



JMU Marching Royal Dukes **ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION**

WHAT TO BRING . . .

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

- WE WILL ALL TRAVEL IN OUR NIKE PANTS
- Uniform
- Uniform accessories (gloves, shako, plume)
- Keep your raincoat in your garment bag – we may need it for the play-off game
- Black Shoes and BLACK SOCKS!!!
- Make sure your garment bag and instrument are labeled with your name (tape & marker)
- Instrument and necessary accessories . . . make sure your instrument is clean and polished!
- Thermal undergarments – CANNOT SHOW (consider white for the top, black for the pants)
- Casual attire for the city – weather appropriate!
- Per Diem and extra spending money
- Camera

IMPORTANT NOTE: DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING YOU WILL NEED FOR MACY'S (uniform, instrument, etc.) IN YOUR DORM ROOM – ALL RESIDENCE HALLS WILL BE CLOSED (and card access restricted) FOR THE HOLIDAY BREAK.

PARKING AT JMU . . .

ALL MRD's & STAFF are to park in the Baseball Lot (R-1). Because of a possible play-off game on Saturday, the regular football parking rules will be enforced beginning Friday, November 28 (no parking in deck, Godwin, P-Lot, etc.).

IF YOU ARE MEETING US IN NYC . . .

If you are not traveling with the band to New York, you must meet us at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Tower by 4:00pm on Wednesday, November 26. When you arrive, see the staff at the front desk in the lobby and they will direct you to our location. If you are unable to locate us, please call one of your roommates cell phones.

You have been assigned to a bus to ride while in the city, and will travel with us for all Macy's events. Please check the bus lists to find out what bus you are on.

PHOTOS, VIDEOS, AND MERCHANDISE . . .

Please see the enclosed information from McCormick's Photography and Macy's. In addition, online order information is available on the MRD website.

HOTEL INFORMATION . . .

Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

817 7th Avenue

New York, NY 10019

(212) 581-1000

www.starwoodhotels.com

- JMU 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

- Meet with roommates in hotel lobby
- When called, get keys from hotel and move to elevators
- Last day – responsible for cleaning out room
- Collect keys from roommates and bring to MRD staff members to check-out

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT . . .

- Go down to Times Square
- Have a good dinner
- Drink lots of water
- Take it easy and get some sleep
- **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 times

MORNING REHEARSAL . . .

- Full Uniform
- Band Captain will meet us in hotel lobby
- MUST BE SILENT!!
- After rehearsal, keep ALL instruments on or under the bus – no need to bring equipment truck to parade sight in AM.
- All members must have parade button on!!!!

BREAKFAST – After the parade rehearsal, we will return to the hotel and have breakfast at the Ballroom. THIS IS REQUIRED FOR ALL! It's a LONG morning/day!!! Band members may return to their room to use the bathroom, but DO NOT GO TO SLEEP!

PARADE DROP OFF/LINE UP . . .

- Organize SL to warm up their sections – no sound before 8AM (air and buzzing only – keep instruments warm) as we are in a residential neighborhood.
- Plan to travel, as sections to staging area –once there, we can warm up and then get into parade formation on street.
- While we are 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.
- Bob Rutan, parade director, will “invite us” to join the parade – he will introduce us and say a few things about the band to the spectators.

PARADE SEQUENCE . . .

- As soon as we are invited to “join the parade” we must begin!!!
- First 15 blocks or so – VIP seating. PLAY OFTEN, CADENCE LITTLE.
- Approaching 59th/61st streets/Columbus circle – play much – no cadence: TUNE – Roll Off – Tune – Roll Off – etc.
- Columbus Circle (CBS Grandstands – 1st set of pictures. 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 (shrink)
- ALWAYS FOCUS ON THE PARADE . . . WE'RE NOT SIGHTSEEING!
- ***Boulevard-like drawings on road – we will march over them!!***
- 42nd Street – now focus on NBC – rain jackets (if warn) off at 38th street and stop playing!!! No cadence, no click, 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 – immediate right turn onto 34th street
- On 34th street we will have another crowd and the end of 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 monitor (red jacket) and go with them to a designated medic
- Once you leave the parade route, you cannot re-enter
- You must meet the band back at the Hotel or at the conclusion of the parade (post office)

PLAY-OFF INFORMATION . . .

THE NCAA PLAY-OFF PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ANNOUNCES THE GAME LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 7:00PM. YOU CAN CHECK THE JMUSPORTS.COM WEBSITE FOR FOOTBALL INFORMATION/UPDATES.

***** IMPORTANT *****

PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL AND THE MRD HOTLINE ON SUNDAY NIGHT AND/OR MONDAY MORNING FOR ANY POTENTIAL TRAVEL UPDATES.

EQUIPMENT – we will load both trucks before leaving for Macy's. The band truck will include ONLY Macy's equipment. The Penske truck will be loaded with all other MRD equipment necessary for a performance: sound, pit, guard flags, podiums, etc. The truck will be at Godwin to unload when/if we return to campus, and if we travel to an away game, the truck will travel with us.

HOUSING – The JMU residence halls will open at 5:00pm on Saturday (regardless of game location).

FOOD – Dining services will also open for dinner on Saturday. Depending upon our arrival time, the band will provide a game-time or post-game meal for the band (as we will be returning from NY and going directly to the game).