

# BATON CONTEST DETAILS

## For Saturday, March 13, 2010

**PLACE: PRAIRIE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL (NOT MIDDLE SCHOOL AS PREVIOUS INFORMATION GAVE)**  
305 SOUTH 1150 EAST  
LAGRANGE, IN 46761

**TIME: Contest begins at 9:00am. Please arrive at that time.**

(Reminder: there will be a door donation for the group that is sponsoring the contest for admittance of all non-performers). Performers get in FREE.

I ask that all performers arrive at the contest start time. There is no need to arrive earlier (unless you are modeling). Please understand there will be individual pageant modeling/marching events before the team portion of the competition begins. This extra time before the team portion of the competition will be used for the girls to check in, see other aspects of baton competitions, get settled, sit as a group, get changed, and allow time for group warm up before their performance. Arriving at the start time ensures nobody is rushed.

### **DIRECTIONS TO PRAIRIE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL:**

#### **From I-69**

- **Go North and get off interstate at SR 20 (Angola Exit)**
- **Go West on SR 20 (Turn left off the Interstate) – Go about 8 miles on SR 20**
- **Look for the 2<sup>nd</sup> flashing yellow light & school sign on the corner of SR 20 & County Road 1150 E**
- **Turn South (left)**
- **High school parking is the first driveway on the left side**

*Allow 45 min. driving time, and please drive safely.*

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### **THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

**ACT 2:** Arrive ready to perform. Purple T-shirt tucked in, PLAIN white shorts (or skorts), white socks, CLEAN, PLAIN white tennis shoes. You may wear coats and sweats over your shorts for warmth. Hair is to be pulled up in a curled ponytail. You will need to wear some make up (especially lip color) to counterbalance gymnasium lighting. Don't forget your new HAIRPIECE & YOUR SUNGLASSES! You will be one of the first teams of the day to perform because you are considered an **"EVALUATION TEAM."**

**ACT 3 (Beginner Juveniles):** Arrive ready to perform in your new costume. You may wear coats and sweats over your costume for warmth. You will need to wear some make up (especially lip color) to counterbalance gymnasium lighting. Have your make-up done and hair in a curled ponytail BEFORE YOU ARRIVE. No stray hairs (use hairspray to secure them back). Do not wear your black jazz shoes outside. Change into them once inside. Don't forget your hairpiece. Your team division is considered an **"EXTRA LARGE BEGINNER JUVENILE TEAM."**

**ACT 4 (Advanced Juveniles):** You may arrive in street clothes and change into your costume at the contest. Hair pulled up in a curled ponytail. You will need to wear some make up (especially lip color) to counterbalance gymnasium lighting. Have your make-up done and hair in a curled ponytail BEFORE YOU ARRIVE. No stray hairs (use hairspray to secure them back). Do not wear your black jazz shoes outside. Change into them once inside. Don't forget your hairpiece. Your team division is considered an **"EXTRA LARGE JUVENILE TEAM."**

**ACT 5 (JUNIORS):** You may arrive in street clothes and change into your new costume at the contest. Please remember to wear your body tight under your new costume (no underwear--sorry). Do not wear your black jazz shoes outside. Change into them once inside the gymnasium. Hair should be pulled in a low tight bun (close to the nape of the neck) with NO STRAY HAIRS around the face. Side part over the right side. Use hairspray and bobby pins. We will discuss our make-up in class. Your team division is considered an **EXTRA LARGE JUNIOR TEAM.**

**ACT 6 (SENIORS):** We will discuss our performance look in class.

**PLEASE TURN OVER TO READ MORE INFORMATION ----->**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE...

- I will be judging some modeling events before the team portion of the competition begins. Therefore, each group will have a designated BATON MOM & TEACHING ASSISTANT to help with preparations. *Please check in with your designated person once you arrive to ensure your attendance is documented.* Baton Moms and assistants will also inspect hair, make-up, and your costume. Please treat them with the same respect you would treat me.
- You will only need your baton at this first competition—NO POMS. PLEASE put your name or initials on your baton.
- It is the responsibility of the girls to keep track of their belongings. Label everything! Don't set your stuff down and leave it for any period of time.
- **Suckers, candy, and gum chewing is not acceptable before a performance. Do NOT eat in your performance costume!** If you must eat, please wait until after your performance and wear a T-shirt over your costume (or better yet, change into street clothes). Eat a well-balanced breakfast to maintain your energy throughout the morning.
- There is usually a concession stand provided by the sponsoring organization at the competitions. Please take advantage of this and do not bring outside food into the event. It is disrespectful to the sponsoring group. (It is understandable if you need to bring "energy bars" or fresh fruit for the twirling athlete, but be as discrete as possible).
- I do not know the order of the team events until the morning of the contest. I do not put together the contest performance order and have no control over how fast the contest moves. Please be patient for your daughter's team to perform and allow AT LEAST 2-3 hours at the competition. Each team has earned the right to perform and you cannot rush the judges. Thank you for your understanding.
- When you arrive, try to sit as a group so it is easy to find all of you, gather, and warm-up.
- It is important that everyone looks the same. Note that stage and performing make-up will be heavier than everyday color. NO nail polish or jewelry. Neatness counts in our scores!
- Parents...don't be shy when it comes to cheering for our group before and after performances. An awesome fan club will improve a performance so much! Making noise is such a booster for our twirlers, and makes our group stand out!
- **Above all, a note to BOTH parents and twirling athletes...I expect everyone to maintain an excellent level of sportsmanship at all times. You are representing Lyndsay's ACT at these competitions. Please keep a positive attitude and any negative comments about other groups to yourself. It is great to show support for all the teams present because they have earned the right to be at these competitions too. If everyone who attends a competition can be respectful, courteous, and pleasant—it WILL make a great day for all!**

Once your team is finished performing, you are free to leave, but you may choose to stay if you want to see other members of Lyndsay's ACT perform. Awards will follow the conclusion of all team performances.

Each student will receive an award for their efforts at the competition. On the class meeting following the contest day, Lyndsay will bring the official score sheet to review with the team, and she will have the contest awards to pass out.

The contest days are very busy.

If you have questions, please call or email **BEFORE THE MORNING OF THE CONTEST.**

Lyndsay Home (492-1737) or [lbuesching@hotmail.com](mailto:lbuesching@hotmail.com) (use your daughter's name as the subject line)

FOR EMERGENCIES ON THE DAY OF THE CONTEST ONLY: Lyndsay's cell phone number is (260) 402-3896.

I will try to keep my cell phone with me on contest days. Please do not call the cell phone unless it is an emergency.

Thank you.

### \*\*\*DMA PHOTOGRAPHY RULE FOR ALL BATON CONTESTS\*\*\*

**All of our spring regional contests are sanctioned by the Drum Majorettes of America (DMA) National Baton Twirling Organization. As a National Gold Seal Certified Judge with the DMA organization, I feel it is my responsibility to inform my group of an important DMA rule. The DMA Rule States:** "Rule #16 PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS: A. Taking still photographs or video recordings of any contestant or group of contestants by individuals other than official DMA photographers is strictly prohibited." **If you violate this rule, you may subject our contestants/groups to immediate disqualification. This rule also includes cameras phones.** You may visit our website to see a copy of this rule. Go to [www.lyndsaysact.com](http://www.lyndsaysact.com) and click "For Students" and then click the "Competitions" button. Students may be photographed OUTSIDE in the hallway or OUTSIDE the competition venue. NO CAMERAS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PERFORMANCE AREA (THE GYM). If you see any of our Lyndsay's ACT baton parents photographing their daughter(s) inside the gym, kindly remind them of this rule. Thank you.