



2026 SLFA Junior Lilac Festival Theme: Sparkle and Shine

We are excited that you will join us for the 2026 “Sparkle and Shine” Jr Lilac Parade. To ensure a stellar experience, please read through all these notes.

1. The theme for this year is “Sparkle and Shine”. — a theme that reflects our heartfelt commitment to honoring our military, empowering our youth, and showcasing the beauty and strength of our region.
2. The Parade starts **promptly at 10:30 A.M. on May 9th**, arrival times are as follows:
 - a. **Vehicle or float, arrive by 9:00 am** to allow time for inspection.
 - i. Make sure to **review the Fire & Life Safety Requirements** attached to this document. The Fire Marshall will be the final approval for your day of fun.
 - b. All other entries as close to **9:15 AM** as possible - ready to march.
3. **Important documents** are attached:
 - a. Parade line-up.
 - b. Staging map.
 - c. Fire & Life Safety Requirements for Floats and Vehicles.
 - d. Parking pass – only to be used by support vehicles, busses, and vehicles/floats in the parade. Parade participants must park outside the staging and parade route then walk to the staging area. Unofficial cars using this pass will be towed, no exceptions.
4. **Schools:** Bus and band support vehicles will be parked and unloading students in **Parking Lot A at the Spokane Arena** (see map). The entrance of this parking lot is off Boone. Please be cautious of pedestrians. Students will proceed to the staging area on Washington. There will be volunteers to help students cross Howard Street where they will proceed down Joe Albi Way to Washington. Please share this information with your bus drivers.
5. **Vehicles or Floats** participating in the parade. Please enter from Boone onto Washington. Look for your line-up number and park there. Please be cautious of pedestrians.
6. If you are a **support vehicle not associated with a band**, you may enter off W Boone Ave onto Atlantic, proceed south and go west on Cataldo. You must have a parking pass in your window. This area is for support vehicles for float unloading, float prep, etc. This area **is NOT** for transporting those marching in the parade. Anyone misusing this area will be towed at your expense.

7. **All other participants.** Staging is on N Washington Street. You will find your staging # on an orange cone. Please line up in the designated area. You must park outside the staging and parade route and walk to N Washington Street.
8. **If you have a vehicle or float** that you are taking through the parade, please make sure you have reviewed the **Fire & Life Safety Requirements**. These are **requirements, not suggestions**, by the Fire Marshall. Your vehicle/float will be inspected prior to the parade start.
9. After the parade, all units will walk through Riverfront Park to get back to the buses and parking areas.
10. Remember, due to insurance requirements and the safety of our participants and spectators, **NOTHING** should be handed out, thrown out, etc during the parade. This includes candy. A violation will cause immediate removal from the parade and possibly prohibit your unit from participating next year.
11. **Very important information about judging:**
 - We will have 2 categories for bands (basically small bands with 0-89 members and large bands 90-150 members). There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards for each category. Drill units will be adjudicated in their own division with 1st and 2nd awards.
 - The Sweepstakes award is given to the top overall band in either division. The winner of this award will be honored by marching the following week in the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade, May 16th, 7:45 PM. **Please note – bands will be asked on the applications if they wanted to be considered for this award. Thank you. If you change your mind and you do not want to be considered, please let [Dave](#) know at once.**
 - The winner from 2025 Jr Lilac Parade will be the 1st band in this year's parade and will not be eligible to win the 2026 Sweepstakes.
 - Judges will be located on Spokane Falls Blvd. Please see the attached maps

We look forward to a wonderful event. Should you need additional help, please reach out.

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