

# **TAKE IT TO THE RIVER - LANTERN PARADE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

## **EVERYTHING TO KNOW BEFORE YOU JOIN US TO TAKE IT TO THE RIVER!**

### **Q: Do I need a lantern to walk in the parade?**

**A:** The Lantern Parade celebrates creativity. It's more fun if you have one, but if you prefer to leave your hands free, you are still welcome to cheer us on along the parade route.

### **Q: What kind of lantern should I bring?**

**A:** The possibilities are endless when it comes to creating your own lantern! Here are some [lantern-making ideas and inspiration](#). We recommend using paper lanterns and LED/battery powered lights. [Check out these photos](#) of lanterns people have made for past parades if you need some inspiration. Please, no fire and no flying lanterns!

Lantern kits are also available for purchase at [Sandy Springs Ace Hardware](#) and [Steel Canyon Golf Club](#) (beginning April 2) and at the Sandy Springs Farmers Market Grand Opening on Saturday, April 9.

### **Q: How long is the parade route? Can I bring my kids?**

**A:** The Lantern Parade is a family-friendly event. The parade route is .7 miles long. It is a walking parade, so good walking shoes are a must. There are shuttles to bring you back up to parking.

### **Q: Do I need to register to walk in the parade?**

**A:** Nope, just show up with your lantern at Steel Canyon Golf Club where the parade will start.

### **Q: Is Morgan Falls Overlook Park closed for the parade?**

**A:** The park will close at 5:00pm on Saturday, April 16 for the event.

### **Q: Can I watch the parade from the park?**

**A:** Yes, you can watch the parade from the park. There is **no transportation** down to the park prior to the event. If you plan to watch the event from the park, you must walk down (That means you also have to carry your stuff, bring a wagon). The Overlook Park parking lot will be cleared at 5:00p.m. If you've parked your car in the lot, you will need to move it. When the event is over, you can ride the shuttle back to your car.

### **Q: What time do I need to be at the start line?**

**A:** We will begin gathering at 6:00pm – the parade will step off at 8:15pm! Please walk behind the band and give generous space to other participants.

Music, refreshments and entertainment for the kids will be available in the Steel Canyon parking lot before the start of the parade.

### **Q: Can I bring my dog?**

**A:** We love our fur-babies, but this is a people parade. For the safety of both pets and people, we ask that you leave your pets at home. Working service dogs are the exception.

**Q: Where do I park?**

**A:** Parking is available at the former World Pay Building (600 Morgan Falls Rd. Sandy Springs, GA 30350). Parking is also available at North Springs United Methodist Church (7770 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30350) for \$5.00. The money collected is used to support NSUMC outreach programs. All parking lots are a short walk to Steel Canyon Golf Club, so wear your walking shoes.

**Q: How do I get back to my car from Morgan Falls Overlook Park?**

**A:** You can walk to your car (you'll get your steps in!), or take the shuttle back. Shuttle service will begin running from Morgan Falls Overlook Park to the former World Pay building around 9:30pm.

**Q: What happens when I get to Morgan Falls Overlook Park?**

**A:** High Country Outfitter paddlers animate the giant river lanterns on the water! You will see Alice, the 25-foot albino alligator, the 15-foot Spotted Georgia Kissyfish, Big Mama Sandy the Turtle and her kids, giant swans, and Jeremiah the Bullfrog on his magic lilly pad. Don't miss this unique-in-the-world display! This is also the time to have your photo taken with the giant Great Blue Heron puppets, the Great White Egrets, and Sanderson the Flying Pig.

**Q: Is it ok to bring a bike?**

**A:** There will be a lot of people on the parade route. For safety reasons, no bikes on the parade route.

**Q: How many people do you think will attend this year's Lantern Parade?**

**A:** We don't know for sure, but are planning for large numbers. Last year, we were joined by over a thousand new friends.

**Q: Are medical personnel present?**

**A:** Yes! Members of Sandy Springs Fire and Rescue will be located in Morgan Falls Overlook Park. We also are supported by Sandy Springs Police.

**Q: Can I fly my drone?**

**A:** Drones are not permitted.

**Q: Will there be bathrooms?**

**A:** Bathrooms will be available at the start line, Steel Canyon Golf Club, and at the park. Trash cans are also available at the park. Please do your part to keep the park clean and ready for play the next day.

**Q: Are any streets closed?**

**A:** A portion of Morgan Falls Road will be closed during the event. The road closure will begin at the curve, once you pass Adair Apartment Homes. Residents who live along Morgan Falls will be able to get into their community.

**Q: Can I set up a table and sell or promote my thing?**

**A:** No outside vendors are permitted.

**Q: Is the parade route wheelchair accessible?**

**A:** Unfortunately, the parade route is not wheelchair accessible. The parade route is .7 miles down and back. During the parade, the route portion of the road will be closed with no shuttle service to the park.

**SAFETY NOTES**

1. **Please stay off the retaining walls located along the parade route.**
2. Do not stand, lean-on, or prop anything along the wooden fences in the park.
3. No drones.
3. No pets.
4. No bicycles.