

Parade & Competition Day Checklist

This is to help get you organized and gather together the stuff needed for a competition day.

As the kids are loading onto the bus, the chaperones check all of the following, so they need to be prepared to physically show the chaperones that they have all of the pieces of their uniforms. Most kids bring a string bag for shoes and incidentals... like a bottle of water, a few dollars, extra socks or t-shirt and non-messy snacks. This also gives them a place to leave their cellphones during competition.

No Jewelry (gages must be clear or skin colored), No Nail Polish

Musicians:

These are required to be worn under the uniform, **no exceptions.**

- Black(not blue or any other color or pattern) socks that cover the ankle – crew length
- Black short sleeve t-shirt – no logos (unless it is show shirt)
- Silky-type shorts to go under the uniform pants
- Band Uniform –***in the bag***
 - Uniform Top
 - Pants
 - Gloves – required for most - should be in the uniform bag/hat box
- Dinkles – should **not** be in the uniform bag or hat box – most kids bring a small backpack or string bag.
- Hat – in hat box
- Instrument
- Long hair needs to be put up in a bun or clips (no hair should be seen when wearing shako...this applies to boys too...welcome to the world of bobby pins)

Guard:

- Uniform with body stocking– ***in the bag***
- Socks/stockings as required by staff
- Shoes, Gloves, Flag
- Hair and make-up as required by staff

Notes:

- Set everything out the night before so that it is easy to pick up and go.
- Decorate the hat box to make it easier to find in the group. Also put a ribbon or tape on the hanger of the uniform (nothing on the bag itself) to make it easier to find.
- Don't forget the instrument!
- Hydrate – make sure you drink lots of water (this starts 24+ hours BEFORE parade/show day)
- Bring food for snack and dinner – or arrange for parents to bring you dinner at the time listed on the weekly competition schedule. There is typically no time to eat before competitions.
- Most times (there are exceptions) the band will remove their uniforms before leaving to come home, so if it is getting colder, they will need to bring a sweatshirt or jacket.
- When the kids get home
 - Wash uniform per instructions, make sure top, pants, etc are hung properly
 - Guard – follow directions from staff on how to handle new uniforms
 - Clean the Dinkles with a soft cloth
 - If it rained, set the hat out to dry