

Belton High School Winter Guard Festival 2020

We would like to welcome you and your members to the 2020 Belton Winter Guard Festival. Hopefully the first of many. Listed below please find the information needed to help you prepare for your visit.

Please check the website, at www.mccga.org for any changes or schedule update.

Location:

Belton High School Campus

801 West North Ave.

Belton, MO 64012

<https://goo.gl/maps/iws4UhYnZJ4udjjM7> (Google Map Link)

To see a labeled map of school entrances, parking and traffic, click here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1vex4peGs1BkPki-zDtsEk17M5U5vmua5&usp=sharing>

For pictures of the facility, click here:

<https://beltonguard.weebly.com/festival.html>

Date and Time:

Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 10:00am

Doors will open at 8:00am, 2 hours before the contest begins.

Performance Schedule: <https://mccga.org/2120-belton/>

Admission:

- \$7 adult
- \$5 student (5-18 years of age)
- \$5 senior (60+ years of age)
- Children under 5 years of age Free

Admission tickets will be sold on a cash only basis and correct change is appreciated.

Please note: You will also receive up to 7 complementary staff bands at Check-in. Directors will be expected to use those bands to take care of their staff, volunteers, and bus drivers. MCCGA does NOT provide free admission to bus drivers or additional staff after the 7. If you wish to provide your bus driver with admission to the contest, you will need to use one of your 7 staff wristbands or purchase a wristband at the spectator entrance.

Contact Information:

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Check in:

Units will check in at the main doors on the North Side of the School. All units should plan to check in no later than one hour before their performance time. Please be sure to complete your unit fact sheet online at www.mccga.org prior to the contest. We suggest you bring a backup copy with you, just in case. Be prepared to declare the number of performing members. Penalties will be assigned for false declarations. All performing members will be given a wristband at Unit Check-In. They are required to wear this band at all times in the building.

You will also request up to 7 complimentary staff bands at Check-in. Directors will be expected to use those bands to take care of their staff, volunteers, and bus drivers. Any additional staff or volunteers (after your complimentary 7) must purchase tickets at the spectator entrance.

If available, a volunteer will assist you find your hallway storage area and answer any questions you may have about the contest flow. Please Note: This volunteer will only be with you at the time you check in. You are responsible for locating and reporting to the warm up gym (directly inside the North Doors) for your designated time.

Spectators:

All spectators will enter through the Field House and Aquatics Doors. Spectator parking will be located on the West Side of the School and in front of the Field House and Aquatics Center. Additional parking is located on the north side as well as down by Southwick Stadium. They can purchase their admission tickets directly inside the West doors. We request spectators stay in the Field House Area.

Bus Flow and Parking:

Buses will enter at the Cherry Hill Roundabout and take an immediate left, taking you in front of the (north) side of the school for Unit Check in. After unloading students, busses will go down to the Baseball fields and take a right to go behind the school. Busses will park by the football field to accommodate spectator parking closer to the building.

Schedule:

The performance schedule is attached. A schedule with warm-up times will also be available at check-in. Please check the website, at www.mccga.org, for current schedule information.

Equipment, Tarps, Props, Loading/Unloading and Storage:

The prop unloading/loading will be located along will be on the South Side of the building near the large garage doors. There is a ramp. The majority of props/tarps will be kept in the band room. Larger props will be stored in the Side Arts Hallway. Please refer to the flow document for further clarification.

Please have a conversation with the workers at check in to decide when is best for you to unload their tarp, prop, and larger equipment. Preferably 1 Hour before performance time. To make room for other units, please load your equipment as soon as possible after your performance. If you are concerned about prop loading or unloading, have large props or would like to make arrangements before the festival, please contact Matt Uppman at muppm@bsd124.org or 816-866-3832.

Each guard will have a space in the hallways. Space will be available for personal items and equipment in the hallway spaces, but please understand that storage is limited.

