

# 2022-2023 FNA INFORMATION

Youth and Family Services — 100 S. Greenleaf St., Gurnee, IL 60031 — 847-244-1101 ext. \*401

## WELCOME

The Friday Night Alternative events have been around for over 20-years, and provides an opportunity for youth from Warren Township to connect in a fun and well-supervised space. Students who register for this event must be in grades 6-8 and attend Woodland District, Gurnee District or reside in Warren Township.

## INSTUCTIONS

Only students registered for the dances will be admitted. If you are reading this and you have not registered your child, please go to [www.warrentownship.net/fna](http://www.warrentownship.net/fna) and register your child online. Inside, the students can use the open gym, play dodgeball, dance, sing karaoke, eat pizza and hang out with their friends. A slice of pizza and drink is included during the 2022-2023 school year.

## TO ENTER THE DANCE

Once registered online, each child will receive a single ticket good for admission into the dance. The ticket will be PDF attachment to an email received after the online registration is completed. Using the QR code on the ticket, children will be scanned in to the events, which will provide us real time information regarding which children are in attendance.

Use of the ticket:

You have the following options to enter the dance...

- Print the ticket with the QR code
- Save the ticket on your cell phone as a document
- Take a picture of the ticket showing the name and QR code
- Bring another form of identification and we can look you up (takes longer to enter this way)

## CHAPERONES

The most important part of ensuring that the dances are safe and orderly are the volunteer chaperones. Each dance requires a minimum of 20 chaperones. Parents who sign-up to chaperone will receive a *courtesy* reminders with instructions leading up to the dance. If you have not received a reminder notice a week prior to the dance or wish to volunteer, please call us to confirm your attendance.

Arrival time for the chaperones is 6:30 pm and they will be checked against our masterlist. There will be a required orientation at 6:45 pm. Parents must attend the orientation to chaperone the dance. Please park on the Washington Street side at the west end of the parking lot. Any children you bring will wait at the front end before the dance and in the gym after the dance. Younger siblings will not be allowed to come in with chaperones, so please don't bring them.

Please be prepared to chaperone until 9:30 to ensure a safe pick-up.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### *What if my child's ticket is lost?*

You can reprint the ticket or better yet save it directly to the phone. If you have a problem, send us an email to [youthservices@warrentownship.net](mailto:youthservices@warrentownship.net) and we can resend the attached PDF ticket. They can also use another ID and we will look them up at the dance (takes longer to get in).

### *What happens if someone makes a copy of my child's ticket to enter?*

Under no circumstances can one student allow another student to borrow their ticket. **Use of another student's ticket may result in permanent suspension from the dances for both students. Also, the system works in real time and will only permit one use of the ticket per event.**

### *Can my child bring a friend or family member who is not from Warren Township or it's schools?*

Regrettably, no. All the children at the dance must meet the above qualifications.

### *How will I know if there are not enough chaperones and the dance is at risk of being cancelled?*

Parents may go online or call for up-to-date information. Parents who provide an email will receive direct updates and an automated call will be made.

## FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION

[www.warrentownship.net/fna](http://www.warrentownship.net/fna)

QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER... CALL 847-244-1101 ext. \*401 or [youthservices@warrentownship.net](mailto:youthservices@warrentownship.net)

**DATES**

*For 2022-23, dates will be announced at least one month before any event.*

**DANCE HOURS**

**Dance starts: 7:00 pm**

**Dance ends: 9:00 pm — No pick-up before 9:00 pm**

**CANCELLATION OF FNA EVENTS**

Events may be cancelled due to weather, building conflicts or lack of chaperones.

We will make an effort to determine dance cancellations at least 24 hours in advance. However, weather related conditions frequently change quickly and dances may be cancelled the day of the event. It is the parents responsibility to check our website the day of the dance to confirm. Emails and automated calls will be made if a cancellation occurs.

Every situation will be individually assessed, but forecasted severe weather conditions or advisories to remain of the roads may result in the cancellation of an event.

**DISCIPLINE & EMERGENCIES**

Parents will be contacted immediately if a youth is to be discharged from the dance for any reason. If a medical emergency occurs, staff will attempt to contact the parents. If the parents are unavailable or the emergency requires immediate attention, emergency services will be contacted.

Please let us know if you change your address or phone numbers— 847-244-1101x \*401 or email [youthservices@warrentownship.net](mailto:youthservices@warrentownship.net).

**VALUABLE ITEMS**

The Township is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We strongly recommend that items of value not be brought to the dance. When such items are brought to the dance, we encourage youth to keep the items on themselves (e.g., cell phones) or leave the items at the Item Check by the Girls Coat Check. Although coats are monitored, items left in coat pockets have an increased risk of being dislodged or stolen.

**RULES**

The following list is not exhaustive, but highlight of some important rules:

- Do not leave the building once you have entered or leave the grounds when dropped off.
- No articles of cloth that have metal studs or chains that may pose a risk to other students.
- No pants that are cut above the thigh, or inappropriately exposed flesh or underwear. Youth are encouraged but not required to follow the school dress code.
- No clothing representing alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gangs, THC/CBD, violence or sex is allowed.
- All carry-in articles (hats, purses, backpacks, etc.) must be checked in at the Item Check.
- Students must have a ride home or be escorted by an adult on foot.
- Students must be picked-up at the designated areas—no leaving the area to meet a parent.
- Students not picked up by 10:00 pm risk being taken to the Gurnee Police Department to be picked-up by the parents.
- Students entering the events are subject to having their items searched and seized.
- Cell phones are allowed but must not be used in a bathroom. Students must seek permission before taking a picture/video with or of another person.
- No running, pushing or “grinding” on the dance floor.
- We discourage Flip-Flops and open toe shoes (feet get stomped in the dance area and gym).

If clothing appears inappropriate, the child may be directed to cover or change the item.

# FNA Pick-up Instructions

## Pick-up Options

### **1. Curbside Pick-up**

Please follow the directions of the traffic attendants and the posted signs— the traffic will be kept moving in an orderly manner. We strongly encourage the use of *car pools and cell phones to assist with pick-up*. Finally, remember that all of the traffic attendants are volunteers and make every effort to keep the traffic moving— so please be patient and expect long pick-up times (30-45 minutes).

Woodland Middle School is located at the corner of Almond and Washington, in Gurnee. Enter from Almond Street for drop-off and pick-up. Students will line-up along the sidewalk on the south side of the school for pick-up.

**Please make certain that you're children are properly dressed for the weather conditions because they will not be allowed to wait inside.**

### **2. Park and Pick-up**

Parents may park at Warren Township Center (kitty-corner to the school—entrance on Almond) and cross Almond and Washington. There are approximately 250+ parking spaces, however, there will be no traffic management on the Township property. Parents who choose this option must walk over to the school to get their children—no children will be allowed to leave the middle school property without an adult escort. Parents will wait by the bike racks.

**Students Who Walk Home:** *Students who live near the dance and wish to walk home must do so with an adult— no student will be allowed to walk home on their own*

### **Dangerous Weather Pick-Up**

Please prepare your child to wait outside in inclement weather conditions (such as rain and snow).

In case of severe changes in the weather conditions, parents may be asked to park and pick up in the gym. Please be patient and follow any directions provided.

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FUN AND SAFE YEAR!!!!**

Warren Township Parking

**Park and Pick-up Parking**

Warren Township Parking

Almond Street

Almond Street

Crossing at the light

*Residential Area*

*Residential Area*

NORTH



Washington Street

Southwest side of parking lot—chap-erone parking

Curb-Side Drop Off/Pick-up

Woodland Middle School

No Parking

Fields