

## Georgia Day Parade

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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. This student-focused event recognizes the span of Georgia's diverse history through the commemoration of the founding of the Georgia colony at Savannah on February 12, 1733, and is a part of the Georgia Historical Society's *Georgia History Festival*.

**What is the *Georgia History Festival (GHF)*?** Beginning with the new school year in September, a variety of public programs, exhibits, 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. In addition to new online and in-person programming, the *Festival* includes popular annual events, such as: the Colonial Faire and Muster living-history program held at Wormsloe State Historic Site; Super Museum Sunday, Savannah's Georgia Day Parade, and the Governor's induction of two modern-day Georgia Trustees at the elegant Trustees Gala.

**Who is allowed to participate in the Georgia Day Parade?** Public, private, and homeschool groups representing grades K-8 are invited to attend.

**Does our school need to register for the Parade?** Yes! Please visit [georgiahistoryfestival.org/educators/](http://georgiahistoryfestival.org/educators/).

**What is the GA Day Banner Competition?** Schools and classrooms 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. Images of banners should be [submitted online for judging](#). At the conclusion of the parade, winners will be announced and presented with trophies.

**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 10:15 a.m. The parade steps off between 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**What is the parade route?** The parade steps off between 10:30 a.m. and 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 brief program, students will hear Georgia Day greetings from parade sponsors and city officials, and then members of the Georgia Historical Society staff will announce the Banner Competition winners. A small group of students carrying each winning banner will be invited on stage to receive their school's trophy.

**What should students wear?** Students, teachers, and chaperones marching in the parade are encouraged to dress in costumes exploring the span of Georgia's diverse history. Consider costumes reflecting historical figures, leaders, and groups from the pre-colonial period to today. Costumes are not required and wearing gear reflecting school pride is also welcome. Most participants choose to make and wear homemade costumes.

**Where should the busses drop off students?** Arrive at the northern end of Forsyth Park (Bull and Gaston Streets) by 10:15 a.m. for student drop-off. No buses will be permitted after 10:20. 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?** 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 2023 Georgia Day Parade will be streamed online by WTOG. Streaming information will be sent with the parade line-up details closer to the parade date.

**Why should we participate in the Georgia Day Parade?** As another Georgia Day rapidly approaches, we as Georgians are presented with an opportunity to consider what Georgia and Georgia history mean to each of us. Georgia Day is the anniversary of Georgia's founding. It's Georgia's birthday! Therefore, like all birthdays, it provides an opportunity for both celebration and reflection. It's a time to consider the long and sometimes bumpy road that has brought us to where we are, and to consider what we can do to build a better future.

Stay In Touch with GHS!



Follow the Georgia Historical Society on social media for the latest news and updates about all upcoming *GHF* events including [Colonial Fair and Muster](#), [Super Museum Sunday](#), and the [Georgia Day Parade](#).

