



San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc.

November 11, 2026

August 26, 2026

Dear Band Director/JROTC Instructor:

We are inviting you to participate in the **23rd annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 11:11am.** Thousands of residents will line the parade route to pay tribute to America's heroes -- the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces.

Please return the attached application **by Friday, October 30, 2026.** If you need bus transportation from your school to and from the parade route, an option would be to contact the City of Los Angeles Council Member that represents your school **As Soon As Possible.**

Please provide the most ACCURATE number of participants on your entry application. Please make copies of the application so that your **BAND/JROTC participants** may have their parents sign the **"Release and Waiver of Liability, assumption of Risks and Indemnity & Parental Consent Agreement"** (must use this application). **Modified applications will NOT be ACCEPTED.** We are required to have each parade participant complete the 2026 parade application. Please read the **"2026 RULES & REGULATIONS"** (on the back) of this letter.

The parade will begin at the corner of Laurel Canyon Blvd. & San Fernando Mission Blvd. and precede south on Laurel Canyon Blvd. for 1.1 miles and end at the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center & Park, 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Pacoima CA 91331.

Please Review Instructions for Participating Bands/JROTC UNITS

1. Transportation: Participating UNITS need to be picked up by buses in front of their schools by 8:30am.

a. UNITS transported to receiving area **Sharp St & San Fernando Mission Blvd**

2. Arrival at Receiving Area: UNITS arriving at Parade receiving area will:

a. Unit Members **must remain on the bus** and Band Director/JROTC Instructor checks-in w/Parade Staff with the **"SIGNED"** Parent Consent Agreement for each **BAND/JROTC member.**

b. Band Director/JROTC Instructor will receive meal tickets for each student.

c. UNITS will then be transported to the Parade drop off location at **South of Freeway on ramp, near the corner of Laurel Cyn Blvd. on San Fernando Mission Blvd.**

3. Arrival at Parade drop-off point: Units arriving at drop off point will:

a. Exit buses to receive instructions from Parade Staff.

b. UNITS will be directed to step-off/starting location.

4. After the Procession: At the end of the Parade UNITS may:

a. Redeem meal tickets for each UNIT member.

b. After lunch proceed to your awaiting buses for transport back to your school.

Please contact Lydia Cardoza with any questions/concerns. She will be your School Band/JROTC Parade Liaison for that day. She may be reached at (818) 310-1025. We look forward to your participation on Veterans Day.

Sincerely,

The San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Planning Team

San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Executive Committee

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE

2026 Rules & Regulations

All participants AGREE to adhere to the L.A. County Department of Public Health orders in place during the 2026 San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade.

1. VETERANS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS CAN RIDE IN THE VETERANS DAY PARADE.

2. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE DEFINED AS; DAD, MOM, HUSBAND, WIFE, SON, DAUGHTER, GRANDSON, GRANDDAUGHTER, GREAT GRANDSON, GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER CAN RIDE IN THE PARADE WITH THEIR VETERAN.

3. The Parade Staging Director will space each unit at the start of the parade. HOLD THS FORMATION!

4 NO STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE VIP/REVIEW STAND.

5. Any entries consisting solely of or expressing political viewpoints, or causes will not be allowed.

6. No objects are to be thrown from any vehicle or by marchers. The distribution of literature, samples, fruit, candy or gifts of any kind is strictly forbidden. This will result in immediate removal from the parade. (City regulations forbid the throwing/tossing of materials from parade entries to spectators),

7. Floats: All floats must meet LA City Fire Departments maximum safety requirements per SECS7.22.05 LA Municipal Code below. Parade floats using decorative materials attached to vehicles shall be constructed of non-combustible or flame-retardant materials and shall be safeguarded against open flame in accordance with the provisions of this section.

