link for the [2025 Memorial Day Parade Lineup](#)

2025 Parade Route [PARADE ROUTE MAP](#)

Jackson Ave. east, north (left) on Washington, east (right) on Benton to Ellsworth (or Court Place)

General Parade Information

- All entries (except for the high school bands and VFW Auxiliary) should meet at the Centennial Beach Parking Lot. That is where you will step-off from.
- Access to the Centennial Beach Parking Lot will be cut-off after 9:45 AM. If you are staging a vehicle or float, you should be staged by 9:30am.
- There is **NO PARKING at the VFW or staging areas**
- The parade will start at 10:30 AM and the route will be Jackson to Main to Benton
- **NO THROWING OF CANDY OR ANY OBJECTS AT ANY TIME**
- **NO DISTRIBUTION OF ANY ITEMS AT OR ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE, INCLUDING THE STAGING AREA**
- **NO PLAYING OF MUSIC FROM VEHICLES, FLOATS, OR NON-BAND ENTRIES**
- The reviewing stand/NCTV location will be at Nichols Library on Jackson Ave
- Please keep your group moving- do not stop along the parade route
- Your entry must have a large, obvious sign with your unit number displayed. This is for the announcers.
- At the end of the parade, please move out of the way as quickly as possible. This is for the safety of your people and the marchers right behind you. You may go straight to Ellsworth or right on Court Pl.
- *Remember, we are all marching to pay tribute to our nation's heroes. If any part of the parade process becomes challenging, remember this: We are not suffering or sacrificing nearly as much as the people for whom we are marching!*

Rain and Cancellation Policy

The decision to cancel the parade is made by the Naperville Police Department just prior to the parade. The intent is to march unless rain is very bad or the weather is dangerous.

Emergency Plan

Please familiarize yourself with this [EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN](#).

Band Folks, Keep Reading...

SLICK TRICK FOR BAND DIRECTORS: Once you have gotten your group staged after drop-off, call/text your bus drivers to see where they parked. 203 buses should be in the SS Peter and Paul lots and 204 buses should be on Ellsworth. If there is room, 204 buses may also use the SS Peter and Paul lots, but 203 will have first dibs- drivers can assess when they arrive. [BUS ROUTES MAP](#)

Middle School Bands

- On the parade lineup document (above), you are assigned a staging slot. Please use this [PARADE STAGING AT CENTENNIAL BEACH](#) map to see where your group will stage.
- Your drop-off is at the VFW. PLEASE have your drivers follow this [BUS ROUTE](#) map, as there are specific instructions regarding how you should approach the drop-off area.
- You need to have your buses in and out of the drop-off area before 9:45am
- At the end of the parade, please clear your band off of the street quickly and have them move straight to your buses
- Emily Binder will create a group text on the morning of the parade in case there are last minute announcements or something urgent occurs

High School Bands

- **All high school bands need to approach the staging area from the north from Ogden Ave.** Your buses should go south on Mill, right on Spring St., left on Ewing. Please, do not let your buses go past Benton. Drop your band off north of Benton. When you are done unloading, have your buses go left on Benton to head over to SS Peter and Paul/Ellsworth. You and your band will walk south on Ewing to get to your staging spot. A bus route map will be coming to you shortly.
- On the parade lineup document (above), you are assigned a staging slot. Please use this [HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARADE STAGING ON EWING STREET](#) map to see where your group will stage. ***Please keep your students off of residential lawns and private property.***
- Emily Binder will create a group text on the morning of the parade in case there are last minute announcements or something urgent occurs

If anyone has any questions, please contact napermemorialdayparade@gmail.com .