

Loyalty Day Parade MAY 6, 2018

ALL ENTERIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2018

The Loyalty Days Foundation invites your Middle or High School Marching Band to participate in the 68th Loyalty Day Festivities **May 6th 2018** on the Long Beach Peninsula. This is a “Historically Rich Celebration of Patriotism“, with our theme for this year’s parade **“Faith- Family-Freedom”**

The Parade normally consists of approximately 120 units, ranging from floats, bands, drill teams, to equestrian units, clowns, and novelty attractions. Enclosed you’ll find an entry blank to register your parade unit. The make-up of High School and Middle School Bands has always been a winning combination of excellence in youth achievement, and their commitment to patriotism.

W.I.A.A. qualified judges do an amazing job of critiquing participating bands, and each entry gets a copy of the judging sheets to help their students understand their strengths and weaknesses. Judging is partially based according to school size, as (B, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A). **Please indicate your official enrollment as of Jan. 1st, 2018, (students 9-12 for high school)** when filling out your entry form.

It is important for accurate judging and overall fairness that your entry be filled out **completely**. Awards are presented according to competition levels, **therefore school units with mixed High School and Middle School, students participating in a school band will be judged as a High School unit**. Bands and Marching units will be judged 60% on performance, 40% on appearance.

Parade participant check in will be located at 5th Street So.& Oregon. The check-in booth opens **promptly** at 9 A.M. Sunday May 6th, 2018. Parade formation will begin at 11 A.M. The parade **starts promptly** at **1:00 p.m.** All units will have an assigned position.

A light lunch is available to parade participants starting at 9:00 A.M. at the Long Beach Fire Station, and will stop at **Noon** to assure participants adequate time to get into their line up position for parade start.

The Loyalty Days Foundation will provide the school bands with a \$100.00 fuel allotment. These funds are being offered to assist the band with expenses for their participation in Loyalty Days. **Bands will qualify by participating in the event; payment will be mailed following parade participation.**

Buses need to use city parking on 4th So. & Oregon Street one block east of the main Hwy, and one block from the Long Beach Elementary School which will be available for uniform changing. This area is just 9 blocks from the parade participant’s assembly area, and one block from the parade’s ending point.

We invite you to join us in this prestigious event. Please fill out the entry form enclosed, and mail to Loyalty Days Foundation P.O. Box 75 Long Beach, Washington 98631. On Line applications are available at www.loyaltydayslongbeach.com . For information Bob & Judi Andrew can be reached at (360) 642-4441 daytime, or (360) 642-4218 evenings.

Respectfully, Bob & Judi Andrew, Loyalty Days Foundation