

2023 UNK Band Day Information

Thank you for choosing to participate in the annual UNK Band Day Parade. We are excited to have your band join us this year. Please read through the following information carefully to ensure a smooth flow from arrival through the end of the parade.

Arrival in Kearney

Regardless of your route to arrive in Kearney, all buses and equipment trucks should enter the unloading area by traveling west on 22nd St. from 2nd Ave. (the intersection does have traffic signals). **It is highly recommended that all bands arrive in Kearney in full uniform. If you are travelling a longer distance, I recommend scheduling a stopover prior to arriving in Kearney to change into uniform.**

Unloading

All buses and equipment trucks will unload on 4th Ave. and/or W 22nd St. Please pull as far forward as possible to allow other arriving bands to unload. Upon arrival, a UNK representative will direct your band towards the Merryman Performing Arts Center parking lot for warm-ups. All bands will be directed to a portion of the lot, reflecting performance order to ensure a smooth transition to staging. **Portable bathrooms (with ADA accessibility) will be available in the Merryman parking lot. Please do not use these to change into uniforms.**

Bus Departure from Unloading Site

Please note that all buses and equipment trucks will depart via 4th Ave. to Hwy 30 then to Avenue A.

A Parade representative will direct buses to a parking location when you turn on to Avenue A.

Pre-staging

To facilitate a smoother spacing, please make sure your band is arranged in parade formation prior to leaving the warm-up/parking lot and moving to the formal staging area

Staging

Approximately 10 minutes prior to step-off, bands will be led to the setup area on 3rd Ave. Bands will be spaced approximately 1 block apart from other bands. **Please make sure that your drum majors or parade leaders are aware of the spacing so they may maintain this distance throughout the duration of the parade.**

Parade

The parade formally begins as bands step off from 21st Street and 3rd Avenue

The judging stand will be on the east side (right of the drum majors) of the street at Central Avenue and E 22nd Street. There will also be an elevated photographer taking pictures of each band. These will be sent out to the director along with the judges comments following the parade. The parade formally ends at the intersection of Central Avenue and E 24th Street. **All bands must turn East onto 24th Street before halting.** Parade personnel will direct bands to their bus for loading.

Awards

The awards ceremony will be held at Kearney High School (2702 W 11th St.), beginning at 1:00 PM

****When arriving at Kearney High for the awards ceremony, please park on the WEST side of the school****

12:55 Drum Majors will line up on the track, in uniform. We will begin awards promptly at 1:00

Trophies will be presented for the following:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place trophies in each class (Middle School, D, C, B, and AA)

Overall Awards for Best Drumline, Best Color guard, and Sweepstakes (highest score regardless of class).

Following the awards ceremony, bands are encouraged to attend the Bearcat Marching Festival.

School	Class	Arrival	Staging	Step-off
UNK		9:15	9:54	9:57
Faith Christian	MS	9:15	9:57	10:00
Cozad MS	MS	9:15	10:00	10:03
Ogallala MS	MS	9:15	10:03	10:06
Elm Creek	D	9:15	10:06	10:09
Pleasanton	D	9:30	10:09	10:12
Arcadia	D	9:30	10:12	10:15
Shelton	D	9:30	10:15	10:18
Axtell	D	9:30	10:18	10:21
Wilcox-Hildreth	D	9:30	10:21	10:24
Parkview Christian	D	9:45	10:24	10:27
Stapleton	D	9:45	10:27	10:30
Kenesaw	D	9:45	10:30	10:33
Amherst	C	9:45	10:33	10:36
Grand Island CC	C	10:00	10:36	10:39
Gibbon	C	10:00	10:39	10:42
Ord	C	10:00	10:42	10:45
North Platte St. Patrick's	C	10:00	10:45	10:48
Arapahoe	C	10:00	10:48	10:51
Ravenna	C	10:15	10:51	10:54
Broken Bow	B	10:15	10:54	10:57
Holdrege	B	10:15	10:57	11:00
Kearney Catholic	B	10:15	11:00	11:03
Gering	A	10:30	11:03	11:06
Lincoln Northstar	AA	10:30	11:06	11:09
North Platte	AA	10:30	11:06	11:09
Columbus	AA	10:30	11:09	11:12
Grand Island	AA	10:30	11:12	11:15
Kearney HS	AA	10:30	11:15	11:28