



Towson University TIGER Marching Band

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Itinerary & Info

Updated as of 11/24/2009 PM – check the website for further updates

Wednesday, November 25

- 5:00 AM** Staff report, begin loading buses with equipment – report to Union Garage
- 5:15 AM** All TIGER Band members report to Union Garage, begin loading busses
PARKING – All TUMB Members and Staff should park in the lower level of the Union Garage.
- 6:00 AM** Depart for NYC
- TBA** We will now be stopping on the way up to eat instead of going into the city and eating at the South Street Seaport. We would not be able to get in and out of city and still get to our practice location in time.
- TBA** Board buses depart for practice location
- 1:00 PM** Giants Stadium – Parking Lot #17
- 3:00 PM** Band Rehearsal Ends. Load buses head to Hotel
- 4:15 PM** Arrive at New York Marriott East Side
We will unload on the side of the hotel and move into the Stuyvesant Room (go in and to the right past the front desk) – Room Captains (Captains are in 'bold' on the room list in the members area) will check in when their name is called
- 6:20 PM** Staff and Volunteers Meet in Stuyvesant Room
- 6:30 PM** Meet in Stuyvesant Room for dinner
- 6:45 PM** Buses depart for dinner at Applebees
- 8:30 PM** Buses depart for Hotel

Thursday, November 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY!!

- 2:30 AM** Staff and Volunteers Meet in Stuyvesant Room
- 2:45 AM** TUMB meet in Stuyvesant Room
- *Full uniform*
 - *Depart for dress rehearsal*
 - *Upon arrival – unload and line up quickly (warm-up on your own)*
 - *On bus, receive fleece headband, admission pin, poncho, hand warmers*
- 3:00 AM** Bus departs for Parade Dress Rehearsal
- 4:10 AM** Parade Dress Rehearsal

- *All TUMB Members must have the Macy's admission pin on left chest bellow TU logo*
- *Run through Chase for NBC producers – SILENT REHEARSAL, be prepared to RUN back!*
- *After rehearsal - return to buses - all instruments including battery, sousas under the bus*

4:30 AM Load buses and depart

6:00 AM Breakfast at Planet Hollywood
Eat, drink water, use the bathroom, and put foot warmers in shoe s(if needed)

7:00 AM Buses depart for parade staging area

7:45 AM Report to staging area on or near W86th and Central Park West

- *Unload quickly*
- *Stay with your sections*
- *Limited restrooms along CPW, NO TRASH CANS DON'T BRING TRASH!*
- *Be prepared to cross the street in sections*
- *Most Likely we will be in Central park for 2 to 3 hours before we step off*

9:00 AM Parade Begins

Following the Parade:

- *Pictures at Post Office*
- *Load Buses - all instruments under the bus*
- *Return to Hotel*

5:20 PM Staff and Volunteers Meet in Stuyvesant Room

5:30 PM TUMB meet in Stuyvesant Room dressed for dinner cruise

- *You should wear nice casual clothing. No jeans. I suggest khaki's and a nice shirt or even shirt/tie if you are inclined.*

5:45 PM Bus leaves for dinner cruise

6:30 PM Spirit Dinner Cruise - *Boarding at Chelsea Piers*

10:00 PM Bus returns to Hotel

Friday, November 27

Breakfast On your own

Lunch On your own

Dinner On your own

6:50 PM Staff and Volunteers Meet in Stuyvesant Room

7:00 PM TUMB meet in Stuyvesant Room dressed for STOMP show

- *You should wear nice casual clothing. No jeans. I suggest khaki's and a nice shirt or even shirt/tie if you are inclined.*

7:15 PM Bus departs for STOMP
8:00 PM STOMP
 Orpheum Theater
 126 2nd Ave
 New York, NY 10003
9:30 PM Buses returns to hotel
10:00 PM Buses arrive at hotel

Saturday, November 28

Breakfast On your own
9:50 AM Staff and Volunteers Meet in Stuyvesant Room
10:00 AM Check Out of hotel – meet in Stuyvesant Room

- *Room captains (Captains are in 'bold' on the room list in the members area) will turn in keys to TUMB staff*
- *You will leave your luggage in the room and the hotel staff will move the luggage...other accommodations will be made for instruments if anyone would prefer to not have their instrument loaded by others. We will have colored tape to put on your bags so the hotel staff knows what room to put things in.*

11:00 AM Check out finished, free to roam the city
Lunch On your own
Dinner On your own, we will not be stopping for food on the way home
5:30 PM Staff and Volunteers Meet at Hotel
5:45 PM Meet at hotel to board buses
6:00 PM Depart from NYC
10:00 PM Arrive at Towson University

- *TU Dorms and Dining Services WILL NOT BE OPEN. TU Dorms re-open Sunday Nov. 29th at noon ...We will be making accommodation for those who need a place to stay.*

WHAT TO BRING...

ALL band members may bring their TUMB garment bag, their instrument, 1 suitcase, and 1 additional carry-on bag.

