



Greetings *WGPO* Directors,

We are pleased to welcome you to McAlester Public Schools. We hope today's contest offers a positive and enriching experience for all students and parents involved. We are dedicated to ensuring a professional performance environment for all participating groups.

We are honored to host a *WGPO* contest on the campus of McAlester High School, which features several facilities that will accommodate the needs of all participating groups. Our contest will take place in the following buildings:

- **McAlester Activity Center (MAC)** - Performance Venue (*Randy Hughes Middle School is connected to the MAC*)
- **Lucy Smith Center** - Unit Check-in and Warm-up
- **McAlester High School** - Unit Camps

Each building provides a welcoming space for your students to showcase their hard work and talent.

Our staff and volunteers are committed to making this event as smooth and positive as possible. Should you have any questions or require assistance during your time with us, please do not hesitate to reach out to our event staff. We are here to support you and ensure a memorable experience for all.

Thank you for being a part of today's contest. We wish you and your performers the best of luck and look forward to a successful event with outstanding performances.

Directions

McAlester High School
1 Buffalo Drive
McAlester, Ok, 74501

McAlester High School is located off E. Van Buren Avenue on Buffalo Drive. Spectator entry for the McAlester Activity Center is located at 1717 E. Van Buren Avenue, directly across the parking lot from the high school, within the newly constructed Randy Hughes Middle School. Clear signage will be posted throughout the campus to assist spectators in navigating from the parking areas to the entrance. Doors will open one (1) hour prior to the first performance, and admission is \$10 for adults and children. Children under the age of five will be admitted free of charge.

Unit Check-In

Unit check-in will be located in the cafeteria of the Lucy Smith Center. Upon check-in, you will receive a packet containing a copy of this letter, campus maps, and the event schedule for the day. Additionally, you will receive wristbands for all performing ensemble members along with ten (10) additional wristbands for staff and volunteers, in accordance with WGPO regulations. A trash bag will also be provided for your students to use in their designated holding area throughout the event. We kindly request that all participants utilize the provided trash bags and the receptacles located throughout the facility to help maintain a clean and welcoming campus environment.

Spectator Parking

Spectators will enter the campus from E. Van Buren Avenue and park in the designated lots near the performance gym. All parking areas surrounding the Randy Hughes Middle School and the event center will be available for spectator use. An additional parking lot will be opened as needed to accommodate event attendance across from the Lucy Smith Smith Center, North of the McAlester Activity Center.

Bus Parking

Buses will enter off of E. Van Buren Avenue via Buffalo Drive. Parking will be available in the band practice lot on the west side of the Wanda Bass Fine Arts Building.

Equipment/Box truck Unloading

Box Truck unloading will be on the back side of the McAlester Activity Center. They will enter off of E. Van Buren Ave. **This area is for unloading only**, drivers should follow directions down the road and into the large parking area for the High School, trucks and trailers will be parked on the band practice lot with their buses as space allows.

Unit Camps

Each unit will have a designated holding area in the hallways of the McAlester High School to store small bags and personal items if necessary – keeping personal belongings on your buses is advised. Dressing rooms for participating groups may use the bathrooms at Unit Check-in and in the hallways where unit holding is located. A guide will arrive at your designated time to take you to warm-up.

Please have the members of your organization police themselves in picking up trash in their holding areas. Trash bags have been provided in your welcome packet for your convenience, and there will be receptacles throughout the facility, so please use them during your time with us.

A prep table will be available in the holding areas, including hair ties, mirrors, hair spray, and other miscellaneous items necessary for performance prep. The table will be located in the cafeteria area next to warm-up and unit check-in. Signage will be posted to direct groups to this area.

Prop Storage/Floor and Tarp Storage

Prop and/or tarp storage will be located in the hallway immediately as you enter the Performer/Unit entrance to the performance gym. Volunteers will be on hand to help guide members.

Warm-Up A & B

It will be located in the gym in the Lucy Smith Center. A guide will escort your group from holding to warm-up. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with timing.

Performance Area

There will be a **horizontal timeline for this contest**. You will enter from side 2 back corner and exit from side 2 front corner (or enter back right, exit front right from audience perspective). Please refer to the gym map for all details regarding entry and exit.

Floor Folding

An outdoor folding area will be roped off just outside the exit ramps for all units. This area will be available at a one-time interval only per unit.

