

**MCCGA Blue Springs South Winter Guard/ Winter Percussion Festival
Saturday, February 19, 2011
Blue Springs South High School, Blue Springs, Missouri**

Dear Director,

Blue Springs South High School Bands and the Mid-Continent Color Guard Association would like to welcome you and your members to the February 19, 2011 MCCGA Winter Guard/ Winter Percussion Festival. We are very excited about seeing everyone's show and want to make sure your day goes as smoothly as possible. We are in toward the end of our construction in our building. Please be aware of the parking and hallway limitations. Several of the warm-up and travel paths have changed. Please ask your students to be very careful while in the new area of the building. The administration is particularly very worried about the unloading area because the new doors are completely made of glass.

We will have a tarp taped to the performance area floor. All boundary lines will be marked and you will have ample space in the entrance and exit staging areas. Attached are several event flyers. Groups will have the ability to purchase food from the parents' concessions. In addition, we will be selling what I call "bando" attire. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all you do!

LOCATION OF CONTEST:

**Blue Springs South High School
1200 SE Adams Dairy Pkwy
Blue Springs, MO 64014**

DATES AND TIMES OF CONTESTS:

Saturday February 19, 2011
Percussion begins at Noon/ Guard Begins at 2:00

SCHEDULE: A schedule has been attached to the sent email. It may also be accessed through the website at www.mccga.org.

ADMISSION PRICES: All Day - \$7/adult, \$5/student (5-18 years of age), \$5/senior (60+ years of age).

EMERGENCY CELL PHONE:

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PERFORMANCE AREA/ INTERVAL/TIMING LINE: Vertical Timing Line.

If looking at the floor from the spectators prospective, the Units will enter from back right and exit from the back left utilizing a vertical timing line. There is ample distance on each side of the floor. There is plenty of space at the back area of the floor. Spectator seating is in two levels.

UNIT CHECK-IN: Be prepared to declare the number of performing members as well as number of staff. Penalties will be assessed for false declarations. Marching members, seven (7)

staff plus the director will be admitted at no charge. **Directors are expected to take care of their staff, aides, etc. with the seven comp tickets as no extra passes will be provided for these individuals.** Units must check-in one hour prior to performance time. Unit fact sheets should be submitted online at www.mccga.org. However, please bring a copy with you just to be safe. **ALL EQUIPMENT AND PROPS WILL BE INSPECTED in WARM-UP.**

DRESSING FACILITIES: Available on site, however, space is very limited. Units will be directed to these areas at check-in. Please vacate these facilities ASAP after performance. Please do not leave items in the dressing areas. MCCGA and/or Blue Springs South High School are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

INSPECTION: Please refer to the mccga manual regarding **taping/padding of equipment and props, etc.** **ALL EQUIPMENT AND PROPS WILL BE INSPECTED AT WARM-UP.** **PLEASE READ THE MANUAL SO YOU ARE AWARE OF THE RULES THAT WILL BE ENFORCED AT MCCGA FESTIVALS THIS YEAR.**

FOOTWEAR AND EQUIPMENT PROTECTION: All equipment tips on rifles, flag poles, and sabers must be padded and taped. Any props must be protected so as not to damage the floor. Soft-soled shoes need no added protection. Hard-soled shoes must be taped.

UNLOADING OF PROPS: Units will be able to unload on the North side of the building in the Unloading Zone. (Tennis Courts side of the building) The entrance will have a double door with the bar removed. **THE ENTRANCE HAS GLASS DOORS!!!!** The administration has asked that all groups are very careful while loading and unloading. There are no stairs in the entrance.

UNLOADING OF PERFORMERS: Units check- in is on the East side of the building (Adams Dairy Pkwy. side of the building). Please look for the sign that reads "Unit Check In." The entrance will have a double door with the bar removed. There are stairs at the unit check-in entrance.

PARKING OF BUSES: Busses will be parking on the North side of the Building. There will be plenty of parents available to assist with parking information.