- Uniform
- All Uniform Parts including shoes, long black socks, tee shirt, gloves, shako, etc.
 - Band Shoes should be clean before the trip!
- An extra pair of BLACK SOCKS! In case first pair is lost or gets wet at the 4 AM rehearsal
- Make sure your garment bag, suitcase, instrument, and carry-on are labeled with your name (tape & marker are fine)
- Be prepared for any type of weather. Thermal undergarments – Make sure these DO NOT show with your uniform on. Something like Under Armour skin (you can find cheap versions at Walmart) is good, a baggy sweatshirt would not be good.
- For the dinner cruise, and for STOMP, you will need nice casual clothing. No jeans. I suggest khaki's and a nice shirt or even shirt/tie if you are inclined.
- Casual attire for the city – weather appropriate! Through the trip, wear as much Towson gear as possible!
- Extra money – Your per diem money will be given to you just AFTER the parade. We're doing this so you don't have to leave it in your hotel room, or carry it in the parade. You should have about \$30 of your own money to cover yourself up until that point. It wouldn't hurt to bring more than that if you plan on doing lots in the city in your free time.
- In case of emergency have medical insurance information with you.
- We will provide you with hand and foot warmers if necessary.
- Camera
- Any school work that you need to get done over the break
- Cell Phone Charger
- Any volunteers or staff members who will be walking with the band in the parade wear black shoes and khaki's. You can wear anything on-top as we will be giving you an over-sized nylon jacket to put over whatever you are wearing. Also, please bring an empty backpack to carry things in.

PARKING AT TU...

All TUMB Members and Staff should park in the lower level of the Union Garage. Campus police will be monitoring this area while we are gone.

Photos, Videos, and Merchandise...

Please see the attached information from McCormick's Photography and Macy's. In addition, online order information is available on the TUMB website. ***The deadline for ordering is November 26, 2009***

Hotel Information...

New York Marriott East Side
525 Lexington Avenue at 49th Street
New York, New York 10017 USA

Phone: 1-212-755-4000

Fax: 1-212-751-3440

Toll-free: 1-800-242-8684

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/nycea-new-york-marriott-east-side/>

- TUMB rooms are not all on the same floor – please be respectful of those around you...especially when getting ready for the 3AM report time.
- All ordering privileges (phone, food, TV) will be blocked. If you wish to order amenities, you can bring a credit card down to the front desk.
- You can use the concierge desk to arrange for city tours, show tickets, and get area maps and additional information.

Room Captain Responsibilities...

- Room Captains are in 'bold' on the room list in the members area
- Meet with roommates in Stuyvesant Room
- When called, get keys from hotel and move to elevators
- Last Day – responsible for cleaning out room
- Collect all keys from roommates and bring to a TUMB staff member to check-out

Recommendations for Wednesday Night...

- Get some sleep while you can!
- Drink lots of water
- **SET ALARM CLOCKS AND CELL PHONES – GET A WAKE UP CALL!!**

Planning for your visit...

Make the most of your time in the city, visit one of the following websites to become more familiar with New York and try to identify some activities that you would like to do. Also, keep in mind that we will be visiting New York during one of the busiest holidays of the year.

www.nycvisit.com

www.nyc.gov/visitors

www.nyctourist.com

www.frommers.com/destinations/newyorkcity/

Safety...

- Always travel with a group of people
- Always carry a city map
- Keep money and ID with you at all time

Thursday Morning Rehearsal...

- Full Uniform
- Unload quickly and warm-up on your own once we get there
- Must be Silent during rehearsal
- Be prepared to stop and run back to the red ready line
- After rehearsal keep all instruments on the bus
- All band members must have a parade button on!!

Parade Drop off/Line Up...

- Unload on W86th near Central Park West
- Do not play before 8:00 AM!
- Organize into sections. We will move in sections and may cross streets at various times. Do not play as we move. We will warm up once we are set in the staging area.
- There will be limited portable restrooms in the staging area.
- There are NO trashcans in the staging area.
- While we are moving and/or getting lined up, floats and celebrities will be passing by. YOU MUST NOT enter the street or approach these units/individuals.
- Please enjoy this part of the event, but stay focused and be ready to move when asked to.
- When the time is right, we will set up in the street
- The parade director will “invite us” to join the parade.

Parade Sequence...

- As soon as we are invited to “join the parade” we must begin right away!
- First 15 blocks or so – VIP seating. PLAY OFTEN, CADENCE LITTLE.
- Approaching 59th/61st streets/Columbus circle – play often – no cadence: TUNE – Roll Off – Tune – Roll Off – etc.
- 59th and Columbus Circle we will pause 15 seconds AFTER the balloons turn the corner for the picture. MAKE SURE THE BALLONS are clear
- Columbus Circle - CBS Grandstands. Make sure we are not too close to the balloon or float in front of us. ALWAYS ALLOW AT LEAST ¼ BLOCK BETWEEN GROUPS.
- Entering Times Square, we will need to adjust our spacing some (shrink)
- ALWAYS FOCUS ON THE PARADE . . . WE'RE NOT SIGHTSEEING!
- 42nd Street – now focus on NBC – rain jackets (if worn) off at 37th street. All music including clicks stops at 36th Street -- just walk up to staging area.
- At Herald Square (in front of Macy's), we will line up at red “READY LINE” and perform our routine
- After Herald Square performance – turn and leave to fight song. Keep playing until we reach 34th and 7th.
- After the parade we will take a group picture at the Post Office

Viewing the Parade...

It has been suggested that a good viewing location for people not marching with the band is Central Park West, South of 74th Street and North of 62nd Street. Times Square is not the best place to watch the parade.

Health Problem or Injury...

- If you encounter a problem, you should fall out of parade line-up
- Find a band staff member
- You will find a parade marshal (red jacket) and go with them to a designated medic
- ***Once you leave the parade route, you cannot re-enter. This is a parade rule and there are no exceptions.***
- You must meet the band back at the Hotel or at the conclusion of the parade (post office)