

The 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade

The Inaugural Parade is Tuesday, January 20 in Washington D.C. *Draft 11-25-08*

Selection process: Our application and numerous letters of support have been submitted on behalf of the Colts, and The Inaugural Selection Committee will make a formal announcement of invitations in mid-December. Organizational letters of support may still be faxed to the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. Fax number 202-691-2431.

Letters of support have been received or are assured from:

- Dubuque Schools Superintendent -letter
- Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce CEO -letter
- Dubuque Community Foundation CEO -letter
- Dubuque Symphony Orchestra CEO and conductor -letter
- Dubuque County Board of Supervisors -proclamation
- Dubuque City Council -proclamation
- Mayor Roy Buol -personal letter
- Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs -letter
- U.S. Senator Grassley -letter
- U.S. Senator Harkin – phone call in support to Inaugural Selection Committee
- U.S. Representative Boswell -letter
- U.S. Representative Manzullo (Illinois) -letter
- U.S. Representative Braley -letter
- U.S. Representative Latham -letter
- U.S. Representative King -letter
- Governor Culver (in support of all four applications) -letter
- Former Governor Tom Vilsack -letter
- Iowa Senator Pam Jochum -email to President-Elect Obama’s assistant press secretary and - a personal phone call to Michelle Obama. (Mrs. Obama introduced Pam at her Senatorial candidacy announcement)
- Speaker of the Iowa House Pat Murphy -letter

VERY TENTATIVE DETAILS, BUT AN ACCURATE OVERVIEW

Participation: Open to any Colts member or alum that completed at least one season with the Colts in Good Standing.

Membership is open to all Colt Cadet members who have completed one season and are 15 or older by February 1 or who have marched 3 years or more.

Members in school will need to request an excused absence and will be provided an official letter of support from the Colts. We highly recommend that only the strongest students consider participation to be assured that this event will not harm school grades.

Process for the ensemble: Music will be distributed via electronics on the web site or in person in advance. Music must be memorized and generally perfected prior to mid-January. There will be local rehearsals in advance for those who can attend.

The actual full-ensemble rehearsals for music, color guard work and the parade performance ensemble will not take place until our arrival in DC on Sunday night and Monday.

Most likely, two parade tunes will be performed, with color guard work. Arrangements for brass, percussion and color guard will be specially commissioned for this event.

Housing – we will house at an area school or a military base. Tentative inquiries have been made with three locations and all have received favorable responses. It is possible we could house as far as 3 to 4 hours out of DC. We definitely will not stay in hotels.

Staffing – The teaching staff will be comprised of volunteers from our current Colts and Cadets staffs, selection to be determined. The logistics volunteer supporters for food, uniforms and support will, by necessity, be extremely limited in number and selected from our most veteran and committed volunteers. A committee of Colts Corporate and Booster Club Board of Directors members and lead volunteers will review and select from written applications if needed.

Cost for participation: All participants will be asked to pay a participation fee, to be determined, but no less than \$250 or more than \$350. Alumni sponsors will be solicited to cover current members who require financial assistance. No current members of the Colts or Cadets will be excluded for money constraints.

Fundraising will be conducted with our current group of supporters and alumni to a limited extent, but the focus will be on potentially larger contributors and business sponsors. Extensive fund-raising in a very short amount of time will be required to successfully engage in this opportunity. We will have three weeks from date of notification to raise the financial support required. *Our estimated working budget is \$75,000 and we will need plenty of help!*

Travel logistics: Bus transportation will be provided from Dubuque, departing 6 p.m. Saturday evening, January 17. We will arrive in the DC area approximately 5 p.m. Sunday January 18.

Our tentative plan is to travel with three (possibly four) Colts buses, our new souvenir truck, our equipment semi, vans (one on advance team) and possibly a rental truck. Double drivers will be needed for all CDL vehicles.

