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GEORGIA DAY PARADE

Friday, February 10, 2017
Rain Date: Monday, February 13, 2017

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Georgia Day Parade? Students, musicians, local dignitaries, and costumed historical figures march through Savannah's historic squares for the annual Georgia Day Parade as part of the annual commemoration of the founding of the Georgia colony on February 12, 1733, by James Edward Oglethorpe, a tradition dating back to the earliest years of the colony's founding. The beloved event is now part of the Georgia Historical Society's *Georgia History Festival*.

What is the *Georgia History Festival*? Beginning with the new school year in September, a variety of public programs, exhibits, in-school events, and educational resources bring history to life for students of all ages and encourage Georgians to explore the richness and diversity of our state's past. The *Festival* culminates in February, the founding month of the Georgia Colony, with Founding City events like the popular Colonial Faire and Muster living history program held at Wormsloe State Historic Site, Savannah's colorful Georgia Day Parade, and the annual Trustees Gala.

Who is allowed to Participate in the Georgia Day Parade? Traditionally, students studying Georgia's founding (2nd & 8th in Georgia public schools) march in the parade, but all K-12 students are welcome to participate. Registration is open to public, private, and homeschool groups.

Does our school need to register for the Parade? Yes! Please visit georgiahistoryfestival.org/educators.

What is the GA Day Banner Competition? Elementary schools marching in the parade are invited to participate in the Banner Competition. Students design banners based on a theme and march behind their banners during the parade. Banners are dropped off at the Georgia Historical Society for judging. Trophies are awarded for first, second, and third place banners.

How long does the parade last? The entire event, including a short program at city hall, should end no later than 12:00 P.M. Schools should arrive at Forsyth Park no later than 10 A.M. The parade steps off at 10:45 A.M.

What is the parade route? The parade steps off at 10:45 A.M. from Forsyth Park then processes north on Bull Street to City Hall.

What happens at City Hall? The Parade will end with a short program at the steps of City Hall. During this program, Banner Competition winners will be announced and given trophies.

What should students wear? Students should dress in colonial costume. Most schools wear homemade costumes. Check out the GHS Pinterest boards to help you get started: <https://www.pinterest.com/georgiahistoric/georgia-day-parade-outfits/>. If you would like to purchase an outfit, locally you can visit Barnett Education Supplies (38 W De Renne Ave) and Massie School (207 E Gordon St).

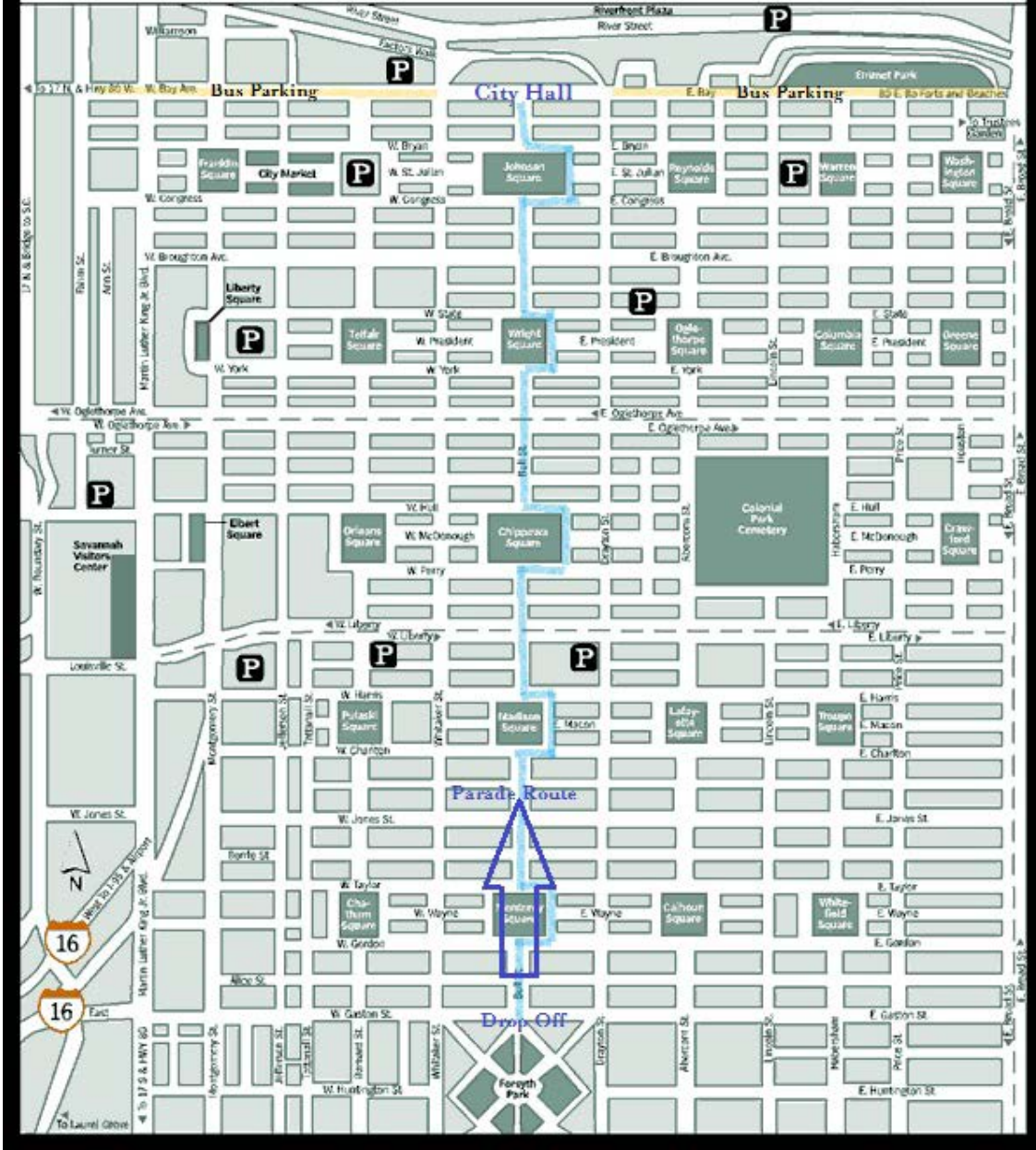
Where should the busses drop off students? Arrive at the northern end of Forsyth Park (Bull and Gaston Streets) by 10:15 A.M. No buses will be permitted after 10:35. Following drop-off, please instruct bus drivers to park on Bay Street, the end point of the Parade, for pick-up around 11:45. Be sure to remember your school's bus number for easy identification at the end of the Parade.