Concession - Souvenirs - First Aid

We will be selling concessions throughout the contest, located in the lobby of the McAlester Activity Center (Performance Gym).

First aid will be available in the McAlester Activity Center and close to the warm up area in the Lucy Smith Center throughout the contest.

Local Restaurants

While we appreciate your patronage of the concession stands throughout the day, we understand that you may need something more substantial to fuel your performers. For your convenience, we have attached a list of local restaurants to help you find something to keep your students happy and fueled up for the long day ahead.

Handicapped Seating

Spectators needing handicapped seating and access will be located on the upper level of the McAlester Activity Center.

Director & Bus Driver Hospitality

Director and Bus Driver Hospitality is available in the Lucy Smith Center Seminar Room immediately past the Unit Check-in table. There will be signs posted. Please refer to the attached map for more details.

Judge Hospitality

Judges Hospitality is in the Hospitality Room below the home stands. Signs will be posted to guide Judges and Instructors. Please refer to the attached map for more details.

Critique

Critiques for all groups will be held in the Randy Hughes Middle School Library after the contest. The library is the glass room near the unit entrance of the gymnasium. See the map for details on location.

Judging Assignments

General Effect: Taylor Sltzman

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Design Analysis: Mike Blade

Movement: Amy Pearce

Equipment: Amy Lueb

T&P: Eamon Shoghi

Chef Judge: Eamon Shoghi

We are happy to have you here with us today, and we sincerely wish you the best of luck in today's performance!

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McAlester, Oklahoma Local Eateries

Mexican

Los 3 Tarascos 307 S. Main St.

Gringo's Taqueria 213 E Chickasaw Ave.

El Jalisco 119 N. 1st St.

El Tequila 1415 S. George Nigh Expy.

Taco Bell 805 S. George Nigh Expy.

Mendoza's Mexican Grill 1329 E. Carl Albert Pkwy.

Italian

The Compass Wood-Fired Kitchen 119 E Choctaw Ave.

Modo Mio Italian Restaurant 1746 E Carl Albert Pkwy.

Pete's Place Restaurant 120 S. West 8th Street, Krebs, OK

Roseanna's Italian Food 205 E. Washington Ave., Krebs, OK

Mazzio's Italian Eatery 711 S George Nigh Expy.

Simple Simon's Pizza 1401 S. Main St.

Pizza Hut 620 George Nigh Expy.

Domino's Pizza 1200 E Carl Albert Pkwy.

American

Chili's Grill 617 S. George Nigh Expy.

Captain John's (sea food) 1216 S. George Nigh Expy.

Angel's Diner 1402 S. George Nigh Expy.

Charlie's Chicken & Barbecue 1756 E. Carl Albert Pkwy.

RibCrib BBQ 421 S. George Nigh Expy.

Boomerang Diner 201 N. Main St.

Burger Supreme Drive-Inn 1208 E. Carl Albert Pkwy

Chick-fil-a 1209 Tanglewood Dr.

Wendy's 500 S. George Nigh Expy.

McDonald's 1758 E. Carl Albert Pkwy

Lucy's Two 200 E. Carl Albert Pkwy.

Arby's 603 S. George Nigh Expy.

Subway 205 E. Chickasaw Ave./418 S. George Nigh Expy.

Starbucks 1325 Tanglewood Dr.

Fat Boys Café 606 E. Wyandotte Ave.

Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Store 625 S. George Nigh Expy./1207 E. Carl Albert

Pkwy

Sonic Drive-in 1010 S. Main St.

KFC 707 S George Nigh Expy.

The Yardbird at 1896 315 E. Choctaw Ave.

McAlister's Deli 1317 Tanglewood Dr.

Chinese/Japanese

Hunan Chinese Cuisine 618 S George Nigh Expy.

East Gourmet Restaurant 621 S. George Nigh Expy.

Sake Japanese Restaurant 1702 E. Carl Albert Pkwy.

Other Stores and locations in case the need arises

Walgreens 1000 E. Carl Albert Pkwy

CVS 21 S. Strong Blvd.

Wal-Mart Supercenter 432 S. George Nigh Expy.

Lowe's Home Improvement 530 S. George Nigh Expy.

Dollar Tree 502 S. George Nigh Expy.

Hobby Lobby 1118 Tanglewood Dr.

Five Below 1210 Tanglewood Dr.

Family Dollar 500 E. Carl Albert Pkwy.

Pruett's Food 601 E. Wyandotte Ave.