

A Guide to Accessibility at THON™ Weekend 2025



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Bryce Jordan Center, University Park

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I. Introduction

We are so excited to hear that you are planning to attend THON™ Weekend 2025! Detailed in this guide, you will find information regarding accessibility at the Bryce Jordan Center (BJC), the home of THON. This document will walk you through the process of attending this incredible event, starting with parking, then entering through security, and ending with accessible features within the BJC.

If this is your first time attending THON Weekend in-person, welcome! THON Weekend is a 46-hour, no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon benefitting Penn State THON™ and Four Diamonds. This event is free to all attendees and includes a variety of amazing events, including stage performances, interactive games, family speakers, and of course, the line dance!

This year, our goal is to make THON Weekend a fun and memorable experience that is accessible to all. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to Maddie Ryan, the Event Accessibility Liaison, at event.accessibility@thon.org. You may also direct any DEI-related concerns to Leah Krall, the DEI Lead, at dei.lead@thon.org.

We cannot wait to take a stand with you in the fight against childhood cancer at THON™ Weekend 2025!

II. Parking Information

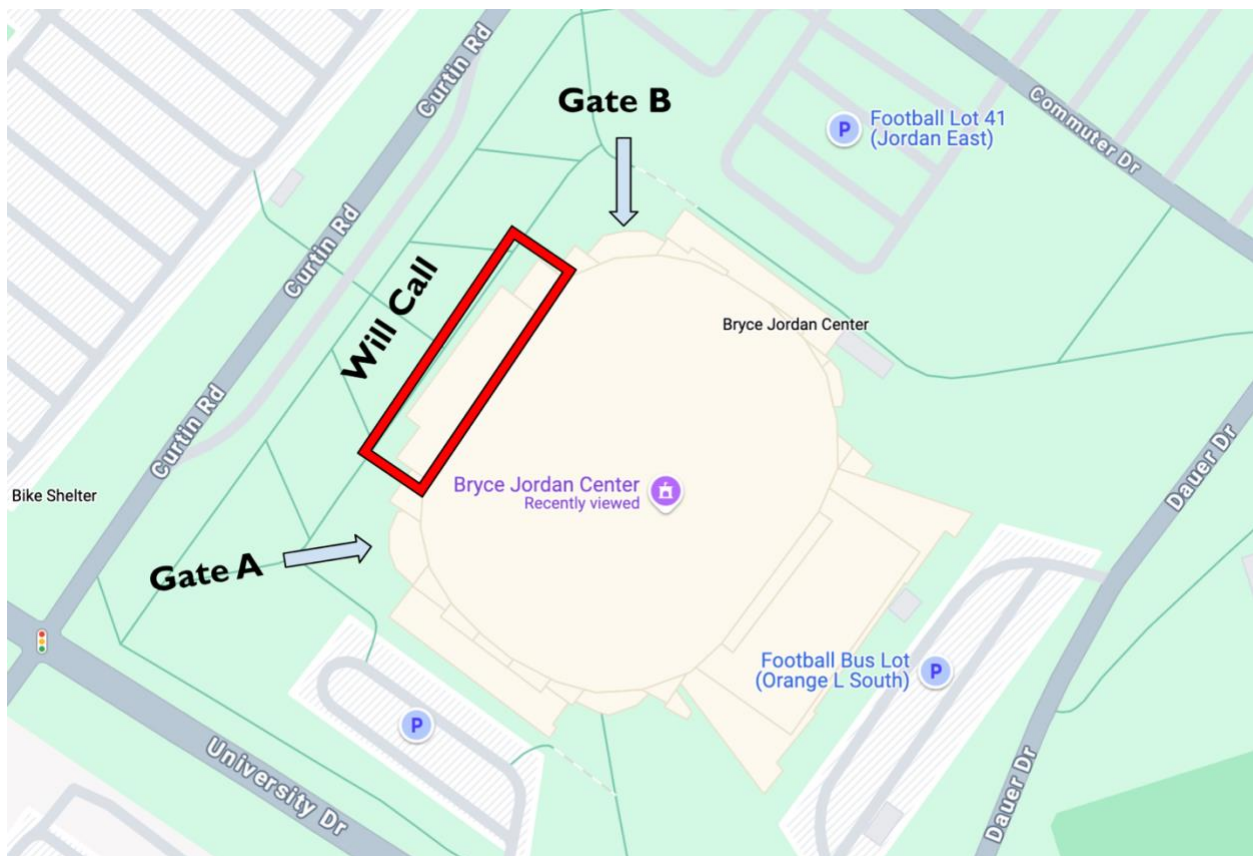
Free parking will be available to all attendees in the Beaver West, Jordan East, and Porter North parking lots. A color-coded map is depicted below, describing designated parking areas for different members of the THON Community.