En-route, we will arrange airport pickups at several airports, including Midway, O’Hare and Cleveland for sure. Details to be determined.

Participants may also fly directly into or toward DC. An advance Colts team will be available for pickups at Dulles and Reagan beginning at noon on Saturday, January 17. Baltimore is also a good possibility, with Amtrak service to Union Station in DC for pick up there. Details will follow.

Return trips should be scheduled no earlier than 10 p.m. Tuesday evening, and preferably Wednesday morning. We will drop participants at airports in the area or Union Station. Details TBA. **ALL THOSE TRAVELING DIRECTLY TO AND FROM THE DC AREA MUST CLEAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COLTS OFFICE IN ADVANCE!**

We will depart DC at approximately 10 p.m. Tuesday evening, returning to Dubuque at approximately 8 p.m. Wednesday night. We will be able to arrange drop offs on the way west at airports and pick up points.

Free time in DC for site seeing is a tentative possibility, pending logistics and arrangements. If so, participants will be transported to the Metro Station nearest our housing for travel into the city. An outdoor concert at the Lincoln Memorial is being presented on Monday evening, for example.

Meals All meals will be provided by the Colts - a combination of catering, restaurants, carried with us or purchased en-route. We will not use our kitchen truck.

En-route Saturday evening	Bus snacks/sandwiches and perhaps pizza or subs on way
En-route Sunday	Breakfast - Cereal, rolls perhaps something hot? Lunch - sandwiches, chips, salad, etc (all from Dubuque)
Arrival in DC Sunday late afternoon	Catered hot full meal at housing
Sunday evening snack	At housing, brought from Dubuque
Monday breakfast	Busing to variety of restaurants – 30 each place?
Monday lunch	At housing, catered box meals
Monday dinner	TBD. DC night? Drop at metro station nearest housing
Tuesday breakfast	Busing to variety of area restaurants
Tuesday at parade	Sack lunches?? (Not sure of logistics here)
Tuesday evening	We are exploring a banquet-type meal near housing prior to departure toward Dubuque.
En route home (and on the way)	Bus snacks, sandwiches en route. Bus snacks will be provided as well. Individuals will not have to purchase any meals, but may want to bring snacks. Purchases en route will not be possible due to time constraints.

Uniforms – current Colts uniforms, black pants from Colts and Cadets inventory. Special guard uniform designed for event, over warm long pants. Flag to be designed and sewn for event.

If additional uniforms are needed for corps proper they will be provided in time courtesy of Fred J Miller at a generous discount. If additional instruments are required, provided on loan from Yamaha. Borrowing instruments from other corps is also possibility.

As it is not possible to order additional shakos in time if they are needed, we will borrow black or silver shakos from other corps or bands for the percussion section, and wear our red shakos in the brass line. We could potentially wear the Cadets shakos for the percussion line as well. We will need to do so if we have more than 108 brass and percussion players.

Uniforms will be fit at December camp for Colts and Cadets will be fit during December. Sizes will be taken for out of area participants and any additional uniforms will be ordered.

Uniform fitting will be completed Sunday evening and Monday morning in DC for anyone who has not done so.

Membership - Total membership goals – 60% current Colts, 25% alumni, 15% Cadets?

	MINIMUM GOAL		MAXIMUM POSSIBLE
	<small>Colts/Alums/Cadets (example)</small>		
Guard	24	16/6/4	Up to 40
Brass	60	36/12/8	Up to 72
Percussion	28	17/7/4	Up to 34
Banner, drum majors			
Honor guard	8	4/2/2	Up to 12
TOTAL	120		Up to 160

As of November 22, 91 alumni from 18 states have indicated via an on-line alumni survey at least their interest in participating.

Special thanks are in order to Colts Board Member and dad Peter Hansen for the inspiration, concept, research, and countless letters, emails and phone calls he has invested in creating this possibility on our behalf! And to Nic Champagne, who put together our application's special supporting DVD in record time with his normal highest quality!