



2019 Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade

November 28, 2019

Parade & Performance FAQ

When is the parade?

The 2019 Chicago Thanksgiving Parade is on Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28th.

What time is the parade?

Parade runs from 8:00AM – 11:00AM CST, but participants must be prepared to arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 AM. Exact call time to be determined.

Where is the parade?

The parade will take place in Downtown Chicago on State Street. It will run from Congress to Randolph.

When do dancers need to be in Chicago?

Dancers should arrive in time for the parade. Parade check-in time is approximately 7:00am on November 28, but this may change slightly based on our placement in the parade.

Is this just for tap dancers? What level do tap dancers need to be?

Yes, this is for tap dancers intermediate level and up.

What ages can perform?

Dancers must be at least 9 years old, but must be able to march with the group on their own without direction. Children under 12 years old may find the weather to be too cold. Adult dancers are also welcome.

Will choreography be sent to dancers in advance?

There will be at least one mandatory rehearsal for studio team leaders at the American Rhythm Center to learn the choreography and bring it back to participating dancers.

Would there be some kind of rehearsal that we would need to attend? When would it be?

Yes, there will be rehearsals for studio team leaders, taking place on Sunday, October 13th, 2019 and Sunday, November 10th, 2019 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the American Rhythm Center at 410 S. Michigan Ave., 3rd Floor. Studio team leaders are required to attend one rehearsal. A video of the choreography will be recorded and sent to team leaders.

Will dancers need tap boards?

No, we will not be using tap boards this year. We recommend protecting your taps by taping duct tape over them.

Besides the cost of travel, are there any additional costs?

The registration fee for the 2019 Thanksgiving Day Parade is \$50 per participant. A CHRP holiday sweatshirt, which the dancer will wear during the parade as a costume, is included in the cost.

Do dancers need to purchase a special costume?

The registration fee includes a CHRP holiday sweatshirt that will be worn during the parade. Participants must provide their own black pants, tap shoes and a Santa hat to wear during the parade.

Will there be a broadcast?

WGN America will nationally broadcast the 2019 Thanksgiving Day Parade. WGN 9 Chicago will locally broadcast. Both broadcasts will be LIVE at 8:00AM CST. 400,000 spectators view the parade on State Street each year!

Weather

The show will go on regardless of the weather. Late November in Chicago brings a variety of temperatures. High of 42 and Low of 29, but be prepared for the cold!

Parking

InterPark - 20 E. Randolph	312-986-6863
InterPark - 17 E. Adams	312-554-0112
InterPark - 203 N. LaSalle	312-750-0868
InterPark - 181 N. Dearborn	312-368-9090

You can also reserve a parking spot in advance using the website/app SpotHero.

Lodging

The host hotel for the 2019 Thanksgiving Day Parade is Sheraton Grand Chicago, 301 E North Water Street, (312) 464-1000.