

Greetings from  
**EDWARDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
Site of the  
**MCCGA WINTER GUARD FESTIVAL**  
**February 8, 2020**

We are excited to again be the host for a MCGA festival and we are looking forward to having everyone on our campus in our facilities. The performance venue (gymnasium) is a two-tiered facility with a great vantage point for spectators and judges alike. It has a seating capacity of 1,750. Here are a few thoughts, directions, and explanations about your day.

**DIRECTIONS:** Edwardsville High School, 6161 Center Grove Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

**From Interstate 270**

Take exit 9 for IL 157 toward Collinsville / Edwardsville. Turn left onto IL-157 N/N Bluff Rd. Slight right to stay on IL-157 N/N Bluff Rd, Turn right onto Center Grove Road (you will see the high school off to the right). Turn left into the main entrance. From there, you will see signs outlining where to go. All equipment will continue to the back of the school and park along Tiger Drive. Buses will drop off the unit members in the front Circle Drive at Door A, then park across the street at the Sports Complex.

**From Interstate 255**

Head east on I-270 and take exit 9 for IL 157 toward Collinsville / Edwardsville. Turn left onto IL-157 N/N Bluff Rd. Slight right to stay on IL-157 N/N Bluff Rd, Turn right onto Center Grove Road (you will see the high school off to the right). Turn left into the main entrance. From there, you will see signs outlining where to go. All equipment will continue to the back of the school and park along Tiger Drive. Buses will drop off the unit members in the front Circle Drive at Door A, then park across the street at the Sports Complex.

**From East on Interstate 70 (Illinois)**

Take I-70 West towards St. Louis. You will merge onto I-270 West. You will see signs for I-55 N/Chicago/Kansas City). You will continue on I-270 for approximately 3 miles. Take exit 12 (IL-159). Turn right onto IL-159 N/Rte 159/Troy Road. Continue 1.5 miles then turn left onto Kettle River Drive/Rte 159 N. Cassens car dealership is located on the left at this intersection. Turn left onto Center Grove Road. Continue about 1 mile on Center Grove Road until you reach Edwardsville High School then turn right into the main drive. From there, you will see signs outlining where to go. All equipment will continue to the back of the school and park along Tiger Drive. Buses will drop off the unit members in the front Circle Drive at Door A, then park across the street at the Sports Complex.

Please print out the campus map posted on the MCGA website and share them with your staff and spectators traveling with you. All pertinent information is also posted our band website [www.edwardsvillebands.com](http://www.edwardsvillebands.com) under the percussion link.

**SCHEDULE:** A current schedule may be accessed through the website at [www.mccga.org](http://www.mccga.org). Warm-up schedules will be forthcoming.

**EMERGENCY CELL PHONE:** Ryan Lipscomb, Director of Bands/Contest Director, 405-255-5291

**UNIT CHECK-IN:** Please check your unit in prior to unloading your equipment (Door A). Be prepared to declare the number of marching members. Penalties will be assessed for false declarations. Marching members, seven (7) staff, and 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. If you have not completed your Unit Fact Sheet online at [www.mccga.org](http://www.mccga.org), then you must do so at Unit Check-In.

Please review the enclosed Unit Flow maps before arriving and ask questions at Unit Check-in. If you are new to our facility, one of our volunteers will be happy to give you a quick tour upon your arrival.

**INSPECTION:** Please see attachment regarding taping/padding or equipment and props, etc. ALL EQUIPMENT AND PROPS WILL BE INSPECTED BEFORE YOUR WARM-UP TIME. Tarps and props storage areas are near Doors D & E (see map) depending on your Warm-Up area.

