

Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade 2009

Hello and welcome again to the 27th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade! This year's parade is going to be even bigger than last year.

Not much has changed from last year. We are still staging the parade in the same lot on the corner of Wilmington and Lenoir. This year, please have your group pay particular attention to their spacing with the group in front of them. We want to avoid gaps in the parade, but we also want to avoid traffic jams. Please leave plenty of space between you and the group in front of you. If you find yourselves waiting for the line to move, feel free to perform while you wait!

Read through the following notes. There are a few changes from last year worth noting. If you have any question for me, feel free to ask at the email on the bottom of this sheet.

Arrival, Parking, and Check-In Instructions:

- Arrive at the main **Assembly** area.
- Only vehicles that are in the parade are allowed in the Assembly area.
- After you have dropped off your parade participants, please move your vehicle to make room for other arriving participants.
- You can park your vehicle in the parking deck that is across Cabarrus Street.
- High School band buses will drop off performers on Lenoir Street and then continue to the school bus parking area.
- Go to the **Check-in table** to receive your position number in the parade.
- The **Check-in table** is designated by the **red star**, located in the middle of the block on South Wilmington Street. (See attached map)
- The year there will be a Girl Scout troop selling water and soda at the staging area.

Performing Along the Parade Route – Instructions

- There are three (3) designated areas along the parade route for you to perform. See the attached map, **green shamrocks**.
- Two performance areas are on Fayetteville Street.
- The final performance area is on Blount Street near the end of the parade route. Please be sure to perform in this location for the Grand Stand viewers.
- Please catch up to the group that is marching in front of you once your group has finished performing.
- We want to avoid making gaps and traffic jams in the parade.
- Parade marshals will assist along the route to help with the flow of marchers.
- Parade marshals will be wearing green staff shirts.
- If you have animals that will be marching in the parade with you, please bring what you need to clean up after them.
- Please remember that the parade is to end at the corner of Blount St and Martin St. Please march past Moore Square before you join the festival.

Thank you all, once again, for your participation the parade. We're looking forward to a great day. If you have further questions, please contact me at raleighstpats@gmail.com .

