

MCCGA Truman High School Winter Guard & Percussion Festival
Saturday, Feb 5, 2011
Truman High School – Independence, Missouri

Dear Director,

Truman High School and MCCGA would like to welcome you to the Truman High School Winter Guard and Percussion festival. We look forward to having you and your members with us on this day. Listed below please find the information needed as you finalize your plans for this event. If you could email me back with your units information (program, staff, etc..) we would like to get your information in our program.

LOCATION OF CONTEST:

**Truman High School
3301 S Noland Road
Independence, Mo 64055**

DATES AND TIMES OF CONTESTS:

Saturday, Feb 5, 2011
Contest begins at 12:00 noon
Percussion Captains Retreat at 1:15 pm
Guard Captains Retreat at 5:30 pm

A copy of the school maps with pathways and entrances marked is available on the website.

SCHEDULE: A current schedule may be accessed through the website at www.mccga.org.

ADMISSION PRICES: All Day - \$7, Seniors and Students - \$5

EMERGENCY CELL PHONE: Todd Reinhardt, Director of Bands – Truman High School (816) 582-5518; Brandon Johnson – Percussion Instructor/ Director (816) 716-7713

PERFORMANCE AREA: Units will enter from stage left and exit stage right utilizing a horizontal timing line. There is ample distance on all sides of the floor. Spectator seating is in bleacher seating.

UNIT CHECK-IN: Be prepared to declare the number of marching members. 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 bus drivers, staff, 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. Please turn in your unit fact sheet at that time.

DRESSING FACILITIES: Available on site, however, space is very limited. Units will be directed to these areas at check-in. We will utilize the Truman cafeteria as a place for the units to store all of their personnel equipment. Each unit will have an assigned place in the cafeteria. Please do not leave items in the dressing areas, or with equipment storage. MCCGA or Truman High School are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

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 AND EQUIPMENT: Both will be unloaded in the front circle drive of the high school. This is the first entrance of Truman if you are travelling north on Noland road from highway 70. Signs will be posted and members of the festival staff will be there to direct you where to store your tarps, props and equipment.

I ask that no percussion equipment is unloaded until 10:30 am and guard equipment can be brought into the school starting at 12:00 pm. The doors will be open at 10:30 am for everyone (spectators and unit members)

UNLOADING OF PERFORMERS: Buses may unload performers on the North Side of Truman High School. Buses will go to the north entrance of the school (this is the second drive on the north side of the school, between the school and vacant car lot)

PARKING OF BUSES: Buses may be parked in back lots of Truman High School. A staff member will be there to direct the busses where to park.

SPECTATOR PARKING: Spectators may park in the south lot (first entrance) of Truman High School and enter through the first set of multiple doors closest to Noland Road.

INSPECTION: Located in warm-up area.

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

INTERVAL/TIMING LINE: Horizontal Timing Line

MUSIC TAPE: CD deck and cord for ipod will be provided for your use, or you may utilize your own deck and plug it into the system provided. Bring music 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.

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

WARM-UP AREA: Both body and equipment warm-ups will be in the new band rooms for the guard units. Body warm up is in a symphonic band room, you may spin equipment in this area as well. Then you will move to the big band room for Equipment warm up. **These rooms are both brand new (just opened this week) please do not get carried away with a toss and hit the 20 ft ceilings!** Because of these rooms being so new I do not have maps yet, it will not be hard to find your way around. I will have people stationed in all rooms to assist you.

Percussion will warm up in the Choir Room (Warm up A) and Auditorium Stage (Warm up B).

EQUIPMENT/PROPS: No long-term storage area will be provided. A holding area for your floors/backdrops will be available. The cafeteria will be provided for personal items.

TARP FOLDING: Outside of Truman High School. Some of the last percussion units may have time to fold on the break before retreat.

SCORE SHEET AND JUDGES MP3's: Sheets and Comments may be picked up at the Tabulation Table shortly after your unit's performance.

CRITIQUE: Judges Critique will occur during the following
Directors: please register for critique at unit check-in.

RETREAT: Captains Retreat

VIDEO TAPING: As outlined in the MCCGA Rule Book, **video taping will be allowed at all circuit shows with the exception of the MCCGA Championships.** The designated video area will be for 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. PLEASE ask your students to not wander from the festival area. Discussion with your students about this matter will be greatly appreciated.

CONCESSIONS: There will be concessions available just outside of the gymnasium. You are allowed to take food and drink into the gymnasium.

Thank you for your attendance today and we hope everyone has great performances and an enjoyable day.

Todd Reinhardt
Truman High School