



Friday, June 21, 2024

Part of the 3-DAY Summer Festival
Always the fourth weekend in June

Rapids River Days Parade
P.O. Box 121
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
www.SaukRapidsRiverDays.com

Dear Band Director:

Announcing – the 21st Annual Rapids River Days Parade! This event is held in conjunction with our city’s summer festival, “Rapids River Days,” June 20, 21, and 22, 2024 in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. **The Parade is on Friday, June 21, with a 6:00 PM start time.** Your marching band is invited to apply for participation.

Band Judging: The Sauk Rapids River Days Parade will utilize the **Festival Rating** system of adjudication provided by TriState Judging Association. Each band will receive educational feedback from qualified judges, their own scoring sheets and recaps, and an overall rating. We anticipate this will aid groups in their own individual improvement as they head into their final weekend of performances in 2024.

Please fill out the attached APPLICATION FORM and MAIL IT TO US indicating your desire to participate. “E-mailed” applications are NOT accepted. In order to conduct the Rapids River Days Parade within our budget and time frame, we will consider the first 10 bands who respond via US POSTAL MAIL ONLY (postmarked by Saturday, March 9, 2024). It is in your band’s best interest to respond ASAP!

Here’s what our Parade will offer:

- A marching route that is 1.2 miles in length. (*SEE ROUTE MAP*) Note: the route has a round-about at 2nd St N.
- Judging by TriState Judging Association, utilizing the Festival Rating System of adjudication.
- Adequate performance time and space in the judging area.
- Certificates awarded for SUPERIOR, EXCELLENT, and GOOD ratings; plus a small monetary stipend if available.
- Snacks and water provided for band members/chaperones, plus other foods for purchase upon exiting parade.
- A well-organized parade that is centered on the needs of the bands with great attention to detail.

PLEASE RESPOND VIA US POSTAL MAIL ONLY!

(E-mailed applications are NOT accepted.)

DEADLINE is Monday, March 11th, 2024 (Postmarked by Saturday, March 9th)

NOTE: The first 10 bands to respond will be given first consideration!

The BAND DIRECTOR will be notified by EMAIL as soon as possible following application deadline if accepted into this year’s Rapids River Days Parade. Upon acceptance, additional information and guidelines will be sent to assist with your participation. Please visit our website: www.SaukRapidsRiverDays.com for more parade info, past winners, etc.

Marching Band Applications also are available for download on the website.

Sincerely,

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2024 MARCHING BAND APPLICATION FORM

**YES! OUR BAND WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
RAPIDS RIVER DAYS PARADE on FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024 IN SAUK RAPIDS, MN.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

BAND NAME _____

OF BAND MEMBERS _____

BAND DIRECTOR(s) _____

DIRECTOR'S School/Summer EMAIL _____

DIRECTOR'S MOBILE NUMBER _____

NOTE: If your marching band is selected for participation, we will need you to submit by June 1, 2024...

- 1. The final count of students, directors, and chaperones traveling with you so we know how many snacks to provide.**
- 2. The names of directors, instructors, drum majors, etc.**
- 3. Your repertoire and a brief description of it, any special events, highlights or interests related to your band, etc.**

The bio information you provide will be announced by the Parade Announcers on the route.

**Applications must be postmarked by
SATURDAY, March 9, 2024!!**

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**MAIL THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
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MAP OF PARADE ROUTE AND LINEUP AREAS

Selected Marching Bands will be notified of their designated warmup area (see **GREEN** areas). Some bands will warm up in Pleasantview Park or near Pleasantview School; the other bands will warm up at the Sauk Rapids-Rice High School parking lot – and then travel to Pleasantview Park in time for their band to get in the lineup for step-off. Our parade staff will communicate with you upon arrival to help make warmup/lineup work smoothly and efficiently. Band Judges will be situated on the corner of 6th Ave N/6th St N. Watch for signs indicating “Judging Ahead.” Upon completing the parade route, all bands must continue **FORWARD** on 1st St S, going past the Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School for additional water, snacks, portable restrooms and to board buses.

