

2025 NEPTUNE FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE APPLICATION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 | ATLANTIC AVENUE | VIRGINIA BEACH OCEANFRONT | 11:30AM-1PM

PARADE THEME - "NEPTUNE'S KINGDOM: FROM SHORE TO SEA"

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 WILL 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. Concepts that will not be permitted in the parade include, but are not limited to: Politics, Proselytizing, Gambling, Psychic Readings, Tobacco Products (including Vape), CBD, Hemp Products, and Alcohol. 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: _____

DRUM MAJOR(S): _____

ORGANIZATION / SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PRIMARY TELEPHONE: _____ SECONDARY TELEPHONE: _____

PRIMARY EMAIL: _____

SECONDARY EMAIL: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A LINK OR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FEATURING PAST PERFORMANCES:

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 8, 2025

Contact Emma Applebach at the Virginia Beach Neptune Office by phone after September 8 before applying – (757) 498-0215

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? _____

DOES YOUR GROUP REQUIRE A VEHICLE TO ACCOMPANY YOU IN THE PARADE? PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS REQUEST IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE PARADE COMMITTEE. _____

IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, DESCRIBE YOUR BAND AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT ANNOUNCED, INCLUDING YOUR DRUM MAJOR(S) AND 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 25th 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. **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 the parade day.
- **Escorts:** If required by school policy, bands may be escorted during the parade. On-street escorts are limited to 6 people 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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