

# Contest Coordinator Report 2019

Thank you to all the Contest Hosts.

Hosting a contest is not the easiest adventure to be undertaken and a responsibility not to be entered into lightly. All the hosts have to first get the venue...in some cases that is a difficult task. The booster program has to be on board to make sure that there are enough VOLUNTEERS to run the contest. The coordination of parking, unit drop off, prop loading/unloading, vendors, guides, judge transportation and housing are just a few of the multitude of items to be addressed.

With the circuit schedule this year, we pared back on the percussion/winds contests. This was a good step to allow the percussion/winds units to have a more competitive atmosphere when they were at a contest as more units were in attendance.

A special thank you goes to West Bloomfield for trying twice to find a second venue for the percussion portion of the March 17<sup>th</sup> contest. When there are 87 units on one day, there just isn't enough time in a day (ESPECIALLY on a Sunday) to have all units at one venue. Another thank you goes to Chippewa Valley. They told us "No" to hosting the percussion contest. We asked other hosts and venues. All others were all unable to find the volunteers or a venue to assist MCGC for the March 17 date. We went back to Chippewa Valley and they agreed to host and help the membership out. They knew the venue was not optimal and tried to change routing to make the experience better. Though there were still issues with the site, thank you to Chippewa Valley for putting themselves out there to help.

With the new upload of music for guards, we also had some growing pains. Thank you to all for your patience. A special thank you to Bill Thompson, Anthony and Oliver for their assistance with the sound system.

## Schedule

Field Day was held at Flushing High School 3 percussion and 47 guards participated. This day started at 10:30 am and ended at 8:00 pm.

Thank you, Flushing supporters, for your long day of dedication.

| <b>Contest Site</b> | <b># Units</b>           |                    | <b>Spectators</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Reeths-Puffer       | 20 (20 g)                | 3:30 pm - 6:45 pm  | 432               |
| Novi                | 51 (35 g + 16 p/w)       | 10:30 am - 8:00 pm | 1774              |
| Chippewa Valley     | 26 (26 g)                | 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm  | 852               |
| West Bloomfield     | 27 (26 g + 1 ex)         | 3:00 pm - 7:45 pm  | 452               |
| Hudsonville         | 26 (20 g + 5 p/w + 1 ex) | 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm  | 972               |
| Stoney Creek        | 38 (27 g + 11 p/w)       | 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm  | 1139              |
| Milford             | 41 (29 g + 12 p/w)       | 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm | 1487              |
| Troy                | 26 (26 g)                | 10:00 am - 2:30 pm | 675               |
| Lakeland            | 20 (20 g)                | 10:30 am - 2:15 pm | 284               |
| Jenison             | 35 (27 g + 7 p + 1 ex)   | 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm | 1359              |
| West Bloomfield     | 56 (56 g)                | 8:30 am - 5:15 pm  | 1127              |
| Chippewa Valley     | 23 (23 p/w)              | 12:00 pm - 4:45 pm | 846               |
| Reeths-Puffer REG A | 31 (31 g)                | 2:00 pm - 6:45 pm  |                   |
| Guard Champs        | 47                       | 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm |                   |
| Perc & Winds        | 30 (27 p + 3 w)          | 11:00 am - 5:30 pm |                   |

Please remember that every contest truly starts 2+ hours prior to the first contest time and ends about 2 hours after the end of the official contest. I strongly suggest a cap be looked at again.

Thank you to the contest directors: Greg Cole, Brian Liwak and Lurasue Holcomb. They have to make decisions on how to handle anything that comes up the day of the contest.

Thank you to the tabulators: Manjit Gill, Craig Rizzi, Nancy Stevens, Sharon MacDermaid, Emma Goodman, and Renee Cole. I appreciate their ability to adapt to the moment and stay calm under the pressure of the day.

Thank you for the honor of serving MCGC again this year. It is always a privilege to serve an organization that keeps its members first in every decision that is made.

Respectfully submitted,

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