

General Spectator's THON Weekend Guide





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Building Entrance

Building entrance is the process of entering the will call line, proceeding through it to obtain a wristband, completing the metal detector and bag search process, and finally having the wristband scanned into the BJC. Note: No one entering the building needs to buy a ticket or complete any requirements prior to THON Weekend.

How do I enter the BJC during THON Weekend?

- Arrive at the Bryce Jordan Center and make your way to the Will Call line located between Gates A & B. If you have a wristband from previously entering THON, please remove it before entering Will Call to receive a new wristband
- Receive entrance wristbands from Will Call (located between Gate A & B), and a Rules & Regulations member will direct you to either Gate A or B
- Proceed through the security check (including metal detectors and a bag search) outside of Gates A & B, subjected to wand if metal detector sensors are triggered
- Drawstring bags and small hand bags are allowed
- Any food or beverage items are not permitted. All food and beverages will have to be disposed of prior to entering into the Bryce Jordan Center, but empty water bottles can be brought in and filled at water fountains.
- Items too large to be stored underneath a seat are prohibited
- From the metal detectors, you will enter into the BJC through the designated gate
- Upon entering into the BJC, your wristband will be scanned by Rules & Regulations members
- If you are holding a Dancer Support Ticketing Pass and are outside of the building at the time of the pass, entrance procedures will be different.

Building & Portal Capacity

Building Capacity

During peak points throughout the weekend, the overall building might reach capacity. When this occurs, no spectators will be allowed into the building until the capacity count reaches a limit low enough for us to allow further spectators into the building.

When the building is at capacity, bracelets will continue being distributed through Will Call. However, in this scenario when the building is closed, once a spectator receives their wristband, they do not get to enter but must keep their wristband. From this point they can do one or both of the following:

1. Text "BJC" to 50555
2. Go to "thon.org/TWupdates"

Both of these options will be updated every hour on the hour if we are allowing a new range of barcodes in. If a spectator's barcode is included in the update, they have 45 minutes from the time of the update (the top of the hour that the update occurred) to

return to the BJC and enter through Gate A or B. **If a bracelet is not scanned in within 45 minutes of the update, the spectator with this barcode bracelet will not be able to enter the building and will have to get a new wristband.**

Note: In the event of a building closure, spectators are not, under and circumstances, permitted to wait outside of the gates at the BJC for their barcode number to be called.

Portal Capacity

As portals fill up, Rules & Regulations Captains will determine when a portal is full or at capacity. At this point, they will close the curtain indicating that the portal is closed. Once this is done, **no one** can enter the portal. The only exception to this is if spectators can do a "I for I swap." This means people who want access to the portal can communicate with spectators already in it to plan to switch out. For this to be allowed, the same number of people must be exiting as there are people entering, and it must occur at the same time.

Note: if a spectator was in a section and left for any reason while the portal was closed, they cannot re enter if they were not present at the time of the closure. In this event, they can be escorted to retrieve any items they may have left in the section and then return back to the concourse, but cannot stay in the section.

Furthermore, if a portal is overcrowded, Rules & Regulations will ask spectators in the section to move to other areas of the building in order to adhere to the maximum capacity of the portal in question.

Once a portal is closed, Rules & Regulations Committee Members will track spectators that leave a section so that they are able to return.

General BJC Rules

The following General Rules are set out to assure that every spectator, family, and volunteer are safe throughout THON weekend. In order to maintain the fun atmosphere of THON weekend, it is important to follow these rules and respect the procedures laid out throughout the weekend. Every rule has a purpose and a reason why it is in place, and will be enforced by all THON volunteers.

Any violation of THON Weekend Rules will be subject (but not limited) to any of the following penalties: pass revocation, pass suspension, and removal from the BJC. Assessment of these penalties will be at the discretion of the Rules and Regulations Captains on a case by case basis.

General Conduct

- All bags will be searched at every entrance throughout the entire weekend
- No one who has consumed any amount of alcohol is permitted inside the Bryce Jordan Center
 - Individuals who do not obey this rule will not be granted access into the building
- No sitting is permitted inside the Bryce Jordan Center
 - This includes in the stands, on the concourse, in the bathrooms outside of stalls
 - Any person who needs to sit for medical reasons may request a wristband from the EMS room outside Portal 24 or can ask a Rules and Regulations Committee Members for more information. This wristband must be worn at all times in the BJC so that the wearer will not be asked to stand again.
 - Handicapped seating is available in the BJC throughout the weekend behind Information Booths located at all Gates
- Spectators are not allowed into Committee Member Storage in the Upper Bowl behind the stage
 - This section will be blocked off to the General Public and will be regulated by Rules & Regulations Committee Members.
- Cell phones and other electronics cannot be charged in the BJC
- Floor access is permitted only by being on a Pass list and going through the PASS System
 - There are no assigned pass times. Organizations may assign times but they are not official through THON and will not be recognized.
- THON is not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen during THON Weekend
 - All items found throughout the course of THON Weekend will be kept and redistributed through the Lost and Found claim in the HUB preceding THON Weekend.
- Police, Bryce Jordan Center staff, THON Directors, Rules & Regulations Captains, and on-shift Rules & Regulations Committee Members reserve the right to ask anyone who is causing a disruption or not following the rules to leave the building or deny them entrance.