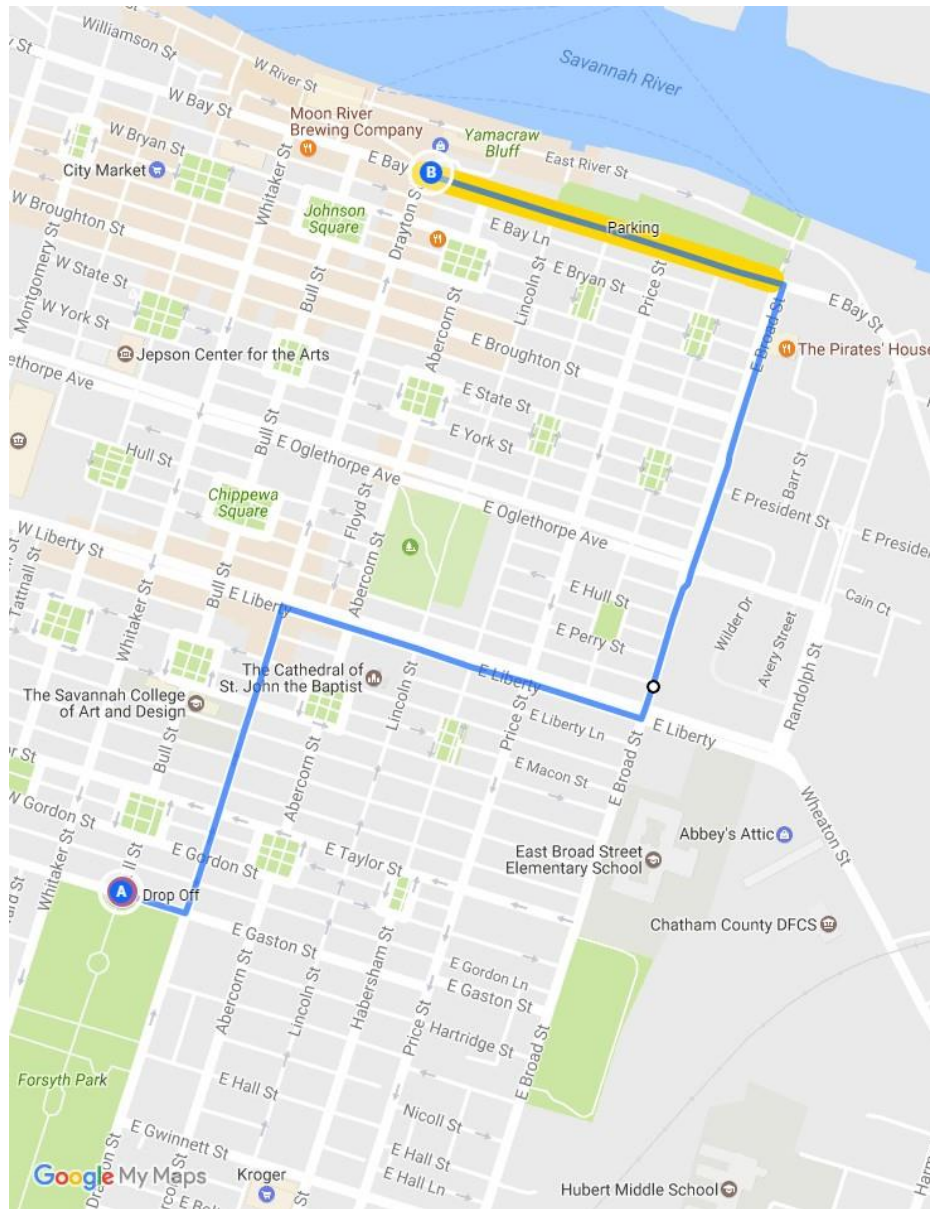
If you participate in one or more of these *GHF* events, we'd love to see your pictures! If posting Colonial Fair and Muster, Super Museum Sunday, or Georgia Day Parade-related pictures on social media, please use the hashtag #GHF2023. Feel free to tag GHS on the following platforms:

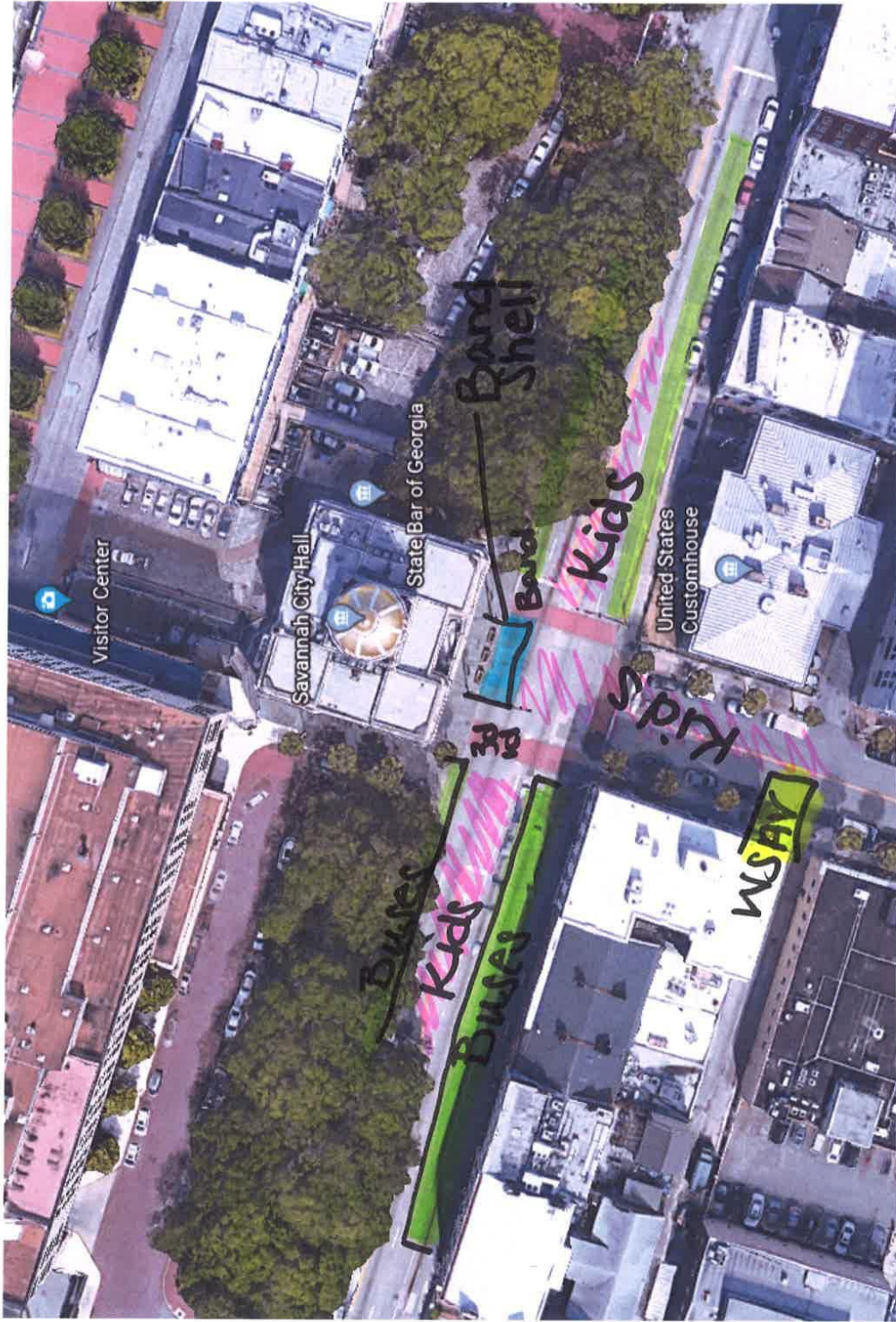
- Facebook: [Georgia Historical Society](#)
- Twitter: [@GeorgiaHistory](#)
- Instagram: [@ga\\_historical\\_society](#)

