



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

Dear Director,

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

LOCATION OF CONTEST:

**Willard High School
123 Dr. L.H. Whisler Ave.
Willard, MO 64890**

DATES AND TIMES OF CONTESTS:

Percussion– Saturday, March 31, 2007 – start time: 11:00 am

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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UNIT CHECK-IN: Check-in will be located directly at the band room outside doors. 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. Please check the following for the location of your unit's check-in site:

ALL UNITS WILL CHECK-IN AT WILLARD HIGH SCHOOL.

SCHOOLS WITH BOTH COLOR GUARDS AND PERCUSSION MAY EITHER CHECK-IN AT WILLARD HIGH SCHOOL OR NIXA HIGH SCHOOL. REMIND YOUR STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE HAND STAMP BETWEEN BOTH SITES.

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, or the site sponsor, are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

FOOTWEAR AND EQUIPMENT PROTECTION: 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 allowed to place their props in a holding area at Willard High School 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 on the ramp that leads into Hammons Student Center. Directors will receive the warm-up schedule at unit check-in.

FOLLOWING YOUR UNIT'S PERFORMANCE, ALL PROPS AND EQUIPMENT ARE TO BE LOADED ON YOUR VEHICLES AS NO STORAGE WILL BE PROVIDED.

UNLOADING OF PERFORMERS: Upon arrival at Willard High School, vehicles will be directed to the parking lot where performers may unload.

INSPECTION: Located in warm-up area.

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

INTERVAL/TIMING LINE: Vertical Time Line

ELECTRICITY FOR PERFORMANCES: Will be available on both the front and the side of the performance floor.

WARM-UP AREA: Units will be assigned to one of two warm-up areas, and will remain in that one area for the duration of their warm-up. A guide will be assigned to direct your unit to both the warm-up and performance venues.

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.**

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. Medals will be presented to units that achieve 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in their respective classes. Please refer to the MCCGA Rule Book regarding the number of trophies that will be presented in each class.

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 following the last percussion performance of the day.

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 Willard High School.

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

ADJUDICATORS: TBA

MAPS: will be emailed. Written directions are provided with this information.

CONCESSIONS: will be provided at Willard High School by the Willard Band Boosters.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL, AND NO AREA (INSIDE OR OUTSIDE) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR UNITS TO COOK THEIR OWN FOOD.

CONTEST DIRECTORS:

Ann Duncan, MCCGA President

John Sullivan, MCCGA Vice-President

Maxine Sullivan, MCCGA Treasurer

Lindsey Hansen, MCCGA Public Relations Director

Scott Waggoner, MCCGA Percussion Coordinator

Greetings to you from Willard High School;

Site of the MCGA Percussion Championships on March 31, 2007

This is the first opportunity for us to host this wonderful event and we are looking forward to having everyone on our campus in our new high school. The performance venue (gymnasium) is a two-tiered facility with a wonderful vantage point for spectators and judges alike. It has a seating capacity of 2800. Here are a few thoughts, directions, and explanations about your day.

Directions. Off of Interstate I-44 take the Willard/Highway 160 West Exit #75 going West for 5.4 miles on Hwy 160 to Willard. You will see a large white water tower on your right side and you should be able to see the school as well. Exit to your right on the first road and drive 300' to the main entrance to campus. We will have signs up on campus where to drive/park/check-in, etc. After entering campus turn left at the Willard High School sign and proceed to the Unit Check-In area (our band room). After check-in we will have you guided to the **Unit/Staff only** parking area.

The Unit/Staff Entrance area and parking is in the back of the building. We will have a map layout of the facility in a pdf format on the MCGA website early this week.

Changing/Storage. We will have use of the locker rooms for uniform/costume changing. Please make sure your students do not leave anything in these rooms. The restroom facilities are off of the Commons and Concession area. There will be no indoor storage facilities. Please use your equipment vehicles.

Concessions. We are blessed with some of the best booster club cooks on the planet Earth. Our marching band eats better on the road than I eat at home. Please don't tell my wife that one! Please encourage your members, parents, and general public to eat all they can. The menu is as follows: Brats, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, pizza by the slice, nachos, pretzels, soda, water, Powerade, chips, candy, popcorn, and fruit. Air grams will also be available at the concession area. **We will also have a unit staff only room for you to "get away" to.**

Warm-up areas. We will be utilizing two warm-up areas. Area A and B. A guide will meet you at the Unit/Staff Entrance to guide you to your warm-up area and then to the performance area.

Performance area. To make your entrance faster, we would like to have your rolling equipment; (keyboards, etc) enter the gym from the front doors (performers left) and your tarp/battery percussion/props enter from the back (performers left) doors. To keep hallway traffic flowing from Warm-up Area A your tarp/battery will need to leave first followed by keyboards. From Warm-up Area B, your keyboards will need to leave first followed by tarp/battery. After your performance, you will exit to performers' right and then go down a hallway and exit outdoors to your vehicles. We ask that you fold your tarp up neatly at the end of your performance or wait until you return home. In case of rain we will have a Plan B for you on Saturday. We have, of course, put in our order for wonderful Willard weather.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the extraordinary percussion groups on the day of Championships. If there is anything we can do that day to make your stay here more pleasant please do not hesitate to ask any us. My contact information is below if you have any further questions. Please do not hesitate to ask.

See you Saturday,

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