

So.....We are going to a Winter Guard Competition? Here is what you need to know:

How do I get there?

Students/Parents provide their own transportation to and from all Winter Guard Competitions, with the exception of the UNLV Winter Nationals, in which we will travel by rented SUV's. We do, however, all caravan to the competition so that we all get there at the same time. If your student is riding with another parent to the show, please confirm those arrangement before the show day. CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OTHER THAN THE STUDENT PARKING LOT.

Do we meet at the band room first, on the day of the performance?

YES. We will meet at the Esperanza Trailers just outside of the band room. This year we will have props so we will be bringing our own trailers to haul the mat, radio, props, flags and duffels for anyone that wants to put it in the trailer. Once we are all at the trailers we will walk to the sea containers near the soccer field. Each student will be required to get their dummy and flag bag. Whoever is assigned to the mat and radio please make sure you get your dummy and flag bag as well.

What does a typical competition day look like?

Students will meet as a group at EHS, load equipment and then we will caravan to the competition as a group. Once parked, we will meet at the check-in area as a group. We will always get to the competition 2 hours before we actually go on. This will be a time for practice without parents. Once we perform the girls will gather their equipment from the stage and go and roll up the mat and load onto the trailers. At this time each student will have time to meet with family and eat, before going back into the show to sit together as a team until awards. We then will get back in the same car as you arrived in and go back to EHS to unload equipment and be picked up. All students must stay to unload equipment from the trailers and put back into the sea containers. Captains will release you to be picked up after everything is done.

What do I wear?

Everyone must show up at EHS ready to go in their costumes. They will need to bring their warm-ups for later in the stands.

Do parents need to pay to come in and watch?

Yes. Tickets are sold at the competition site and are usually around \$10.00 - \$15.00 with the exception of championships which is more. Warm-up is closed to parents.

What do we do as parents?

Once you have arrived at the competition and dropped your students off at the trailer you will go and get your tickets to enter the gym. This is your time to team up with the other parents from EEU. We try to sit together so we sound like a mean force to be reckoned with while we cheer for our girls. After they perform, you are welcome to leave the gym at that time and wait for your student to let them know what a great job they did and go get something to eat, if time permits. Then we go back in the gym and wait for awards. Once awards are complete you can go on the gym floor to congratulate the team. Each student must leave with the group they came with, and will meet you back at EHS for pick up after unloading.