

## 2023 McDONALD'S MAGIC CITY CLASSIC PARADE GUIDELINES

All parade participants are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

All parade participants must be at their designated staging areas by 6:30am to be lined up by the Parade Marshals.

- 1. Parade participants and/or vehicles registered to be in the parade should enter their assigned section according to the lineup map (enclosed in packet). Only participants with a parade permit will be allowed to enter vehicular blocked areas.
- 2. Parade Permits should be displayed on the driver side of the front windshield. The additional copy of the permit should be with all walking, and band units. NO EXCEPTIONS! A parade permit is required for every unit, and this is STRICTLY ENFORCED!
- **3.** Parade Permits CANNOT be duplicated or transferred. The entity on the permit MUST be the one participating in the parade.
- 4. The parade is a family event no vulgar or offensive language or signs will be tolerated.
- 5. Bus parking is only on 13<sup>th</sup> Street North, Marshals will direct all buses where to park. Please use 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North as your entrance to this area and adhere to the Marshals for parking instructions.
- 6. Vehicle parking (of parade participants) is only in the vacant lot between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street North off of Rev. Abraham Woods Jr. Blvd. Please use 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North as your entrance to this area and adhere to the Marshals for parking instructions.
- 7. The McDonald's Magic City Classic Parade will start promptly at 8:00 am.
- 8. Please, NO CANDY OR OTHER FAVORS should be thrown or handed out by the parade participants! These practices can result in injuries to children scrambling for candy or falling under moving vehicles. Violators of this request will be removed from the parade and barred from future

Magic City Classic Parades. Remember that candy/prize throwing/handing creates a safety hazard for our children!

- **9.** All cars and floats should be fully decorated with display signs on both sides stating the name of the organization or you will not be allowed to drive in the parade staging area.
- **10.** The Birmingham Police Department will patrol all areas of the parade.
- 11. Parade Marshals are assigned to each section to ensure that these instructions are followed. All participants MUST follow the orders of the Parade Marshals!
- **12.** The 2022 parade route is published on our website and enclosed in your packet.
- **13.** KEEP MOVING! No stoppages are allowed in the parade. If your unit violates this rule, you will be removed from the parade immediately
- 14. Disbanding The parade ends at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> street and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Please QUIT playing/dancing at this point, and continue to walk straight back in to the staging area so you do not create a stoppage in the parade. If your group needs to gather and situate prior to exiting the staging area, please do so on one of the side street areas, NOT on 16<sup>th</sup> street. If you are a motorized unit, you will need to keep straight on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Rev. Abraham Woods Jr. Blvd. At this point, you have officially completed the parade. If you need to adjust anything on your vehicle for transport, you will need to do so at an area OUTSIDE of the parade route and staging area.

## NOTE: ALL MARCHING BANDS MUST CEASE PLAYING FROM THIS POINT. PROCEED PROMPTLY TO YOUR BUSES AND LOAD UP.

Have a great time and enjoy, but most of all be safe and courteous to each other!

Participating in the parade means acceptance of all guidelines listed above. Any violation to the guidelines or marshals' directions on parade day will result in immediate removal from the parade. No refunds will be given in the event a unit breaks a parade policy or neglects to follow any instructions given by parade marshals.