



CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS™

“Daddy of ‘em All”®

February 16, 2018

Dear Band Director:

As Parade Committee Chairman I am pleased to extend this very special invitation to your band to participate in the 122nd Annual Cheyenne Frontier Days™, July 20 – 29, 2018. Our four downtown parades are special, and we would consider it a special honor to have your band with us for our Frontier Days celebration in July.

Enclosed are an application and some additional parade information. Should you decide to attend the “Daddy of ‘em All”® please complete the application and return as soon as possible. If you need more information or any further assistance, please drop us a note at the above address or call the above phone number. Please be aware of Rule #1 on the attached Parade Information Sheet.

The Band Assistant is Chuck Shafer. He will be glad to answer any questions or help in any way. Chuck’s address is PO Box 4, Cheyenne WY 82003 or his daytime phone is (307) 773-3724, in the evenings at (307) 640-6246.

Again, we would be pleased to have you join us for the 122nd Annual Cheyenne Frontier Days™. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Terry Ruiz
Parades Chairman
Cheyenne Frontier Days, Inc.

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CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS™
BAND ONLY APPLICATION
2018

The _____ Band of _____

Mr. / Mrs. _____ Director(s)

Mailing Address _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Home (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

Composed of _____ members, will participate in the Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Parade(s) on:

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

We will arrive in Cheyenne on _____, July _____ and leave on _____, July _____.
Day of week Day of week

Sleeping accommodations will be needed for the following evenings: _____

for _____ persons (including chaperones). Remember bring your own bedrolls and/or mattresses and sleeping bags.

Does the band have a flag corps? _____

Are they placed ahead or behind the band? _____

Approximate time of arrival, in Cheyenne, if known: _____

Number of rodeos you will attend: (See #11 on Parade Information Sheet) _____

Number of tickets for each rodeo: (See #11 on Parade Information Sheet) _____

Are you commercially sponsored? _____ if so, by whom? _____

For publicity, please list hometown newspaper (name, address, & zip):

NOTE: Please send application ASAP, so we can make arrangements as early as possible for your accommodations with the local school district.

Complete and Mail to:
No later than June 1, 2018

Chuck Shafer
PO Box 4
Cheyenne, WY 82003
(307) 773-3724 – Daytime
(307) 640-6246 – Cell

Please RSVP; We Look Forward To Meeting You In July!!

- NOTE -

A very loud aerial bomb will start each parade at 9:00 A.M. sharp.
The Air Force Thunderbird Aerial Demonstration Team will fly over the
parade route sometime during the Tuesday Parade.

PARADE INFORMATION AND RULES

NOTE: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY!

Our Parades are scheduled for Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday mornings

1. In order to keep the integrity of the parade and for safety, the following **MUST** be observed: Bands, including flag corps, **MUST** maintain a normal step cadence of 120 STEPS/MINUTE throughout the entire parade route. NO DRILLS, HALF STEP CADENCES, DOUBLE-TIME OR STATIC ROUTINES, SLOW STEP CADENCES AND ROUTINES, STOPPING TO PLAY OR PERFORM, are permitted, especially in turning or cornering. This is a **MUST** due to the large number of horse-drawn carriages, horses, and mounted personnel participating and for the **SAFETY** of all. (Failure to follow these rules could lead to exiting the parade at a parade marshal's request and or withholding the amount specified in Rule #9 below.)
2. Each of the four parades begins at 9:00 a.m. SHARP.
3. The parades begin in front of the State Capitol Building on 24th and Capitol Avenue. The band staging area is on the north lawn of the State Supreme Court Building, directly south, and across from the State Capitol. Please be in the staging area, NO LATER THAN 8:15 A.M.
4. **BUSES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LOAD OR UNLOAD, EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED BUS PARKING AREAS.** (Map will be sent in final package.) Please make sure your drivers are aware of this.
5. The length of the parade route is approximately 1.5 miles.
6. Because of the large numbers of horses in the parade area, we advise that if your unit marches to (unless you want to walk) the staging area from buses, your cadence should be only with drumsticks on the rim of your snares. Once in the staging area you may resume full percussion rehearsal. There is a **DANGER AREA** in the vicinity of the parade cannon. (Identified on map in final package). Please **DO NOT** stay in this area.
7. Upon arrival at the staging area, a parade official will greet you and assign you a parade position. At this time, you will also be given rodeo tickets, if you desire. This goes more smoothly if you have a ready total of band members, chaperones, etc. The rodeo begins at 12:45 p.m. at Frontier Park and lasts until approximately 3:30 p.m.
8. Upon entering the parade route, please try to maintain a 75 - 100 foot gap with the unit in front of you.
9. Your band will be compensated for participation unless designated differently by the Parade Committee, and given a very special beautiful commemorative participation plaque.
10. If your band would like to perform a routine, or concert, at the conclusion of the parade, you may do so in the area adjacent to the west end of the State Capitol Building.
11. Admission to the carnival and rodeo is available to everyone in your organization, at no charge, for the days you are here. Because of the limited seating at the rodeo we need to know the number of those that will attend. Any unused seats will be made available to the general public.
12. Medical assistance is available throughout the entire parade route, as well as at the end of the parade.
13. There is **NO MARCHING BAND COMPETITION.**
14. Personnel will direct you off the street at the end of the parade.
15. A foot marshal under the direction of the Parade Committee will accompany the band throughout the parade route. This Person can assist the band director if any problems arise, and to insure that the directions in Rule #1 are followed.

MARCHING BAND INFORMATION

Should your band decide to participate in the Cheyenne Frontier Days Parade, we will assure you plenty of hospitality and a good time. We do have some limitations and hopefully, this letter will answer some of the questions you might have. More specific information is available from our Band Assistant, Chuck Shafer. He may be reached by calling (307) 773-3724. His mailing address is PO Box 4, Cheyenne WY 82003. Please return the application to Mr. Shafer as soon as possible.

The Cheyenne Frontier Days Committee has arranged for sleeping accommodations for bands in our senior and junior high schools. These are gymnasium type facilities. Schools will have separate sleeping rooms for boys and girls, if possible. You may use the gym locker room for showers and washing, but you must provide soap, towels and bedding. We suggest that you bring bedrolls and air mattresses. If you decide to participate we need to make reservations for your accommodations as early as possible. Laramie County School District #1 will require proof of liability insurance to use their facility. Notifications will be sent advising you of where accommodations will be and the person to contact upon your arrival in Cheyenne. Most bands come via chartered or school bus. There is no local bus service and we are not able to provide transportation. To avoid any overtime charges by the local school district, please plan to arrive at your assigned school in Cheyenne before 2:00 p.m.

Meals are the responsibility of each band. There are a multitude of fast food establishments, pizza houses and restaurants in the community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Free pancake breakfasts are available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. The USAF Thunderbirds perform on Wednesday morning. And yes, we do have a shopping mall. The Terry Bison Ranch, located about 11 miles south of Cheyenne provides tours, restaurant & shops. If interested, contact them at (307) 634-4171. The following areas are within an easy drive from Cheyenne: Denver, 95 miles; Estes Park, 90 miles; Snowy Range, 70 miles; Rocky Mountain National Park, 100 miles; Vedauwoo Park, 30 miles west of Cheyenne on Interstate 80 and Ft. Laramie, 100 miles. Hayrides etc. are available from the Diamond Guest Ranch, approximately 45 minutes north of Cheyenne, on I-25. Contact them at (307) 422-3567.

Unless the bus drivers are going to stay with the band, their bus company, or travel agency, must make their sleeping arrangements. This should be done as the earliest possible time, prior to your arrival, as motels and hotels are usually full by Frontier Days.