

# CORNHUSKIN' SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Meredith College's annual Cornhuskin' tradition will take place on Saturday, November 4th, 2023.

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We value inclusion and access for all participants and are pleased to provide reasonable accommodations for this event. Please see our [Cornhuskin' Accessibility Plan](#) (link opens in new tab) or contact Kacey Reynolds Schedler, SLS Assistant Director/MRA Advisor ([klreynolds@meredith.edu](mailto:klreynolds@meredith.edu)), to make a reasonable accommodation request.

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Goals of the event:

- Provide a safe and entertaining experience for Meredith students
- Offer opportunities for guests to view the Cornhuskin' activities, with priority viewing given to student participants, current faculty & staff, and some recent alumnae
- Ensure the safety of all participants and guests
- Successfully continue the 70+ year legacy of Cornhuskin' events

Information about Cornhuskin' 2023 is available on the Student Leadership and Service *MyMeredith* page.

The following guidelines are intended to ensure that we can successfully meet the goals of this event.

## **Cornhuskin' Parade, Food Truck & Cornhuskin' Activity Booth Fair, and Belk Courtyard Cookout**

The Cornhuskin' Parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Main Campus Drive. Please be aware of the following guidelines for transportation and parking on campus:

- At 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 4th, the Main Campus Drive will be closed at Hillsborough Street to incoming and outgoing traffic. It will remain closed until after the Cornhuskin' Parade participants have safely cleared the parade route. Entrance and exit to/from the Meredith Campus will be through the Faircloth gate only. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ALLOWED ON SATURDAY, NOV. 4th ON EITHER SIDE OF MAIN CAMPUS DRIVE FROM THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE TO JOHNSON HALL.
- The Chapel Parking Lot will be closed for the Parade and the Food Truck & Student Organization Fair.
  - o **NEW THIS YEAR!** During the **Food Truck & Cornhuskin' Activity Booth Fair**, spectators and guests are invited to purchase desserts and other goodies from the food trucks, which will be open during the parade and up until the opening of the amphitheater for seating. Guests are also encouraged to visit the student organization

booths, which will be open after the Big/Little serenade for the Classes of 2024 and 2026– booths are run by the students and will have Corn themed activities and prizes.

- o **NEW THIS YEAR!** Belk Dining Hall will be providing a **Cookout Buffet in the BDH Courtyard** after the Parade. Students with and without a dining plan, as well as guests, are invited! Tickets will be available to purchase the week before Cornhuskin' for guests and students who are not on a meal plan, or individuals can pay at the Cookout with exact cash. *More instructions will be provided to students at a later date on how to purchase tickets for themselves (if not on a meal plan) or their guests*, but please plan to bring your picnic blanket or chair and enjoy burgers, hot dogs, and other cookout fixins before the Main Event!

### **For the safety and comfort of the entire Meredith Community, the following is not allowed:**

- **Glass bottles**
  - **Alcoholic beverages**
  - **Tents**
  - **Open flames**
- The following parking lots will be open, but will be used as loading areas for the parade and may experience heavy traffic in the time leading up to the parade:
    - o Alumnae lot – Alumnae
    - o East Oaks lots– clubs and organizations and Freshman class
    - o West Oaks lots –Junior class and Sophomore class
    - o Southern half of Commuter Lot – Senior class
  - The following guidelines should be observed for all spectators of the parade:
    - o No animals (outside of registered service animals) should be present for the parade.
    - o Adults are responsible to ensure the safety of all minors during the parade.
    - o All spectators must remain on the sidewalks and grassy areas to observe the parade. No pedestrians should access roadways at any time while the parade is in progress.
    - o No candy can be thrown.

### **Cornhuskin' Main Event**

The Cornhuskin' main event will begin on Saturday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m. in McIver Amphitheater. Please be aware of the following guidelines for Cornhuskin' spectators:

### **Wristband Registration and Distribution**

- In order to ensure that there is enough seating room in the amphitheater, a Meredith college-issued Cornhuskin' wristband will be required for each individual to enter the McIver Amphitheater gates.
  - o Meredith College Students – for details, see the ["Cornhuskin' Wristband Distribution for Students and Students' Guests"](#) on the Student Leadership & Service MyMeredith page.
  - o Guests – All student guest wristbands must be requested through a Meredith College student. Details regarding requesting a wristband will be distributed to all students. Wristbands for confirmed **Student GUESTS** will be distributed at an upper

- level tent beginning at 5 p.m. on the day of the main event and will be available to confirmed guests until 9:00 p.m. Each guest must present a valid confirmation in order to receive a wristband for Reserved Guest Seating. *More instructions will be provided to students at a later date.*
- o Faculty and Staff – must reserve a wristband through Student Leadership & Service. More information will be given through email.
  - o Big Class (Class of 2022) – Invitations to the Class of 2022 will be sent through an email sent by Alumnae Relations, and the Big Class must reserve their wristband through that email. Wristbands can be picked up at 5 p.m. on the day of the event at the upper level tent at the top of the amphitheater. Members of the Class of 2022 should enter the amphitheater through the top entrance.
  - o Alumnae class members (those from years other than the Big Class of 2022) will be directed to a seating area managed by the Office of Alumnae Relations. To reserve a seat on “Alumnae Hill,” please click on the link from the invitation you received.

### Amphitheater Entry/Seating

- Guests with wristbands will be allowed through the amphitheater gates beginning at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers will direct these guests to the designated reserved guest seating areas. Campus police/volunteers will pause entry through the gates at 6:30 p.m. in order to allow for class processions and will then allow any remaining guests with wristbands in after processions are complete.
- No individual will be permitted to remain sitting or standing in the aisles or walkways of the amphitheater – blocking of aisles is a fire code violation and a safety concern.
- For the sake of maximizing seating space, the following items are not permitted within the amphitheater gates: chairs with legs, coolers or large bags.
- Blankets, seat cushions (with or without a back) and stadium seats (without legs) are permitted.

### Alternative Viewing Areas

- There will not be a seat for every guest within the amphitheater reserved seating area. Wristbands are not required for the alternate viewing areas. Seating options outside of the Mclver Amphitheater will be available in the following locations:
  1. Alumnae Relations has invited all Alumnae to observe Cornhuskin’ from Alumnae Hill - please see the correspondence you received via the Alumnae Relations Office for additional details. Please note, Alumnae Hill has a limited capacity.
  2. Guests are welcome to sit (in chairs, on blankets, etc.) on the perimeter of the amphitheater outside of the gated area – this space is first-come/first-served beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. These spaces offer views of the amphitheater stage and are good options for seating outside of the crowded amphitheater– some of the areas are more accessible for those with mobility issues. These areas will have more direct access to concessions and portable restrooms.

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3. Public climate-controlled seating and a video feed of the Cornhuskin' performances will be available in Jones Auditorium starting at 5:30 p.m. This auditorium is a quieter and comfortable alternative to sitting in the Amphitheater.