



Office of University Communications

## **Missouri State Homecoming Parade, St. John's Sunshine Run to occur Oct. 11**

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Missouri State University and St. John's Foundation for Community Health will host two exciting events in Springfield the morning of Oct. 11. The Missouri State University Homecoming Parade and the 29th annual St. John's Sunshine Run will occur simultaneously on John Q. Hammons Parkway and Kimbrough streets. While the two organizations have teamed together to make both events successful, organizers want to inform the community of the best routes to take due to numerous road closures.

"St. John's and Missouri State University have been working together for the past eight months to coordinate events on Oct. 11," said Julie Ebersold, executive director of alumni relations at Missouri State. "We're in the process of contacting businesses and residents in affected areas to let them know about road closures for the day."

Sunshine Run participants are urged to arrive at Hammons Field prior to 7:30 a.m. for all three race events Oct. 11. Best parking is available at the parking garage at John Q. Hammons and St. Louis. There is a fee to park. After 7:30 a.m., the only route to reach the stadium/start line area is to take National Avenue to Walnut; Walnut to John Q. Hammons Parkway.

Parade spectators are encouraged to approach the Missouri State campus from the east and park in Bear Park North (west of Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts), Bear Park South (on the corner of Grand and Holland) or in Lot 25 (south of Hammons Student Center). Bear Park North will be inaccessible beginning at 8:30 a.m. until the parade ends.

"We're preparing for a record-breaking crowd at this year's St. John's Sunshine Run and are excited to partner with MSU for a weekend of fun activities for the community," said Mike Peters, St. John's Foundation for Community Health President.

The following is a timeline for both events:

### **Friday, October 10, 2008 (all events at Hammons Field)**

- 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Sunshine Run Packet Pick-Up and Wellness Expo
- 5:30 p.m. – Sunshine Run Pre-Race Pasta Dinner
- 6 p.m. – Sunshine Run Guest Speaker, Bruce Jenner, Presented by PHCS Savility

### **Saturday, October 11, 2008**

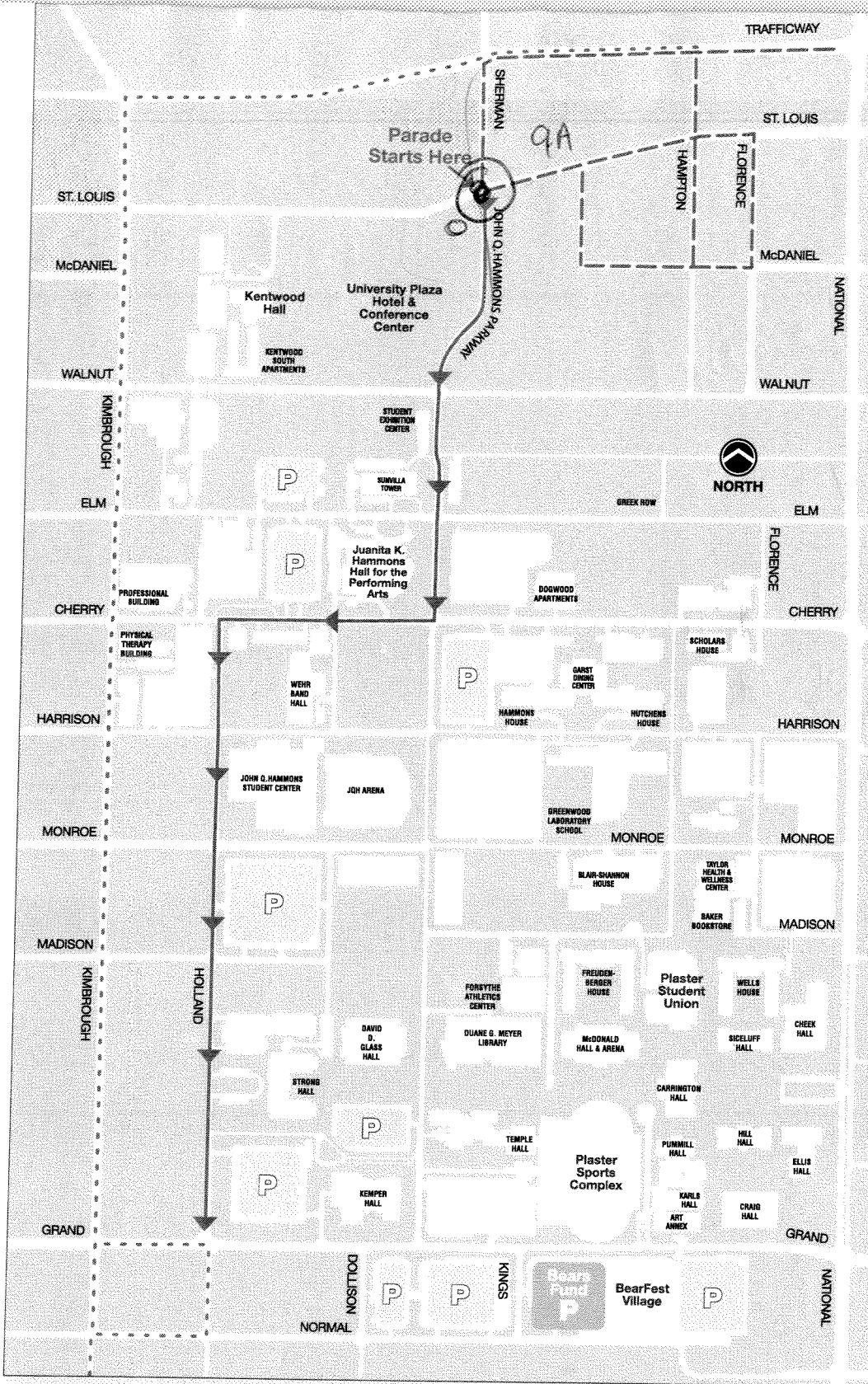
- 5 a.m. - Missouri State Parade Staging (St. Louis/Trafficway and JQH Pkwy)
- 5:30 a.m. - St. John's Sunshine Run Set Up (St. Louis/Trafficway and JQH Pkwy)
- 7 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Wellness Expo (Hammons Field)
- 7:30 a.m. - Murney Associates 5K
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Parade Route closures
- 8:15 a.m. - KTXR 1-Mile Walk
- 8:30 a.m. - St. John's Clinic - Orthopedic Specialists 10K
- 9 a.m. - Parade begins



**You want to go where?**  
 Use this campus area map to chart your course to Missouri State Homecoming venues. Ensure that you end up where you want to be when you want to be there!

Plan to arrive and park early so you don't miss a beat of the Homecoming Parade. This map shows the routes for the Homecoming Parade and the St. John's Sunshine Run that will both occur Saturday morning. Some streets will be shut down intermittently to accommodate run participants, but will open as allowable to accommodate traffic.

See legend below for route and parking information.



- Legend:**
- Missouri State Homecoming Parade route
  - Parade staging areas
  - St. John's Sunshine Run routes
  - Bears Fund parking
  - General parking

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