

Dear SCLYFL Parents:

Each year the State College Lions Youth Football League participates in the SCASD Homecoming Parade. The kids have a wonderful time and we would like to participate again this year. The date is **Thursday, October 20 at 6pm**. If the weather is looking bad for that day, the parade will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at the same time. **Watch the SCASD website on 10/19 for the final decision regarding the exact DATE of the parade.** The meeting/drop off time and place for our group is: Westerly Parkway Shopping Center Parking Lot (near First National Bank) **no later than 5:30pm** (look for the Lezzer Lumber flatbed truck). Please have the kids dressed in uniforms (gray jersey, jeans/shorts & comfortable walking shoes) and cheerleaders in full uniform w/poms. Parents do not need to get out of their vehicles, however they must hand the permission slip to someone in charge. Typically, the midget & pee wee cheerleaders come a little earlier (@5pm) to help decorate the float and help process the younger children as they are dropped off. Some of the younger kids (mostly flag players & cheerleaders) will be on the float (a tractor trailer with hay bale seats). The older kids will be walking in front (cheer) or behind (football) the float. Several volunteers and coaches will be riding on the float to ensure a safe ride. Only kids and coaches will be allowed on the float. No siblings, friends or non-rostered players/cheerleaders are permitted to participate. **Anyone 6 years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent who will walk with the float.** The parade is a 1.3 mile route that goes east on Westerly Parkway then north on Allen Street then west on Nittany Avenue and ends near Memorial Field (at Fraser St. & Nittany Avenue). It may be a good idea to park somewhere near Memorial Field so when the float passes you, you can head to the end of the parade route to pick up your child. Once the float stops, it is very chaotic as the kids are made to leave the float and depart as fast as possible so the vehicles can leave the area. All children will be taken to the parklet area behind the Memorial Field scoreboard (near the Post Office on Fraser Street) until they are picked up. You must sign the permission slip (see below) and bring it to the parade drop off site. **Please have your child bring a bag of individually wrapped candy** to hand out during the parade. Please note my cell phone number in case you cannot make it to your child at the end of the parade 574-7744. I will stay at Central Parklet with the children until all children are picked up. Hope to see you all there!

Chrissy Kisslak - SCLYFL Parade Coordinator

2011 HOMECOMING PARADE PERMISSION SLIP

My child(ren) _____, a State College Lion Football Player / Cheerleader, has permission to ride on or walk behind the State College Lions float in the State High Homecoming parade. I will have them at the Westerly Parkway Shopping Center Parking lot (near First National Bank), dressed in his / her uniform no later than 5:30pm on September 30th to be part of the Homecoming parade. I have read the rules (below) to my child and he / she understands these rules. I or a member of my family will be at Memorial Field (Central Parklet) to pick up my player / cheerleader.

Parent's Signature

Phone Number During Parade

RULES TO NOTE:

Children 7 or younger must have an adult accompany them during the parade.

Only the above-mentioned young children's parents, coaches and registered football players and cheerleaders may ride on the float or march in the parade; siblings are not permitted.

Kids may **not throw anything** while participating in the parade. Candy is to be **handed** to crowd. Flag youth riding on the truck will be given pom poms or something similar to wave during parade. Even though flag kids cannot give out candy, Flag parents can still bring a bag of candy for other youth to hand out during the parade.

Children must stay with the State College Lions float and may not exit the parade route until the float gets to Memorial Field. (Try to have kids use restroom prior to drop off).

Football players should arrive dressed in their gray football jersey and jeans/shorts. Cheerleaders should arrive dressed in their uniform. Everyone should wear comfortable walking shoes.

This function will be treated as an official State College Lions function. As a representative of State College Lions Youth Football and Cheerleading program, participants are expected to behave in a polite, safe and respectful manner. SCLYFL is not liable for children during this event.

Parents watching the parade are encouraged to take photos of our group as they pass. Photos can be e-mailed to: ckisslak@sclions.com.

Please bring this form to parade drop off on October 20 (or 10/19 rain date)