Equipment Truck Parking: Equipment trucks will be able to park on the North Side of the Building after groups have unloaded. Parents will be available to help direct your drivers for parking.

SPECTATOR PARKING AND ENTRANCE: Spectators are asked to park on the South side of the Building. There will be signs available for directors and band parents outside for assistance. Spectators are asked to enter the building on the South side. Directional signs will be visible from the parking area.

INSPECTION: Located in warm-up area.

TABULATING AND JUDGING AREA: These areas are off limits to everyone except authorized personnel.

DIGITAL RECORDERS FOR JUDGES: NEW FOR 2011: Each unit must provide a digital recorder at check-in, as all adjudication will be done digitally this year. Below are

two links where you may either purchase the digital recorders compatible with our program, or use as a reference to research your own source:

www.walmart.com/ip/RCA-2GB-MP3-Player-Red/15540318

www.microcenter.com/single_product_results.phtml?product_id=0340922

MUSIC TAPE: A cassette tape, variable speed deck, and CD deck will be provided for your use, or you may utilize your own deck and plug it into the system provided. Bring music tapes/CDs to the sound table prior to your performance. It is suggested that a representative of your guard stay with the sound engineer during your unit's performance. We will also have access for mp3 players if desired. Directors will need to provide their own MP3 player but we will have the cables connected for use. **It is strongly suggested that all Directors have back-up CDs of their show music.**

SOUND TESTING: Beginning at 11:00 am and during breaks (at the discretion of the Festival Director).

WARM-UP AREA:

Percussion units will be divided into two locations for warm-up. Please refer to warm-up area for schedule.

Guard units: Body warm-up will be in the library, equipment will be in the small gym.

****Once again please be careful entering the library this is a new facility and the administration is very worried about groups harming the area. NO SPINNING CAN TAKE PLACE IN THE LIBRARY!!!!!!

EQUIPMENT/PROPS: Hall storage will be provided. Please understand there is only so much space in the hallways. Please try to be respectful of other groups in the area.

TARP FOLDING: In the cafeteria area after your performance.

SCORE SHEET AND JUDGES TAPES: Sheets and recorders may be picked up at the Tabulation Table shortly after your unit's performance. This is located upstairs on the north side of the bleachers. (The same side of the floor that the units enter.) **PLEASE BE ADVISED that processing scores and commentary may take more time this year than what you were accustomed to in the past (because of the transferring of commentary from the digital recorders). We ask you to be patient with this process. (See 2011 sample letter)**

CRITIQUE: Directors, please register for critique at unit check-in. The judges' room is located behind the tarp folding area.

RETREAT: Captains Retreat.

VIDEO TAPING: As outlined in the MCCGA Rule Book, **videotaping will be allowed at all circuit shows with the exception of the MCCGA Championships.** The designated video area will be located in the balcony and will be for only one representative from each unit. **After taping your color guard, your representative will be expected to immediately vacate the video area. Units, spectators, etc. will not be allowed to leave their video equipment in the video area during the course of the festival.**

ADJUDICATORS: TBA

A NOTE REGARDING SAFETY OF STUDENTS: It is requested that each director have dialogue regarding the use of common sense with student's personal safety on the day of the festival.

MAPS: will be made available online at www.mccga.org. Maps are also attached in this email.

CONCESSIONS: The band parents are stocked and ready to go. Please read through the email attachments. There are many special meal deals available from concessions. As with most MCCGA festivals, the money raised in concessions is used to run the winter program. Please show your support and plan on eating at our wonderful concession area. FYI- there are "no" ☺ fast food locations within a 20 mile radius of Blue Springs South High School, so you have to eat at our concession stand!

Performance Map

Entrance and Exit for Guards and Percussion Units

Performing units will enter the floor from the spectator's far right side as if looking at the floor. The **vertical line** will be used for this festival. Pre-staging will take place on the right wall and right back area. The units will exit the floor from the spectator's far left side. All doors are double doors and will have the bars removed.

