



**Mid-Continent Color Guard Association Championships
Saturday, March 31, 2007
Nixa High School – Nixa, Missouri**

Dear Director,

The Mid-Continent Color Guard Association would like to welcome you and your members to the 2007 MCCGA Championships. Listed below please find the information needed as you finalize your plans for this event.

LOCATION OF CONTEST:

**Nixa High School
514 Nichols Rd.
Nixa, MO 65714**

DATES AND TIMES OF CONTESTS:

Color Guard – Saturday, March 31, 2007

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

ADMISSION PRICES: All Day - \$15 (this price includes admission at both the guard and percussion site)

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GUARD 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. Units must check-in one hour prior to performance time. Please turn in your unit fact sheet at that time. **At unit check-in, Directors will receive an updated warm-up schedule and will be informed of the location of prop entrance.** Please check the following for the location of your unit's check-in site:

COLOR GUARDS ARE TO CHECK-IN AT NIXA HIGH SCHOOL. IF SCHOOLS HAVE BOTH PERCUSSION AND COLOR GUARDS, THEN CHECK-IN MAY BE DONE AT EITHER NIXA OR WILLARD.

PLEASE NOTE: No outside food or drink is to be brought into the building and Nixa HS is a smoke free campus.

DRESSING FACILITIES: Available on site. 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 Nixa Schools will not be 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. Any questionable equipment will not be allowed on the performance floor. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Soft-soled shoes need no added protection. Hard-soled shoes must be taped.

Parking and Unloading of Performers and Equipment: Students can be dropped off in the circle drive in front of the main entrance. Buses and equipment trucks should park in the far east parking lot where units will be exiting the building following their performance. Equipment trucks may move around to the front of the building at your equipment check in time to unload. Please then move your vehicle to the designated parking area. We will have outside guides to direct you.

UNLOADING OF PROPS: Units will be allowed to place their props in a holding area **ONE HOUR PRIOR** to their performance. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** A “crew report time” will be included on the warm-up schedule for crews to line-up in performance order in the grand atrium hallway. **Entrance to the prop storage area can be accessed through outside doors from the parking lot.**

UNLOADING OF PERFORMERS: NIXA HIGH SCHOOL: **performers can be unloaded in the front parking lot of the school. Parking staff will direct buses to the parking area.**

INSPECTION: Located in warm-up area.

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

INTERVAL/TIMING LINE: There is ample room on both ends of the performance area as well as in the back. The doors entering and exiting the performance floor are double doors with no middle bar. Performers will enter from the performers back left and exit to the performers back right. We will be using a **VERTICAL** timing line.

CASSETTE TAPES FOR JUDGES: Provided by MCCGA.

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. And, MCCGA strongly encourages each Director to have a back-up CD/tape available that day. It is also encouraged that new CD's are used that day to avoid issues with scratches.

SOUND TESTING: During breaks at the discretion of the Contest Director.

WARM-UP AREA:

Color guards will warm-up in half of a full-size gym for the entire time of your warm-up. The gym will be divided by a drop-curtain. **Reminder to all Directors: please keep the volume of your CD players at a respectable level. Music can be used during the second half of your warm-up time only.**

EQUIPMENT/PROPS: All equipment and props must be removed from the building **immediately following** your performance. **No storage area will be provided. A holding area for your floors/backdrops will be available ONE HOUR PRIOR TO YOUR PERFORMANCE** (see information above).

PERSONAL STORAGE AREA: Nixa High School has made allowances for personal storage area for each unit. These areas will be located on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Nixa High School. **Please be advised that Nixa High School and/or MCCGA will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items, so we strongly advise all items left in these areas be secured.** PLEASE RESPECT THE SPACE THEY HAVE ARRANGED BY NOT LEAVING ANY ITEMS, TRASH, ETC.

Parking: Please have your buses and trailers park in the assigned parking area.

SCORE SHEET AND JUDGES TAPES: Will be presented during retreats. No sheets and tapes will be available until that time.

AWARDS: Trophies will be presented in retreat. Please refer to the MCCGA Rulebook regarding number of trophies presented in each class. Each unit, at the very least, will receive a participation award.

RETREAT: Full retreat. Please refer to the schedule regarding your unit's retreat. All units will report to the warm-up gym to line-up for retreat.

CRITIQUE: There will be no critique at the MCCGA Championships.

VIDEO TAPING: As outlined in the MCCGA Rule Book, **there will be no video taping allowed at MCCGA Championships.** Each unit will receive a professional video of their performance(s) at no extra charge to the unit. Rudolph Video will be the official videographer for the 2007 Championships, and video orders will be taken throughout the day in the concession area at Nixa High School.

DIRECTORS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THEIR PARENTS AND PERFORMERS OF THIS POLICY as it will be STRICTLY enforced.

GROUP PHOTOS: Will be taken by Bateman Photography. The photograph area will be located in the Choir Room at Nixa High School (located in the hallway units will exit to when leaving the performance floor).

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY: This season, we have had an increase in the number of spectators ignoring MCCGA's request of NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY. FOR THE PERFORMER'S SAFETY, we ask you to discuss with your performers, parents, grandparents, etc., to turn the flash off on their cameras. We must protect the performers and your dialogue may help with this issue.

TARP REFOLDING: Located in the Nixa High School Band Room.

FLOWERS: Will be available for purchase the day of Championships. Orders will be taken in the Exhibitors Arena located in the Nixa High School Grand Atrium.

ADJUDICATORS: TBA

A NOTE REGARDING SAFETY AND CONDUCT OF STUDENTS: MCCGA requests that each director have dialogue with their students regarding the use of common sense regarding their personal safety on the day of championships. It is also important that discussion occurs regarding conduct of students within any properties of Nixa High School. There will be areas designated, by Nixa High School, approved to be used for championships. Please do not violate the trust of their administration by entering unauthorized areas, or showing disrespect to their facilities.

MAPS: will be made available online at www.mccga.org.

CONCESSIONS: will be provided by Nixa Band Boosters. **PLEASE NOTE:** No outside food or drink is to be brought into the building and Nixa HS is a smoke free campus.

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