**CHANGING/STORAGE:** There is a “school area” assigned to you on the first/second floor of the school. Your schools’ area is for “**personal items**” not equipment/tarps/etc. The unit equipment areas are located in the foyer and commons (cafeteria). Please review the flow chart for directions. We ask that you “police” your area and keep it clean. The restroom facilities (2) for you to use are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. These restrooms will also serve as changing areas for the units. **Food and drinks are only allowed in the Commons/Concessions area and are not allowed in the “school area”.** MCCGA and Edwardsville High School is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

**CONCESSIONS:** See enclosed menu – affordable and great tasting!!

**NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS ARE PERMITTED**

**WARM-UP/PERFORMANCE AREAS:** We will utilize two warm-areas, area A and B. Please do not have your ensemble arrive earlier than your designated report times. Our gym has plenty of space behind the performance floor to set-up for your performance. Please review the maps for flow and directions. Once you exit the performance floor, the ensemble will move down the hallway and exiting outside (Door C). The tarp refolding area is located down the hall in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the auxiliary gym for Percussion and the opposite direction for Guard (see map). If weather permits your ensemble to warm-up outside and you choose not to use the warm-up areas during your designated warm-up time, please have your unit enter at Door D or E (see map and warm-up schedule) to access the performance gym at your transit time for performance. It is the responsibility of the Unit Directors and performance to report to the performance area on time. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO FOREGO THE USE OF THE DESIGNATED INSIDE WARM-UP AREA FOR YOUR UNIT, YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING YOUR UNIT ENTERS THE BUILDING (DOOR D OR DOOR E) AND REPORTS IN A TIMELY MANNER BEFORE YOUR PERFORMANCE (see warm-up schedule for report times). Our festival volunteers will not be searching out your unit beforehand. Your cooperation will help to ensure the festival runs on time and to avoid possible penalties.**

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

**INTERVAL/TIMING LINE:** [Vertical Time Line](#)

**COMPETITION SUITES:** All MCCGA Festivals will use *Competition Suites* for tabulation purposes and commentary processing. You will be provided with an access code to *Competition Suites* where you will be able to access your judge's commentary on your cell phone, laptop, etc. Also through *Competition Suites*, you will be able to access recaps from the festival once they are processed and posted. MCCGA will email access codes for *Competition Suites* to Unit Directors.

**EQUIPMENT STORAGE:** You are allowed to use the equipment storage areas 90 minutes prior to your performance time.

**Music:** A CD player will be provided. A connector for inputting other devices, such as iPods, MP3 players, and etc. will be available. Please have a backup for your music. The sound table and the Announcer's table are located along the North East side of the Performance Gym. Sound testing will begin at 12:30 and continue through breaks.

**CRITIQUE:** Judges Critique will be located in the [Media Center](#). Please review the map to locate this room.

**RETREAT:** Captains Retreat format

**VIDEO RECORDING:** As outlined in the MCCGA Rule Book **video recording will be allowed at all circuit shows with the exception of the MCCGA Championships.**

**BUILDING ENTRANCES:** Please **share this information with all of your staff/unit members/and spectators that may travel with you.** To ease traffic flow and to provide a quiet and calm area for performers to mentally and physically prepare for their performance we will be using the entrances into our facility in the following manner: In the very back of the school will be a **Performer only entrance (Door B).** This is for staff/unit members bringing in their equipment and staff members to “come and go.” The main door entrance doors to the school are the **Spectator Only** entrances. Anyone wanting to watch units performing will go into the Commons/Concessions Area and enter the gymnasium. **NO ONE BUT PERFORMERS AND THEIR STAFF WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PERFORMANCE FLOOR IN AND AROUND THE GYMNASIUM.** There is an elevator just off the Commons/Concession area for those who need assistance.

**A NOTE REGARDING SAFETY OF STUDENTS:** It is requested that each director have dialogue with their students regarding their 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 and treating the Edwardsville High School facilities with respect will be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing all of the extraordinary guard and percussion units on the day of the festival. If there is anything we can do that day to make your stay here more pleasant please do not hesitate to ask any of us. My contact information is below if you have any further questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me before or during the festival.

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