MCCGA, Belton High School, and Belton contest workers (staff, students, parents), are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Tarp Folding

Tarp folding space is available in the cafeteria if you wish. Please be prepared, as this area is much smaller than the performance floor and will not fit a 60x90 floor completely flat. (you will get close). For guards with larger tarps, you should be able to snake your floor onto your cart in the hallway leaving the gym, if you would like. You will have limited time in the folding area and departure hallway. You should hurry as the next unit may be entering. Please refer to the flow document for further clarification.

Dressing Facilities and Restrooms:

Restrooms are available on site for students to change as needed however, space is very limited. These dressing rooms are shown on the map. Please clean and leave these facilities as soon as possible to make room for others. Hair and makeup can be completed in the hallways around unit storage. Please do not leave items in the dressing areas. MCCGA or Belton High School is not responsible for lost or stolen items. It is requested that the restrooms near the Field House are for use by spectators only. **DO NOT use the restrooms located near the fieldhouse for changing and performance preparation.** Please notify the volunteer at the Unit Check in table if a restroom needs attention (i.e. toilet paper, trash cans, ect.).

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. Any equipment/props that Belton volunteers feel need to be taped, will be required to be taped.

Music:

All performance music should be delivered to the sound table located in the upper level of the field house. There is a staircase on the spectator's right side of the gym. Sound Check will be provided 1 hour prior to the contest start time and during breaks (at the discretion of the contest director).

We will provide a CD player and a 3.5mm Aux Cord. Music should be of a good recorded quality with CDs marked as to which track. If using the aux cord, units are responsible for any adapters they may need to connect the aux to a device.

It is encouraged that you have a backup of your music and that a representative from you unit stay with the Sound Engineer during your performance.

Warm Up Area:

Both body and equipment will be in the same location (Auxiliary Gym, also known as our "Old Gym") with no movement between the two. The Guards will warm-up on either side A or B. Your location is indicated on the warm-up schedule. Please do not utilize other areas of the school to warm-up on equipment prior to your actual warm-up time. Music will be allowed during the second half of your warm-up. If you choose to use music during warm up, you should bring your own speaker/device.

Performance Area and Time Line:

We will utilize the vertical timing line rules. If looking at the floor from the spectator's perspective, the Units will enter from front right and exit from the front left. Please refer to the contest flow document for further Clarification.



Videotaping:

WGI and MCCGA have adopted a No Videotaping policy at all our festivals. This is due to the continued Copyright Infringement issues that WGI deals with. No video cameras will be allowed in any contest venue and no authorized space will be provided for groups to record their performance. Any liability associated with unauthorized recordings will rest with the individual or organization making the recording.

Concessions:

Concessions will be available throughout the day for all performers and spectators. The concession area is located adjacent to the performance gym in the Field House Commons. It will offer a wide variety of food items. As with most MCCGA festivals, the money raised in concessions is used to run the music programs. Please show your support and plan on eating at our concession area. Please do not bring outside food into the contest.

Tabulation and Judging Areas:

These areas are off limits to everyone except authorized personnel.

Score Sheets and Judges Commentary:

All MCCGA Festivals will use Competition Suite for tabulation purposes and commentary processing. You will be provided with an access code to Competition Suite where you will be able to access your judge's commentary on your cell phone, laptop, etc. Also, through Competition Suite, you will be able to access recaps for the festival once they are processed and posted. MCCGA will email access codes for Competition Suite to Unit Directors. Please make sure to sign all your staff up to receive this commentary prior to the day of the festival. Unit directors may pick up score sheets near the sound table following your unit's retreat. There will not be paper copies of the recaps.

Critique:

This festival will have critique. More information will be shared about critique when the festival is closer.

Retreat:

Captains will report to the Warm-Up Gym and line up in performance order. **More information will be shared the day of the show.**

Respect of Properties and "Off-Limits" Areas:

We ask that you please instruct your students to be respectful of others property in the hallways. Please Note: Some areas of the school are off-limits. Do not enter the posted or locked areas.

MSHSAA Sanctioning:

This festival has been sanctioned through MSHSAA.

Assistance:

Belton parents, students and staff will be available throughout the day to assist you. Please feel free to ask any of them to help you.