General spectators are encouraged to park in any of the lots designated in yellow on the map below. Four Diamonds Families may park in any lots designated in dark blue, with the lot closest to the BJC being reserved for families which are currently undergoing active treatment. ADA parking, designed by the light blue lot, is also available to any attendee that has a handicap placard.



III. Entrance Procedures

Once parked, all attendees will need to get an admissions wristband prior to going through security. Attendees should go to the BJC Ticket Office, also known as “Will Call”, to receive a wristband from a Rules & Regulations volunteer. Will Call is located between Gates A and B, facing the Beaver West lot, and is indicated via the red box in the diagram shown below. After receiving an admissions wristband, attendees may then enter the BJC through Gate A or Gate B, as indicated by the blue arrows.



All attendees will be required to go through metal detectors as a part of security measures. If you have a medical condition that would inhibit you from walking through a standing metal detector, please let the on-shift Rules & Regulations volunteer know so they can use a handheld metal detector wand instead. Please also note that any strollers, wheelchairs, or other mobility aids may be inspected at this time.

The BJC enforces a strict clear bag policy, which is described in detail in the image depicted below. The only exceptions to this policy include fanny packs, which may be worn by any attendees, and medical equipment bags. If you intend to bring any medical bags into the BJC, please let the on-shift Rules & Regulations volunteer know so that the bag can be properly inspected and tagged prior to entering the building.

BRYCE JORDAN CENTER CLEAR BAG POLICY



CLEAR TOTE
12" X 12" X 6"



PLASTIC ZIP TOP BAG
11" X 11" X 0"



WALLET/CLUTCH
6.5" X 4.5"



BACKPACK
BINOCULARS CASE
CAMERA CASE
CLEAR BACKPACK



FANNY PACK
MESH BAG
OVERSIZED TOTE
PATTERNED



STRING BAG
BRIEF CASE
TINTED PLASTIC BAG
ROLLER BAG

IV. THON Weekend Tours

THON™ Weekend Tours are available to donors, alumni, and captain parents throughout the weekend. These individuals will be given a behind the scenes tour of the Bryce Jordan Center as a thank you for their generous support throughout the weekend. Times for tours are communicated prior to the weekend to those who have signed up in advance. New this year, we are offering resources in English, Spanish, and French! See QR codes below to access translated scripts.

Tour One-Sheeters



English



Spanish



French

Translated Tour Scripts



Spanish



French

V. The Concourse

**See diagram on page 11 for more information regarding locations of Concourse features*

a. Bathrooms

On the concourse, there are two women's restrooms and one men's restroom located next to each of the four gates. All bathrooms on this level include handicap accessible stalls and sinks. Additionally, each women's restroom features at least one baby changing station. There is also one gender-neutral restroom located on the Event Level. To access this restroom, approach a THON volunteer stationed within an Info Booth (located across from Gate A or Gate C), and ask for an captain escort to the Event Level gender-neutral restroom.

b. Accessible Seating

THON Weekend is a no-sitting dance marathon, meaning that all attendees, including spectators, are expected to stand while inside the BJC. If you are

unable to stand for long periods of time due to a medical condition, you may request a white medical wristband from a Rules & Regulations Captain on the concourse. These wristbands will be distributed throughout the weekend to all attendees, no questions asked. Wearing this white wristband grants attendees access to the ADA balconies, where you may sit to view events occurring on the Event Level. These balconies can be found at Portals 1, 10, 12, 13-16, 18, and 27 on the concourse.

c. Stairs & Elevators

To navigate between the concourse and Event Level of the BJC, attendees may use the Spectator stairs or the ADA-accessible elevator. Both the stairs and elevator are located across from the Pass Tables at Portals 14-16.