A. All float decorations shall be flame retardant, flame retardant treated, or non-Combustible if of 1/8-inch or less. The use of materials treated with tar or petroleum base flammable products or surfaced or covered with lacquers, highly flammable paints, cellophane, and similar materials are prohibited. Paper, cloth, textiles, and vegetation which may occasion or a fire hazard, shall be rendered flame retardant.

B. The use of open flame devices is prohibited unless approval in writing by the Chief. Smoke producing devices must be of the non-heating type.

C. Exhaust pipes shall be extended beyond the display area and shall be properly protected.

D. Parade Floats shall have a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of 2A, 10B:C rating. The extinguisher shall be readily accessible to the operator.

8. Drivers must have a valid driver's license and your vehicle must carry evidence of insurance while traveling on the parade route during the Veterans Day Parade. It is understood that all groups and individual parade participants/entrants, vehicles, animal groups, equestrian units, floats including but not limited to subcontractors and vendors will provide "A Certificate of Insurance" Naming San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc. as an additional insured.

9. There should be no riders on vehicles or on parts of vehicles not designed for passengers (such as fenders or hoods.)

10. San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc., planning committee reserves the right to refuse any application or unit entry. EXCEPT for SCHOOL BANDS, SCHOOL MARCHING COLOR GUARDS and DRILL TEAMS, SCHOOL JROTC UNITS, and YOUTH MILITARY UNITS (ie...Naval Sea Cadets, CA Cadet corps, & Jr. Marines) NON-VETERAN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

11. The parade committee accepts no responsibility for improper or false statements made by parade entrants.

12. The parade committee's decision on entry acceptance is final. Rule waivers must be approved by the committee at least one week prior to the parade.

13. Violation of parade rules or governmental regulations will subject entry to immediate disqualification and removal from parade.

14. The parade is limited to the streets shown on the MAP enclosed. Please do not leave this route.

15. Public address systems are encouraged for music purposes only; it must not interfere with other units.

16. Any unit not in by 10:30 a.m. will be put at the end of the parade. The parade will begin promptly at 11:11am. SHARP All units are required to carry an identification number and must be displayed at all times on the right side of the unit.



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2026 Marching BAND & JROTC Application

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School/Organization: _____ Director/
Instructor _____

Address _____ Director/Instructor Cell _____ Director/Instructor Email _____

City _____ Zip _____

Marching Band ☐ Army ROTC ☐ Navy ROTC ☐ OTHER ROTC ☐ _____

No. of Participants in entry _____ No. of Feet for line-up _____ Vehicle Carrying Equipment (If not on Bus) _____

Entry Name: _____

Please provide an accurate description (BELOW) of your entry so we may introduce your entry to the parade viewers

Name of Student Participant: _____ Parent Signature required below.

We are required to have each student parade participant parent sign the "Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risks, and Indemnity and Parental Consent Agreement."

Accurate Background / Description of entry _____

RELEASE NOTE: The San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc., CANNOT provide buses to and from the Parade site. Please contact your local City of Los Angeles Council Member as soon as possible.

Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity and Parental Consent Agreement

I understand I am providing the necessary protected personal information to participate in the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade, I/we agree to adhere to the most recent LA County Department of Public Health COVID-19 orders while I/we participate in the PARADE. I understand the nature of parade events and that I and/or my minor students are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity and upon which traffic hazards are to be expected. I acknowledge that if I and/or my minor students believe event conditions are unsafe I and/or my minor student will immediately discontinue participation in the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade.

I fully understand that the parade event involves risks of bodily injury, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event take place, or the negligence of the "releases" named below, and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I and/or my minor student's incur as a result of me and/or minor student's participation in the event.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade, its respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, and sponsors advertisers. And, if applicable, owners and lesser of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my and/or my minor student's behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releases from any loss, liability damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT, I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or insurance of any nature and intend It be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

☐ I am at least 18 Years of age and have read and understand the above.
the 2023 San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade.

☐ I am under 18 years of age. My Parent or legal guardian has read/understand all the above
and is signing my consent to participate in the 2023 San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade



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