

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN
VISUAL INVITATIONAL
WELCOME PACKET



Saturday, March 1, 2014
Kennesaw Mountain High School
1898 Kennesaw-Due West Road, Kennesaw GA

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Kennesaw Mountain Visual Invitational (KMVI) sponsored by the Kennesaw Mountain High School Winterguard and the Kennesaw Mountain Band Organization (KMBO). We hope you enjoy your time at our event and we wish the best of luck to the units attending our event.

CONTACTS

This WELCOME PACKET should answer most, if not all, of your questions about this event and the KMHS Campus. However, if you need additional information, please feel free to contact one of the following people:

Show Coordinators		
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VENDORS

Space is at a premium at our facilities. Therefore, vendor rentals will be *extremely* limited with pricing starting at \$500 per area. Vendors interested in renting a space, should contact the Show Coordinators for details.

MAPS

Maps provided with this packet include:

- Kennesaw, Georgia Location Map
- Directions to the KMHS Campus
- Driving Directions to KMHS
- KMHS Campus Maps and Event Flow Diagrams

PARKING – UNIT AND SPECTATOR

UNIT PARKING FOR BUSES/EQUIPMENT will be located in the KMHS BUS LOT (i.e., the second entrance to the school - NOT the entrance at the stop light.) Signs will be posted.

SPECTATOR PARKING may be accessed via the MAIN KMHS ENTRANCE which is located at the STOP LIGHT. Please proceed with caution through the circle, past the Teacher Parking Lot on the right, turning down the hill towards the gymnasium, where parking spaces are available primarily on the left side of the campus. Signs will be posted.

ADMISSION AND TICKETS

- Admission cost is \$9.
- Tickets may be purchased at the entrance to the MAIN GYM (see enclosed map).
- Children under 5 will be admitted free of charge.
- SAPA and GMEA badges will be honored for admission purposes..

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SEATING

Seating will be available on a “first come, first serve” basis on the FRONT side of the gym. After their performances, units are asked to sit on the back side of the gym to allow for sufficient spectator seating on the front side of the gym. Spectators will be allowed to enter/exit the gym between unit performances only.

VIDEOTAPING

- Videotaping is STRICTLY PROHIBITED WITH ONE EXCEPTION - videotaping will be permitted by a single videographer for the unit to record their performance only. Further all unit videotaping will be done from a designated area so that it will not interfere with the judge's view.
- Videos cannot be sold from/at any and all SAPA shows.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROVISIONS

In the event of inclement weather, please go to the Kennesaw Mountain Band Organization website www.kmbo.org for updates on the day of the event. MOST OF OUR CAMPUS IS OUTDOORS. PLEASE TAKE PRECAUTIONS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER including bringing tarps with you.

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

The Judges' and Directors/Staff Hospitality Rooms will be located in the ARTS ROOMS of the FINE ARTS BUILDING adjacent to the SMALL GYM/MAIN GYM for Judges, Directors and adult Staff members with SAPA credentials.

UNIT CHECK-IN

UNIT CHECK-IN will begin 1 HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST PERFORMANCE TIME on the day of the event in the KMHS 200 BUILDING adjacent to the UNIT/EQUIPMENT PARKING in the KMHS BUS LOT. Signs will be posted accordingly. Please arrive at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled warm-up time.

Units will need to provide the following at time of registration:

- Number of guard members (Note: Penalties will be assessed for false declarations.)
- Unit Spiel Sheets should be completed on-line prior to the competition.
- Unit members and staff should check in together.

Units will be provided with the following at time of registration:

- Staff/Chaperone passes (7 free; Extras are \$9)

Unit Dressing Facilities will be available on-site and should be vacated as soon as possible after performance. Valuable personal items should not be left in the dressing area. Personal Storage areas will be provided in the school hallways as assigned upon arrival. For more information, please contact Jennifer Bryant <bryant5allgood@yahoo.com>.

EQUIPMENT LOADING AND UNLOADING

Equipment unloading and loading will take place near the rear entrance to the gymnasium in designated areas.

- Equipment unloading procedures and routes to/from performance/warm-up areas will be reviewed at registration as last minute changes may be necessary.
- WEATHER PERMITTING, floors and props will be lined up in performance order along the lower level hallway leading into the gymnasium performance area.
- PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING TARPS TO COVER FLOORS/PROPS IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.
- Be prepared to have someone with your props and floor at least 15 minutes before your performance.
- Immediately following your performance, please plan to re-load your equipment.
- After loading/unloading, vehicles must be moved to UNIT/EQUIPMENT PARKING in the KMHS BUS LOT.

