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Nixa Winter Guard and Percussion Festival March 7, 2020

Location: Nixa HS, 514 S. Nicholas, Nixa

Construction: The southeastern part of our campus near the football stadium is currently under construction. The driving flow from bus and trailer unloading to loading can only take place on the north side of the building. There is an included map for details but in general you can plan on unloading on the west side of the building, driving around the north side and then parking and loading on the east side of the building. When loading your students following awards please walk to your buses and do not bring them down to the curb to pick up. This creates congestion for our spectators who are also trying to leave.

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Storage: All units will have an area assigned to them for <u>personal (bags, flags, rifles)</u> storage. You can bring <u>equipment (props, tarps)</u> into the building at the designated time (see schedule) and then all equipment must be removed following your units performance. Refolding of tarps will be done inside the band room. We ask that you move quickly following your performance as the next group will be following close behind.

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Footwear and Equipment Protection: All equipment tips on rifles, poles, and sabres must be padded and taped. Any questionable equipment will not be allowed on the performance floor. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED! Hard soled shoes will need to be taped before your performance. All stands need to have the proper footing or be taped. Cart wheels must be in "indoor" condition.

Parking and Unloading of Performers and Equipment: Students can be dropped off in the circle drive in front of the main entrance. <u>Buses and equipment trucks should park on the east</u> <u>side of the building in the upper parking lot</u>), north of the stadium. Equipment trucks may move around to the front of the building at your equipment check in time. Please then move your vehicle to the designated parking area. Following your performance, your equipment vehicles can move down close to the building to load and then please move back to the designated parking area. PLEASE do NOT park buses or equipment vehicles in spectator parking. They take up too much space and also can easily get blocked in to where you can't get out when needed. We ask the trailers be considerate of the need to utilize parking effectively and not take more space than needed.

Tabulating and Judging Area: These areas are off limits to everyone except authorized personnel.

Floor Size: 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 (72"), but the there are doors leading into the hallway that are only 60". If you need anything wider please contact me prior to your performance so we can make arrangements. **PLEASE NOTE: Guards** will enter from the performers back left and exit to the performers back right.

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Equipment/Bus Parking (in upper parking lot)

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Unit	Classification	EQUIP CK IN	ESCORT	WARM UP	PROP REPORT	REPORT	Perform	
Nixa Junior High	Sch Cadet	9:00 AM	9:27 AM	9:37-9:51 AM	9:46 AM	9:53 AM	10:00 AM	
BREAK							10:07 AM	
Southern Boone County HS	Sch Reg A	9:14 AM	9:41 AM	9:51-10:05 AM	10:00 AM	10:07 AM	10:14 AM	
Branson HS	Sch Reg A	9:21 AM	9:48 AM	9:58-10:12 AM	10:07 AM	10:14 AM	10:21 AM	
Bryant HS	Sch Reg A	9:28 AM	9:55 AM	10:05-10:19 AM	10:14 AM	10:21 AM	10:28 AM	
Rock Bridge HS	Sch Reg A	9:35 AM	10:02 AM	10:12-10:26 AM	10:21 AM	10:28 AM	10:35 AM	
Joplin HS Winter Guard	Sch Reg A	9:42 AM	10:09 AM	10:19-10:33 AM	10:28 AM	10:35 AM	10:42 AM	
Hillcrest HS	Sch Reg A	9:49 AM	10:16 AM	10:26-10:40 AM	10:35 AM	10:42 AM	10:49 AM	
St. Clair HS	Sch Reg A	9:56 AM	10:23 AM	10:33-10:47 AM	10:42 AM	10:49 AM	10:56 AM	
BREAK							11:03 AM	
Baptist Preparatory School	Sch Reg A	10:17 AM	10:44 AM	10:54-11:08 AM	11:03 AM	11:10 AM	11:17 AM	
Reeds Spring HS	Sch Reg A	10:24 AM	10:51 AM	11:01-11:15 AM	11:10 AM	11:17 AM	11:24 AM	
Glendale HS	Sch Reg A	10:31 AM	10:58 AM	11:08-11:23 AM	11:17 AM	11:24 AM	11:31 AM	
Mountain Home HS	Sch Reg A	10:38 AM	11:05 AM	11:15-11:29 AM	11:24 AM	11:31 AM	11:38 AM	
Harrisonville HS	Sch Reg A	10:45 AM	11:12 AM	11:22-11:36 AM	11:31 AM	11:38 AM	11:45 AM	
St. James HS	Sch Reg A	10:52 AM	11:19 AM	11:29-11:43 AM	11:38 AM	11:45 AM	11:52 AM	
Lindbergh HS	Sch Reg A	10:59 AM	11:26 AM	11:36-11:50 AM	11:45 AM	11:52 AM	11:59 AM	
Clever HS	Sch Reg A	11:06 AM	11:33 AM	11:43-11:57 AM	11:52 AM	11:59 AM	12:06 PM	
Fusion Winter Guard	Ind Reg A	11:13 AM	11:40 AM	11:50-12:04 AM	11:59 AM	12:06 PM	12:13 PM	
LUNCH BREAK							12:20 PM	
Ozark HS Varsity	Sch AA	12:08 PM	12:32 PM	12:42-12:58 PM	12:52 PM	1:00 PM	1:08 PM	
Republic HS	Sch AA	12:16 PM	12:40 PM	12:50-1:06 PM	1:00 PM	1:08 PM	1:16 PM	
BREAK							1:24 PM	
Nixa HS	Sch A	12:34 PM	12:56 PM	1:06-1:22 PM	1:16 PM	1:24 PM	1:34 PM	
Willard HS	Sch A	12:42 PM	1:04 PM	1:14-1:30 PM	1:24 PM	1:34 PM	1:42 PM	
BREAK							1:50 PM	
Spintronix Indoor Guard	Ind A	1:00 PM	1:22 PM	1:32-1:48 PM	1:42 PM	1:50 PM	2:00 PM	
901 Performance Ensemble	Ind A	1:08 PM	1:30 PM	1:40-1:56 PM	1:50 PM	2:00 PM	2:08 PM	
ALL CLASS RETREAT							2:30 PM	
ALL CLASS CRITIQUE							2:40 PM	

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