Prohibited Items

- No bags larger than a drawstring
 - Maximum two drawstring bags
 - This does not include purses and camera bags
 - No coolers
 - Camera bags are permitted but will be searched
- No food and drink is permitted
 - Empty water bottles are allowed
- No weapons of any kind
- No liquids
 - This includes unsealed bubbles
- No balloons or inflatables
- No balls of any kind that could potentially hurt an individual (i.e. baseball or football)

- No water guns with removable tanks
 - Water guns must be empty when entering the Bryce Jordan Center
- No glitter
- No silly string
- No flags with poles
- No animals of any kind unless needed for a medical reason
 - Training dogs with purple vests and emotional support animals are not permitted
- No items for transportation
 - E.g. skateboards, roller blades, hoverboards, etc.
- No large containers (i.e. if they cannot fit under a seat) are permitted inside the BJC

Conduct While in the Stands/Concourse

- No objects may be passed or thrown from the stands to the floor and vice versa.
 - This includes throwing balls back and forth
 - If you need to get something to your relative who is dancing, please utilize their paired Dancer Relations Committee Member when they are going on shift.
- No tobacco use permitted
 - Will not be confiscated upon entry but will be if used
- Spectators may not use items to save seats in any section of the stands at any time.
- Standing on seat is not permitted
- Signs are not permitted to be stored on seats
- Spectators may not overcrowd sections at any point throughout the weekend, if there are too many people in a section, Rules & Regulations Committee Members and Captains will ask people to move to a different section with open spaces. There should not be more people than seats in a given row.
- Spectators may not stand in the aisles at any point throughout the weekend. Aisles must be clear at all times. Rules & Regulations Committee Member and Captains will remind spectators to keep the aisle clear or people to enter and exit smoothly.
- Standing against the gates at the end of each aisle or at the top of the entrance to any Portal is prohibited
- Do not congregate in the concourse area.
 - Lines for water fountains, bathrooms, merchandise, concessions, and other things should be kept along the wall to allow others to pass through.
 - These lines should not be blocking pathways to any doorways on the concourse level.
- Spectators may only use the bathrooms on the concourse. They may not use the bathrooms on the event level.

If you have any further questions concerning Security during THON Weekend, please email Head of Security, Mike Vliet, at security@thon.org.

THON Weekend parking

1. Where am I allowed to park?

Spectators may park in Commuter Lot Stadium West, Commuter Lot Jordan East, Commuter Lot Porter North and Shields Lot throughout THON Weekend. These lots are outlined in dark blue in the map below. If you require handicap parking, the lot outlined in dark green has been reserved for handicap placard holders. General spectators may not park in other lots outlined by different colors during THON Weekend.



2. Are there time limits or time constraints for the parking lots?

There are no time limits on the parking lots for THON Weekend. There are parking signs in each lot that state you cannot park there between 2:00 and 4:00 AM, but THIS HAS BEEN LIFTED FOR THON WEEKEND.

THON Weekend parking (cont.)

3. **How do I get there (coming from all different directions)?**

From Park Avenue:

- Depending on which direction you are coming from, turn onto Porter Rd which is near Beaver Stadium
- Continue down Porter Rd and take a right on Dauer Rd
- Dancer Ride Lot parking is to the right and left of Dauer Rd

From College Avenue:

- Depending on which direction you are coming from, turn onto Porter Rd
- Continue down Porter Rd and take a Left on Dauer Rd
- Dancer Ride Lot parking is to the right and left of Dauer Rd

From US 322 East (Points West and North):

- Follow US-322 to E Park Ave
- Take the exit toward Innovation Park/Pennsylvania State University
- Turn Left onto Porter Rd
- Continue down Porter Rd and take a Left on Dauer Rd
- Dancer Ride Lot parking is to the right and left of Dauer Rd

From US 322 West (Points South and East):

- Take Exit 26 toward College Ave.
- Take a left at the stoplight onto College Ave.
- Continue to the University Drive Exit to Penn State University and turn right onto University Drive
- Right on Dauer Rd and go past the Bryce Jordan Center
- Dancer Ride Lot parking is to the right and left of Dauer Rd

4. **What do I do if there are no spots available?**

Due to diligent planning and oversight, we do not anticipate that we will run out of parking spots THON Weekend. The beginning and end of THON Weekend will be busy and the lots will be heavy in traffic. We ask for your patience and cooperation to ensure the safest entry and exit of all dancers THON Weekend. During this time there will be THON volunteers to direct you and answer any questions you have.

THON Weekend parking (cont.)

5. Does it cost money to park?

No. Parking for THON Weekend is free.

6. Will there be people guiding me to a spot?

No, there will not be a THON volunteer directing you to a spot. THON volunteers will be posted outside of monitored lots (any lot outlined on the map in a different color than dark blue) throughout THON Weekend. Please contact these volunteers if you have any question about parking.

7. Do I need a parking pass?

You do not need a permit for the general parking lots.

8. Are there limitations to what type of vehicle I can bring?

Please keep in mind that there will be over 16,500 people at THON and hundreds of cars. Oversized vehicles are not advised.

If you have any further questions concerning parking during THON Weekend, please email Special Events Parking Captain, Aviva Doery, at parking@thon.org.