d. Emergency Services

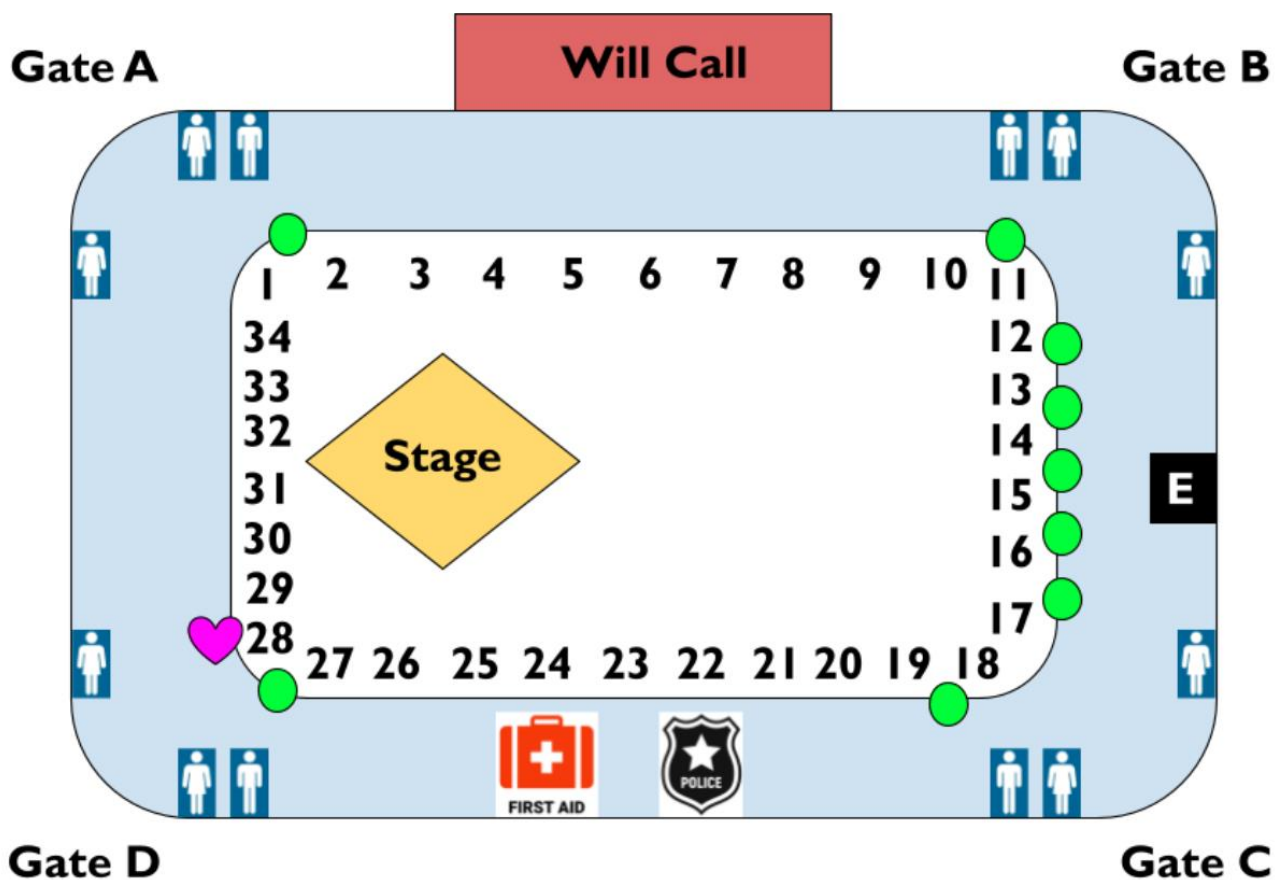
Emergency services will be available to all spectators in the BJC. On the concourse, EMS and First Aid can be

found across from Portal 24, and police services can be found across from Portal 22. Attendees are also welcome to report any concerns or suspicious behaviors at the Info Booths located across from Gate A and Gate C.

e. Sensory Safe Spaces

New this year, a “Sensory Safe Space” will be offered on the concourse and is located at Portal 28, which is directly across from Gate D. This space serves as a quieter area that individuals can come to when they are feeling overstimulated. Inside this space, there will be different calming light elements, fidget toys, and other items that can be useful for stimming and soothing. If you have any questions about using this space, feel free to ask any THON Captain or Communications Volunteer located on the concourse.

Diagram of Accessible Features on the Concourse Level



Legend:

- ***Light blue ring** represents concourse
- **White inner rectangle* represents Event Level
- ***Black numbers** represent Portals
- ***Green dots** represent ADA Balconies
- ***Pink heart** represents Sensory Safe Space
- *Police, EMS, Elevator, and Restrooms also noted

f. Food & Beverages

Concessions stands will open on the concourse starting at 4PM Friday and will close between 12PM and 4PM on Sunday. The location of each stand is noted in the diagram depicted below. Gluten-free options will be provided at the “Amazon Fast Break” and “Amazon Pick & Roll” stands. Additionally, all stands are accessible via a lowered counter on the far left or far right of each stand. There are also various water fountains around the concourse, so it is encouraged for attendees bring their own reusable bottle.

Diagram of Concessions Stands