Georgia Day Parade Bus Information

When: February 10, 2023. Buses should drop-off students by 10:00 a.m. No buses will be permitted after 10:20 a.m. The parade will end around 12:00 p.m.

Drop-off & Parking Instructions: The buses need to drop the children off at Gaston and Bull. Parking will be on Bay Street. The buses need to travel westbound on Bay St. from East Broad St. towards City Hall. Buses are to park in both the outer NORTH and SOUTH lanes of Bay St. SPD will be positioned on Bay St. to assist.







In keeping with the 2023 *GHF* theme, “The Promise of a More Perfect Union: Reconstruction and the Gilded Age,” this year’s Georgia Day Parade Banner Competition is meant to inspire students to explore the topic “[Made in Georgia](#).”

“Made in Georgia” illustrates how perseverance and progress during a time of great change in Georgia helped generate products, industries, and entrepreneurs during Reconstruction and the late 19th century and how they continue to impact us today.

“Made in Georgia” Topics to Explore:

Interpreting the annual theme is an important part of participating in the Banner Competition. Need inspiration? Check out the following suggested topics:

Illustrate the products, industries, and people who influenced Georgia’s economic landscape:	
Products	Peaches, Peanuts, Cotton, Pecans, Marble
Peoples	Sharecroppers, Miners, Entrepreneurs, Textile Workers
Industries	Agriculture, Mining, Textiles, Transportation, Tourism

“Made in Georgia” Questions to Consider:

- What major economic, political, and social changes occurred during Reconstruction and the Gilded Age in Georgia?
- What individuals or groups of people helped create Georgia’s major industries during this time?
- What individuals or groups of people provided the labor force for Georgia’s industries during this time?

Find classroom-ready teaching resources and more ideas at [GHF website](#). [Submit banners here](#).



## Georgia Day Parade and Banner Competition Relevant Links

- Georgia History Festival “For Educators” Webpage:  
<https://georgiahistoryfestival.org/educators/>
- To Register for the Parade: <https://georgiahistoryfestival.org/events/2023-georgia-day-parade/>
- Guidelines, theme, and other resources for the Georgia Day Parade Banner Competition: <https://georgiahistoryfestival.org/educators/georgia-day-parade-classroom-banner-competition/>
- Submit your final banner here (due 2/1/2023):  
<https://georgiahistory.com/georgia-day-classroom-banner-competition-submission-form/>
- “Made in Georgia” Newspapers in Education Classroom Resource:  
<https://georgiahistoryfestival.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NIE-2022LR2.pdf>
- “Made in Georgia” Classroom Activity Source Set:  
<https://georgiahistoryfestival.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Made-in-Georgia-Source-Set-I.pdf>