How do I know where my students are supposed to line-up? A few days before the parade, GHS will email all participating schools the parade line-up. Each school will be assigned a group number and order within that group. When you arrive at Forsyth Park, find the area with your school's number (it will be labeled with a sign and GHS will provide a map of Forsyth Park with the group areas) and line-up behind that number in the proper order.

Will the parade be broadcast on TV? The 2017 Georgia Day will be broadcast by WSAV. Air dates and details will be sent with parade line-up information.

Why should we participate in the Georgia Day Parade? The Georgia Day Parade has become a cherished Savannah tradition over the last several decades. The focus of the Georgia Day Parade is the students, their costumes, their banners, and their love of learning. Participating students are stars for the day and schools receive positive attention from the community. In addition, the parade and banner competition offer students a chance to learn about Georgia's past and express what they have learned in creative ways. Making a homemade costume based on what they have learned about everyday life in the colony of Georgia or working as a group to create a prize-winning banner offers your students a unique and engaging learning experience that is difficult to replicate inside the school building.

Georgia Day Parade Map



ONLINE TEACHER AND STUDENT RESOURCES



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Based on the 2017 GHF Focus of Study "A State of Innovation," the online materials highlight the stories of Georgia's pioneering people and trailblazing ideas from the time of the founding to today. Learn more about innovators James Edward Oglethorpe, Sequoyah, and Charles Herty with the newly enhanced Featured Historical Figure pages on the Georgia Historical Society website (<http://georgiahistory.com/education-outreach/online-exhibits/featured-historical-figures/>). Make sure you download the teacher guide available for each figure by visiting the For Educators page.



[James Edward Oglethorpe](#)



[Sequoyah](#)



[Charles Holmes Herty](#)

BANNER COMPETITION

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Theme: “A State of Innovation”

This year’s banner competition is based on the 2017 GHF Focus of Study, “A State of Innovation.” From the creation of the Georgia charter in 1732 and the adoption of the noble principle of *Non Sibi, Sed Aliis*, “not for self, but for others,” Georgia has inspired people and ideas that have changed the cultural and economic landscape of our nation. This year’s banner competition will focus on a few innovators who changed Georgia history.

Banners should focus on one or more of the following innovators:

- James Edward Oglethorpe: Innovation is all about introducing something new or doing something in a new way. The Trustees, with Oglethorpe leading the way, decided to try something new—establishing a new colony in North America. Oglethorpe was heavily involved in planning and managing the new colony. One of his most innovative contributions was laying out Savannah’s historic city plan.
- Sequoyah: Is adversity a hindrance to innovation or a driving force? Adversity certainly played a key role in the story of Sequoyah’s creation of a written language for the Cherokee people, followed quickly by that language appearing in print across the United States. In fact, Sequoyah’s innovative syllabary was used at New Echota, Georgia, to publish the *Cherokee Phoenix*—the first-ever newspaper printed in a writing system developed by North American Indian people.
- Charles Holmes Herty: He was truly a renaissance man—a chemist, a supporter of athletics, and a visionary in the field of forestry and paper production. In 1901, he developed an innovative cup and gutter system for collecting resin from pine trees and helped save the South’s naval stores industry from the threat of deforestation. Later in Herty’s career, his experiments proved that young pine trees could make quality paper pulp by using an acidic sulfite solution to digest the wood.

Guidelines:

1. Each banner entry must be an original design.
2. Banner entries should represent student work guided by adults.
3. Banners must conform to the following measurements:
 - Maximum size – 72" x 36"
 - Minimum size – 56" x 28"
4. Banners will be judged on these criteria:
 - Interpretation of Theme
 - Originality
 - Creativity, Neatness
 - Overall Presentation
5. Banners from previous years and school banners are not eligible for judging.

Drop-off/Pick-up for Judging:

Banners are due at the Jepson House Education Center (104 W. Gaston St.) by 5:15PM on Tuesday, February 7th. Teachers may drop off banners anytime between 9AM and 5:15PM on Tuesday, February 7th. Banners may be picked up on Thursday, February 9th between 9AM and 5:15PM or on the morning of the Georgia Day Parade. The Jepson House Education Center is located at the corner of Gaston and Whitaker Streets on the northwest corner of Forsyth Park in downtown Savannah. Please come up the main stairs and ring the bell for admittance.

Winners will be announced and trophies will be awarded at the Georgia Day Program at City Hall following the parade on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Georgia Historical Society Resources:

- [Georgia History Festival Blog](#)
- [James Edward Oglethorpe Featured Historical Figure Page](#)
- [Sequoyah Featured Historical Figure Page](#)
- [Charles Holmes Herty Featured Historical Figure Page](#)

Additional Resources:

- [New Georgia Encyclopedia- James Edward Oglethorpe](#)
- [New Georgia Encyclopedia- Sequoyah](#)
- [New Georgia Encyclopedia- Charles Holmes Herty](#)