

To all Band Participants:

Thank you very much for bringing your marching bands to the Pella Tulip Time Festival. It has been very difficult in recent years to attract marching bands with the date also being used for State Large Group Contest so we appreciate your effort to bring your band to our event. We hope that you have an enjoyable time with your students while you are in our community.

Enclosed is a map for your convenience to identify the areas for your band.

PARKING: Please park all buses and equipment vehicles at Pella Christian Grade School located at 216 Liberty Street. Be aware that the school will not be open for changing facilities. Unload your equipment, organize your band, and proceed to the staging area located near Independence Street and East 2nd Street. The afternoon parade begins at 2:30 pm and the evening parade begins at 8:30 pm. A festival representative will assist getting your band into the flow of the parade.

PARADE: When you begin the parade route on Main Street, please maintain a 20-yard interval from the unit in front of you. Play your music as often as you like. The parade judges will be located on the Tulip Toren across from the grandstand. This year the cable television company Mediacom will be recording the parade (weather permitting) on Saturday afternoon for a later broadcast around the state. I believe their cameras will be located at the corner of Liberty and Main streets. Also, please continue performing your program at the end of the parade route in front of the historical village. A large crowd is usually assembled there and would like to hear your band.

At the conclusion of your performance (in front of Trinity Church), keep moving your band to Pella Christian Grade School and load your equipment. Please do not leave before the parade has completed. A parade representative will meet with all band directors at the north entrance of Pella Christian Grade School following the parade at approximately 4:00 pm. At that time, the Outstanding Band awards in each class will be presented and directors will receive their judge's tapes.

Please check our website (pellatulptime.com) one week prior to the festival to find your parade number and parade line-up. Thank you for coming to our annual festival.

Dick Redman
Tulip Time Steering Committee