

2017

Veterans Day Parades

We will be marching in two Veterans Day Parades during November. These parades are to honor those brave men and women who have fought for our wonderful country, some of them losing their lives so that we may be free to pursue life including the fun activities that we all enjoy. Twirlers are encouraged to thank the veterans that they may encounter at each of these events. Parents are encouraged to take photos and submit them to Tennessee Twirl Sport so we may share them with others.

Normally we require all twirlers to wear the TTS group warm-up so we are a sharp, uniform, cohesive group. Due to the delay of the printer in getting the warm-ups to us, this will not be possible for the November parades. (Warm-ups will be required in the December parades.) For both of the Veterans Day parades in November twirlers will wear black leggings, tights, or warm-up pants with a white t-shirt. The t-shirt can be patriotic in design with flags, eagles, stars, etc. if you choose. SOLID white tennis shoes. (Not colored shoes with white trim, but WHITE shoes. If you do not have these, they are available at Wal - Mart, Payless, etc. Wal - Mart's price is \$6.00.

Twirlers who already have their red warm-ups can wear them.

Twirlers may decorate their face with red/white/blue glitter, stickers, stars, flags, etc. if they choose. It is not required.

Please see the Parade Prep Guidelines sheet available at class and on the TTS website for other parade prep information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

ASHLAND CITY VETERANS DAY PARADE

Line up begins at 1:00 PM at Riverbluff Park (175 Old Cumberland Street), Ashland City, TN
Parade begins at 2:00 PM. This parade will basically do a circle around and through the Ashland City square and will end at the same place we began. Parents should pick up twirlers at the park where the parade ends. This is a small town parade and is ideal for twirlers first public performance.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

NASHVILLE VETERANS DAY PARADE

We must be IN LINE AND READY at 10:00 AM in the parade assembly area on Broadway, between 14th and 17th Avenues. The parade begins at 11:00 AM and will travel straight down Broadway into downtown. Units will disperse on either 3rd Avenue North or South (depending on the unit number we are assigned by the parade staff. We will publish this next week when they give it to us.) Parents should pick up twirlers at 3rd Avenue where the parade ends. This parade is always popular and most local TV stations cover it for their local broadcasts.

We will have a vehicle in both parades carrying our music and for twirlers who cannot march the entire parade length. All twirlers who participate in parades will receive their custom souvenir parade medal at the parade. These can be collected and worn on their warm-ups, costumes, etc. to show how many parades they have marched in.

Parade Prep / Guidelines

Parades are only one of the public appearances TTS twirlers will make. This is the time for the girls and boys to show off and demonstrate what they have learned. “Fun” is the number one goal for twirlers at every appearance but in having fun, the adults must take every precaution to keep each and every child safe. These are a few guidelines for making sure each participant has a terrific time in a safe and fun environment.

TWIRLERS:

- Clean, fitting, TTS warm-up uniform and SETA t-shirt underneath. (When marching in warmer weather we may march with the warm-up pants and t-shirt only, no jackets.) In colder weather t-shirt not required. You may wear any type of clothing beneath your warm-up you desire to keep warm. Remember that when you are marching in the parade you will warm up with the physical movement, so don't over do it.
- Shoes– White, pointed toe, no color trim. Clean and not stained. White sponge on shoe polish may be applied if you have a spot on your shoes. White socks underneath. DOUBLE knot all shoes to make sure they do not come loose during the parade or fall off and trip the twirler. If you think it necessary you may even want to add a padded sole insert for comfort. Inserts aren't suggested for Twirl Days as they may hinder performances but in a long walking parade they can be a nice benefit.
- Hair: Pulled back so it does not interfere with your face while you are twirling and marching. You do not want to have this distraction when you are trying to concentrate on a good performance. Hair accessories such as ribbons or bows will differ with each event so be sure to check with your class teacher.
- Baton: Clean . Make sure to wash your baton ends the day before. We do not want the spectators seeing you with a dirty baton.
- Make-up: Light make-up that is age appropriate is acceptable. A SMALL amount of blush, lip or eye color. No false eyelashes, or other fake items. This is not a “glitz” type event; we want each girl to be comfortable with who she is as an individual. No make-up at all is perfectly fine.
- Nail polish: No nail polish period. A fully clear coat is acceptable but no coloring at all.
- Jewelry: No jewelry at all. Necklaces, bracelets, watches, etc. are to be left at home. They can interfere with your twirling and may become lost or dropped during the parade.
- Headwear: In some parades we will wear different types of decorations such as ribbons, hats, etc. Make sure these are well secured. Put a couple of extra clips or bobby pins on the piece to insure it will not fall off or become loose during the event. We cannot stop to pick up dropped items such as this.
- Skin protectant: Depending upon the season a skin protectant may be necessary for each child. Lip balms, sun screens, extra lotion on the face, etc. are all things to consider to make sure that the dry summer heat, or cold winter air doesn't leave a child with sunburn or dry cracked skin at the end of a parade.
- Don't over eat before an event. Give yourself several hours after a big meal before we start. We don't want sick tummies along the way. Drink plenty of water beginning at least the day before the parade. Hydration is very important.
- Bathroom Break: **MAKE SURE** to use the restroom as near parade time as possible. Along a moving parade route there is no place to stop and go to the restroom.
- Once twirlers are dropped off and checked into the parade lineup site, they will NOT be allowed to leave with anyone except a parent or designated guardian. Parents be aware of the parade's ending location and have someone there is a reasonable time to pick up your child.

HELPERS:

- A minimal number of volunteer helpers are always needed at each event including parades. We encourage parents, family members, or friends who are participating to also be prepared for the length and duration of the event.
- Banner carriers (usually 2) will carry each end of the TTS banner. Driver: In some parades we will have a decorated vehicle playing our parade music. Costume character: We have a full dress costume figure to march and twirl along with us. Logo carrier: TTS logo sign carrier. Walkers/Monitors: Adults walking along side the marching unit to assist in keeping straight lines, watching for dropped batons/items, keep a safety check on the children.
- Helpers are to dress in normal appropriate attire for the season. Adding decorations such as holiday hats, sweaters, bells, etc. is absolutely encouraged to make add to the festive atmosphere. Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes on.
- Helpers may also want to review the guidelines for twirlers above. Some of these can prove beneficial to you also.

ALL:

- **BE ON TIME FOR PARADE LINE UP!** We are given instructions from the event organizers and in some cases they will not allow entry into the staging area after a particular time. Also, we may have additional instructions, changes, practice, etc. for the twirlers and need them to be in place and ready to go at the given time.
- **BAD WEATHER:** In the event of heavy rain or snow, we will not march. We do not want the twirlers to become ill just to march in one event. For the latest information and all updates, follow us on Face Book (Tennessee Twirl Sport) or check the “Events” page of our website (www.ttstwirling.org). We will post up to the minute cancellations on both of these sites.