

# 2023 NEPTUNE FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE APPLICATION

SEPTEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 | ATLANTIC AVENUE | VIRGINIA BEACH OCEANFRONT | 11:30AM-1PM

## PARADE THEME: BEACH VIBES!

### IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival is to provide a quality, safe, and diverse mix of events and activities, which will enhance family values and togetherness and showcase the unique location of Virginia Beach as a city by the sea.

**SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION OR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN PAST PARADES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE AS A PARADE UNIT.**

The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival will choose those applicants that contribute broad entertainment appeal to our entire audience, and which support the mission and values of the Festival. Selection choices are made by the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival and are final.

### MARCHING BAND MAIN APPLICATION INFORMATION:

ORGANIZATION / SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BAND (as it should be announced): \_\_\_\_\_

BAND DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDARY TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023.**

Please contact Emma at the Virginia Beach Neptune Office by phone after Aug 18<sup>th</sup> before submitting an application.

Return application to Virginia Beach Neptune Festival | 265 Kings Grant Road Suite 102 | Virginia Beach VA 23452

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# MARCHING BAND APPLICATION

NUMBER OF MUSICIANS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (FLAGS, COLOR GUARD, ESCORTS, ETC.): \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BUSES REQUIRING PARKING SPACES: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TRUCKS REQUIRING PARKING SPACES: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CARS REQUIRING PARKING SPACES: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN BAND: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS OR ACCESS NEEDS? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PROVIDE A LINK OR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FEATURING PAST PERFORMANCES:**

IN 50 WORDS OR LESS, DESCRIBE YOUR BAND AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT ANNOUNCED, INCLUDING ANY RECENT AWARDS/HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS (PARADE MASTER OF CEREMONIES ARE THE ONLY AUTHORIZED ANNOUNCERS DURING THE PARADE. THE PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT UNIT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BREVITY AND/OR CONTENT):

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION:

- *Transportation:* Buses may offload participants at the designated assembly spot before proceeding to disassembly to wait for their bands to exit the parade route. ALL DRIVERS MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR BUSES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PARADE.
- *Performances:* Bands must continue to move while performing. No static performances or maneuvers are authorized at any point along the parade route, especially in front of the reviewing stand at 25<sup>th</sup> Street.
- *Dress:* Autumn is always a questionable time for weather in Virginia Beach. Bands are encouraged to monitor weather forecasts for parade day and prepare accordingly. However, blue jeans, sweatshirts, and similar casual wear are not acceptable alternatives to band uniforms and associated costumes. Bands must arrive dressed and ready to perform. Additional information on arriving prepared will be provided before parade day.
- *Escorts:* If required by school policy, bands may be escorted during the parade. **On-street escorts are limited to 6 persons and must have attire which coordinates with the band apparel.** \*\*\*Casually dressed escorts will not be permitted on the parade route. \*\*\*

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