

Parade

The whole community is invited to gather in a public area and watch the parade, similar to what will be on the Seine River a few hours later. There is an MC who introduces each group in the parade as the crowd cheers.

The parade may be led by that nation's flag followed by community leaders / sports stars / etc. Each community determines what their parade looks like. There will be traditional dress and a celebration of all things French and locals appreciate.

- There may be dancers / gymnasts / sports teams/ scouts / community groups / schools. Every group is acknowledged and celebrated. We want to emphasize that in both the parade and the following activity, the participants are the stars.
- The local leaders welcome everyone and give a speech. When it is completed, a local personality runs in with a torch and if possible, a cauldron is lit.
- Speeches from athletes (recordings of speeches of local or international athletes) can be a good way of highlighting their heroes and engaging the community.
- The MC would guide the program offering very clear details of what the program is like and it includes an invitation to the closing ceremony.

