



Much Improvement has been made in this area the past couple years.

The goal is to keep students moving from the moment they get off their buses until they get to the staging area inside Sparks Stadium. Also to get students from the end of the parade route back onto their buses without disrupting the flow of parade traffic on 7th Avenue.

- 1 This year there will be about 4,000 people in bands and drill teams. They will arrive and depart in approximately 90 buses plus a mixture of trucks, vans and cars. All should park in The Fair's Red Lot.
- 2 Students are focused on getting to and from the buses. They pay little attention to the moving vehicles on 7th Avenue – after all, they are moving slow. Float drivers and parade marshals are busy trying to merge bands and floats into the proper parade order for the TV cameras that are 15 minutes away. They don't really notice the band students crossing the street.
- 3 Floats do not stop quickly. Your job is to help keep the parade moving while getting students to enter the gate at the SE ticket window. Then get the students who have finished the parade back to their buses. It is much like herding chickens. But whatever improvements have been made in the past two year have vastly improved the process.
- 4 It is important that students crossing 7th Avenue SW DO NOT enter Sparks via the drive gate on the west side of the stadium building. There are other uses for this gate. Students must enter Sparks via the gates behind the ticket windows at the SE corner of Sparks (across street from Sparks Deli).
- 5 At least one member of this team should be inside the Red Lot sending students to the people working as crossing guards. At least one person should be near the ticket windows at Sparks sending students to the crossing guards. The other duties should be determined by your team.

Crossing Guards.

- Keep the floats and bands moving on 7th Ave SW. It is imperative that there not be gaps.
- The parade must look perfect participants get to the TV cameras on Meridian
- Stop band students on their way from and to buses if it will create a gap between parade units.
- When students are crossing, make sure floats & bands on 7th Ave SW stop and wait.