

Dear Instructors:

We are looking forward to you and your students attending the Nixa Winter Guard festival on March 4. We think that once you arrive you will find that it is an excellent facility to house such an event. Our entire purpose is to provide the attending units with a relaxed, fun, and educational experience. If there is anything that we can do to make your day go smoother, please let us know.

DIRECTIONS TO NIXA HS...

From Springfield: Go south on Campbell (HW 160), turn right (west) on Mt. Vernon (HW 14), turn left (south) on Nicholas (HW M), the HS will be on your left about a 1/2 a mile down.

We are extremely proud of our facility and ask your help in reminding your members and crews that we would like to keep it in excellent condition. There should be absolutely no spinning, tossing or playing of any equipment in the school except in the equipment warm-up room and performance area. We also ask that the crews be careful moving props so walls and doors are not damaged. We reserve the right to refuse any equipment that may cause damage to our facility. **PLEASE NOTE**, for those that have visited us the past couple of years we had major construction going on. For the first time in quite a while, we are construction free! But that means we do have many brand new areas that we want to make sure that we are taking care of, especially in our new performing arts hallway and arts center. Please observe any areas that are marked off from visitor access.

There will be concessions available and we hope that you encourage your students to browse through and support our band boosters. Obviously one the reasons that we host a festival is to utilize the fundraising opportunities to help support the program. Our kids and parents will work hard to make the day pleasant for you so I hope you consider rewarding them by being a patron of our concessions. Outside food and drink cannot be brought into the building so please share this with your parents.

Again, we are looking forward to having you visit us at Nixa. If there is anything that we can do to make your day easier, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Craig Finger, Director of Bands
Nixa Public Schools

Nixa Winter Guard and Percussion Festival
March 4, 2023

Location: Nixa HS, 514 S. Nicholas, Nixa

PLEASE NOTE: Per school policy, no outside food or drink is to be brought into the building and Nixa HS is a smoke free CAMPUS (not just building).

The following information is relative to both guard and percussion. If there are any logistics that are discipline specific that will be indicated so please take note.

Parking and Unloading of Performers and Equipment: Buses and equipment trucks should park on the southeast side of the building), near the stadium. Equipment trucks may move around to the front of the building at your equipment check in time (see schedule). Please then move your vehicle back to the designated parking area. PERCUSSION/WINDS: *You will unload your equipment in the parking area and move it down the long sidewalk from the stadium to the Performing Arts Center. Entering the building will be determined by your warm up location. See map.* Following your performance, your equipment will exit the building and move up the sidewalk to the parking area to be reloaded. You will not bring your equipment vehicles back down to the building. We ask the trailers be considerate of the need to utilize parking effectively and not take more space than needed.

Unit Check-In: Units will check-in will be on the south side of the school. There are 3 entrances on that side and you will enter using the middle doors, which will be marked both with Unit Check In and a large NIXA HIGH SCHOOL sign. Unit members, one director (with badge) and 7 additional people will be admitted. Additional staff/crew/drivers MUST purchase tickets. **Please do not plan on arriving before 8 AM.** (Please take note of equipment check in the full schedule). UNIT MEMBERS AND STAFF MUST CHECK IN TOGETHER. (Performers will be stamped and the additional 7 will be given wristbands). We will have building guides ready to show you to your storage area as well as point out key locations in the contest flow.

Dressing Facilities: Available on site, 2nd floor. Again, remind students to be responsible and to take care of their personal items. MCCGA and Nixa Schools will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Storage: All units will have an area assigned to them for personal (bags, flags, rifles) storage. You can bring equipment (props, tarps) into the building at the designated time (see schedule) and then all equipment must be removed following your units performance.

Percussion/Winds: *There will be no indoor storage for your equipment prior to your warm up, once you enter the building you will move directly into the warm up area. We will have our stadium concourse open for extra warm up to use as able. Following your performance you will need to move immediately out of the building to your trailers.*

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.

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 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. *Percussion/winds* will do the opposite, entering from the performers back/right and exiting to the performers back/left.

Timing and Time Line: Please have plenty of help to move your equipment, especially percussion/winds. We will be using a vertical timing line.

Music: Bring music to the sound table prior to your performance. It is the director's responsibility to get your music to the sound table. Sound testing can take place during breaks. Please have a back up of a different media type in case there are any problems with the player reading your CD. A representative of your guard should stay at the sound table during your unit's performance. If you provide a media player as your sound a member of your staff will be required to actually run the device. If you would like to upload your music ahead of time you can do so by visiting the link below. Please name your file in the following format: School Name, Class. Example: Nixa, SCH A. We will accept uploads until 10 pm on March 3rd so that we have time to organize music on our end. <https://forms.gle/xCu52yE769johdKG6>

Warm-Up Area: A sound system will not be available in the warm up area so you should plan on bringing your own. Guards will have warm-up in the auxiliary gym and will have the entire warm up time in one area. The space available to each group is half of the gym floor, even if you are the only group in the room at the time. You should only use your music during the last half of your warm time and always be considerate of the volume. You should stage yourself so the music is not facing the other unit in the gym. Please note that your warm up time includes set up and tear down. You need to be clear of the room by the end of your warm up time.

Percussion/Winds: Warm up will be in either in a gym or the band room.

ALL PERFORMING ENSEMBLES: The warm up rooms will be adequate for body warm up as well music/equipment warm up. There will not be enough space for you to run your show visually. Please plan accordingly.

Maps: Separate maps for guard, percussion/winds are included.

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 judges 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.

Spectator Admission: \$7 per person, \$5 for students (ages 5-18) and seniors (60+), and children 5 and under are no charge.

Concessions: The Nixa band boosters will be selling food items such as pizza, nachos, BBQ Pork sandwiches, pretzels, chips, candy, and drinks.

Bus Driver Hospitality: Each visiting school will receive a meal ticket for their bus driver that they can use at concessions. There will be coffee in the teacher work room and they can relax in our library.

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