

Shreveport Police Dept.



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Walk-On's Independence Bowl is here!

It's Bowl time again in Shreveport-Bossier City and the Shreveport Police Department is gearing up to provide a safe environment for residents and guests alike as they gather to enjoy the premiere football games in our area.

As part of our ongoing commitment to make game day safe and enjoyable, the Shreveport Police Department is taking this opportunity to remind football fans of some pertinent information regarding the Walk-On's Independence Bowl:

Due to the large crowds anticipated and limited parking space, fans are urged to use the shuttle service which will start at 8:30 a.m. on game day and run until one hour after the game is over. The shuttle pick-up locations will be at Mall St. Vincent and Pierre Bossier Mall and will cost riders \$5 per adult round trip. Children under 12 will ride for free. Please remember that anything you carry on the shuttles must be small enough to fit in a 12"x 12" box.

A limited number of reserved parking spaces adjacent to Independence Stadium are available for \$25 each through the bowl office, by calling (318) 221-0712, or toll-free at (888) 414-BOWL (2695). Cash-only parking lots are available around the State Fair Grounds and will be open on game day. Parking in these lots is \$15. There will be a limited number of available spaces. Fans can pre-purchase Blue Lot parking passes for \$10 by calling the Bowl Office. It will cost \$50 to park buses and RV's.

The Shreveport Police Department wants to make everyone aware of the City of Shreveport's smoking regulations as well. Current ordinances prohibit smoking inside Independence Stadium but anyone seeking to smoke will be allowed to exit the stadium. Fans will be directed to gate personnel who will hole punch their ticket and stamp their hand. The punched ticket stub and that hand stamp will be required for re-entry. Again, smoking is prohibited inside the stadium and within 25 feet of any gate. This will be enforced by officers working the game.

Here are some other rules in place to ensure that the Independence Bowl will be safe for all patrons:

- No outside food or drink will be allowed in the stadium.
- No ice chests will be allowed in the stadium.
- No umbrellas will be allowed in the stadium.
- No oversized bags will be allowed in the stadium (bags must fit in a 12"x 12" box).
- No mace/pepper spray will be allowed in the stadium.
- No laser lights or pointing devices will be allowed in stadium.
- No Tasers or stun guns will be allowed in the stadium.
- No pocket tools will be allowed in the stadium.
- No straight blades will be allowed in the stadium.
- No fireworks will be allowed in the stadium.
- No video cameras will be allowed in the stadium.
- No knives will be allowed in the stadium.

- No weapons will be allowed in the stadium.
- No electronic cigarettes will be allowed in the stadium.
- No drones will be allowed in or near the stadium.

The Shreveport Police Department will have uniformed officers working both inside and outside of the stadium and we are looking forward to an exciting and safe Walk-On's Independence Bowl. Please visit their website at WalkOnsIndependenceBowl.com for more information.

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