



Children's Ala Registration FAQ

When is the parade taking place?

The parade will take place on Friday 15th March 2019 @ 7pm at the Parramasala Multicultural Festival. More detailed information regarding marshalling times and locations will be released closer to the date.

Why the is cost \$85?

Unidos De Sydney is a not for profit, volunteer based community project funded by its participants. Your Carnival fee covers the expenses to:

- Provide you with a children's costume and a custom T-Shirt for parents/guardians to wear for the parade
- Conduct 3 x Ensaio (rehearsal) events
- Insurances and ongoing costs related to the school to operate and manage the event

How long will the parade take (time and distance)?

The parade distance from start to finish is approximately 650m. Parades often stop and start so while it is difficult to determine the exact time it will take for you to complete we estimate actual parading time to be around 30-40 minutes

How many children and adults will be parading in the Children's Ala?

There will be 20 children and 20 adults

Who will be responsible for my children during the parade?

You will be responsible for the well-being of your children, we will also have 2 volunteers walking along either side of the Ala who will be providing assistance.

Will I have to teach my child choreography and sing?

There is no choreography required for the Children's Ala. Singing is optional but not compulsory, we simply want you to have fun and your child/children to enjoy themselves.

Are parents required to dance and sing?

Singing and dancing is optional but not compulsory.



How will I learn the songs?

Once you have paid your participation fee you will be sent a registration form to complete. Once we receive all of your contact details you will be added to our closed Facebook page, administered by two UDS member parents.

This page will give you access to our lyrics and song and allow you to communicate with other Children's Ala members in your state and organise meet ups or additional rehearsal sessions, if needed.

I am interstate or from overseas, can I still participate?

Of course! everyone is welcome to join. We understand that you may miss the first two ensaios (rehearsal events) but since it is a freestyle ala you can simply turn up on the day to enjoy the parade.

Will we have a rehearsal on the day?

There will be no rehearsal on the day, final rehearsal will take place the day before on the 14th of March.

Can I parade with a stroller?

For the safety of other participants, strollers will not be allowed.

What will happen if my child needs a toilet break?

Toilets will be available at the beginning of the parade. If your child needs a toilet break half way through, there are exit points along the street for you to leave the parade. For safety reasons if you do exit half way through we ask that you then proceed directly to the festival grounds at the end rather than trying to re-join the parade.

Can I bring snacks for my child to eat during the parade?

Yes you can as long as any rubbish is taken with you and disposed of thoughtfully.

Will my child need to have their hair and makeup done?

We will provide you with a sketch of a make-up look you can use for the parade if your child wishes to. The look will be very simple and achievable to complete at home, however makeup and hair is not compulsory for the day.

Will parents/guardians need to have their hair and makeup done?

Hair and make-up is optional



Will the music be very loud? Can my child parade with ear muffs?

Our bateria can be very loud. We do recommend you bring along with you some form of ear protection, ear muffs will be allowed for children to parade in.

Who will the children be parading next to?

The Children's Ala is towards the front of the parade, directly behind the Samba Dancer Ala and in front of the Afro Brazilian Ala

Can I bring a camera and take photos during the parade?

Taking photos and video during the parade is not permitted as it can disrupt the momentum and cause accidents. We will have photographers and videographers capturing the parade on the day and you are welcome to take photos and video before and after the parade commences.

Will I need to provide anything else myself?

Yes, you will need to provide your children with shoes to wear for the parade which will then be covered with the foot coverings of the costume, together with any undergarments required for religious purposes.

Parents will need to provide their own white pants or a white skirt to wear with their parade T-shirt together with black shoes.

What is the wet weather plan?

In the event of wet weather the parade will still go ahead, the choice will be yours to parade in the wet weather or not. However please be aware we are not able to refund your parade participation fees in the event of unforeseeable wet weather conditions.