Downtown Austin will become a sea of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, STEM Scouts and Explorer Scouts from all over Texas marching up Congress Avenue to the Capitol. Scout Delegates from each council in Texas report to a member of the state government about Scouting accomplishments in their council from the past year.

**PLAN OF OPERATION FOR PARADE**

The objective of the parade is to celebrate 108 years of Scouting and kick-off the 69th Report to State.

1. **General Information** - The parade will begin “step off” at 9:00 a.m.
   a. Participants must be in place no later than 8:30 a.m. and no earlier than 7:30 a.m. Upon arrival report to the parade marshals for staging and line up on the Ann Richards Congress Ave Bridge. The order of march for units will be determined on a first-come; first-serve basis. Wear Scout Uniforms and dress appropriately for the event and weather. **This is a rain or shine event.**

   b. **V.I.P. Reviewing Stand at 7th and Congress.** **DO NOT STOP AND PERFORM AT THE VIP STAND**

   c. **Unit Identification** - To identify your unit while passing the reviewing stand, each unit must carry a Unit Flag or a **sign no smaller than 24" x 30"**, indicating pack, troop, team, crew, ship, or post and unit number, unit leader, sponsoring institution, and location. This sign must be carried at the right front of the unit so that it may be seen by the announcer. **Without a Unit Flag or sign, we can’t tell who you are!**

   d. **UNIT PACKET of souvenir patches** distributed at the ‘Patch & Information Booth’ located at the corner of Congress & Cesar Chavez at Radisson Hotel alcove, facing west toward Congress Ave.

   E. Order of the Arrow, Tonkawa Lodge 99 members will be stationed along the parade route to provide service. Lost and unfound Scouts and siblings can go to the OA representatives for assistance. They will be recognizable by their Order of Arrow sashes (red arrow on white background). Lost children will be escorted to the ‘Patch & Information Booth’ and kept there until they are picked up by a parent or unit leader. Please inform your Scouts to look for the OA members in Sashes if they need assistance.
2. Detailed Plan for the Parade

a. Assembly/Staging Area for the Parade - Staging area will be on the Ann Richards Congress Ave. Bridge. All units must be in assigned spaces no later than 8:30 a.m. We suggest you assemble your unit at a convenient location and go as a group to the parade location. Please do not use the bridge as a gathering point. This causes a great deal of confusion. Please use the park and pay lots in the downtown area. Floats and vehicles must enter from the south onto the bridge.

b. Order of March - Units will be lined up facing north on Congress Avenue. All U.S. flags will be massed and each unit will send their U.S. flag bearer to assemble in the area of massed flags. No U.S. flags will appear after the massed flags unless a part of the unit's theme. (This is proper flag etiquette) Unit floats will be placed in position by the parade marshals on a first-come, first-served basis according to the attached chart. Units are encouraged to promote the theme: “Scouting Across Texas”

c. Route of March - Units will proceed north on Congress to 11th Street. Walking units will proceed onto the grounds of the State Capitol up to the South Steps for the Scout Spirit Rally and disperse from there. DO NOT block the parade route or the area. Floats and vehicles will turn left on 11th Street and return south as directed by the detour signs and barricades. After turning left on 11th Street, riders on floats and in vehicles can disembark and join Scout Spirit Rally on South Steps of Capitol.

d. Because of safety considerations, animals may not be used in the parade and please do not throw candy, gum or other items from floats.

4. Security measures at the Capitol will require passing through a metal detector and may require random searches of bags and backpacks. Please instruct your Scouts and adults to leave all knives and multi-tools at home or in your vehicles as they will be confiscated. Scouts and adults can enter the Capitol through any door — South, East, West or North. If there is a long line at one door, please circle the Capitol to find a shorter line.
BOY SCOUT PARADE
February 3, 2018
9:00 am — Noon

11th Street
10th Street
9th Street
8th Street
7th Street
6th Street
5th Street
4th Street
3rd Street
2nd Street

Colorado Street

Congress Avenue

Brazos Street

Cesar Chavez St
Radisson Hotel
Pick up Patches

Lady Bird Lake

Barton Springs Rd.

Riverside Dr.
Scout Parade - Order of March

1. Police Escort
2. Color Guard
3. Massed American Flags & Big Texas Flag w/ APO
4. Marching Band
5. Car # 1 & 2
6. State delegates representing their council
7. Eagle Scouts
8. Out-of-Council Units
9. Venturing, Sea Scout and Exploring Regional Units
10. Capitol Area Council Units.

**STAGING ORDER on Ann Richards - Congress Ave. Bridge**

Arrive no earlier than 7:30 am

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