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EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Equipment specifications include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The maximum allowable tarp size for any unit is 60' x 90'. The site will have a minimum of 65'x100' to accommodate a "safety zone" of 5' on both sides and back using the minimum competition area of 60'x90'.
- No performers may enter the "safety zone" any time during their performance.
- For the purposes of interpretation, the "competition area" shall measure a minimum of 60'x90' and does not include entry ramps, hallways nor any bleachers or seating area. Units are allowed to utilize the entire designated competition area for their performance.
- Props and equipment, including equipment tips on rifles, pikes and sabers as well as PVC pipes, must be taped and padded such that they will not damage the floor (even if a floor covering is used).
- All props must be in the designated competition area and no equipment choreography should take place outside the competition area.
- Floor carts may be used.
- Performers must wear shoes at all times when not in the competition area. (Note: Penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.) Any hard-soled shoes must be taped.
- All performers must begin within the designated competition area.
- Inspection will be located in the warm-up area.

PERFORMANCE FACILITY AREAS / GUIDELINES

SOUND TABLE:

- Please provide your unit's performance music to the sound coordinator located at the SOUND TABLE in the performance gym immediately following unit check-in. Formats accepted are CD or MP3. Sound testing and volume control will be managed by SAPA. If you have an iPhone or iPod Touch, please be sure to have another way to play your music at shows (another iPod, mp3 player, or cd).
- Units should ensure they also have a CLEARLY-LABELED BACK-UP RECORDING.
- A unit representative should stay with the SAPA soundperson during their unit's performance for this event.

TIMELINE:

- This event will have a HORIZONTAL TIME LINE.
- Units will enter from the TIME LINE audience's upper left side (on the BACK side of the gym) and will exit from the audience's lower left side (on the FRONT side of the gym).

WARM-UP AREAS:

- BODY WARM-UP will be located in the BAND ROOM in the FINE ARTS BUILDING. Equipment use IS ALLOWED in the Body Warm-Up area; however, NO TOSSING IS ALLOWED.
- EQUIPMENT WARM-UP will be located in the SMALL GYM adjacent to the MAIN GYM.

FLOOR FOLDING:

- Floor folding will be done outside the performance gym in the KMHS BUS LOT.
- In case of inclement weather, floor folding will be done in the KMHS Cafeteria and/or after the show and/or during breaks.

FIRST AID:

The first aid station will be located in the gym adjacent to the equipment entry area. Signs will be posted. A nurse or EMT will be available on-call for medical needs. Please contact a Staff Member immediately for first-aid needs so that appropriate action may be taken.

RETREAT LINE-UP:

All Retreats are CO's only. The ENTRY AREA next to the performance gym will be used for staging retreats. The top three (3) scoring units in each SAPA judged class will receive awards. Each unit will receive a participation certificate.

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TABULATING AND JUDGING AREAS

These areas are off limits to everyone except authorized personnel. DO NOT APPROACH THE TABULATION TABLE. All units may pickup score sheets and recaps at the table adjacent to the sound/announcers' table shortly after a unit's performance. Judges' comments will be available via *Competition Suite*.

CONCESSIONS MENU

Concessions will be available in the MAIN GYM outside the PERFORMANCE AREA.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO KMHS

If traveling from the NORTH...

Travel south on Interstate 75 (I-75) to the Chastain Road Exit (exit 271).

Turn **RIGHT** onto Chastain Road and travel approximately 2 miles.

(You will pass Kennesaw State University on your right and then McCollum Airport on your left.)

Note: Chastain Road will become McCollum Road as you near the airport.

Continue on Chastain Road to [North] Cobb Parkway (Highway 41 North).

Turn **RIGHT** onto [North] Cobb Parkway and move into the left lane.

(If you get into the leftmost RIGHT turn lane as you are turning onto [North] Cobb Parkway (Highway 41 North) - adjacent to the Huddle House - you will be in the left lane as you enter [North] Cobb Parkway.)

NOTE: This intersection is posted as "no right turn on red."

Turn **LEFT** at the first traffic light onto Kennesaw-Due West Road.

Continue on Kennesaw-Due West Road for approximately 1 mile and KMHS will be on the left.

SPECTATOR VEHICLES will turn at the TRAFFIC LIGHT in front of the school.

UNIT BUSES/EQUIPMENT TRUCKS will go THROUGH THE TRAFFIC LIGHT to the next entrance on the left.

If traveling from the SOUTH...

Travel north on Interstate 75 (I-75) to the Chastain Road Exit (exit 271).

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KMHS CAMPUS MAP - EVENT FLOW



KMHS CAMPUS MAP – PERFORMANCE AREA BUILDING FLOW



KMHS CAMPUS MAP – PERFORMANCE AREA FLOW

