

MARCHING AGAINST THE DARKNESS

DRILL TEAM COMPETITION REGISTERED TEAM DETAILS

DATE & TIME

Saturday, July 13, 2024
Check In 3 PM - 4:30 PM
Doors Open at 5 PM
Show Starts at 6 PM

LOCATION

Young Arena
125 Commercial Street
Waterloo, IA 50701

MARCHING AGAINST THE DARKNESS INC.





SCHEDULE

3 PM - 4:30 PM Drill Teams Check In

During this time drill teams will:

- Check In: upon arrival the staff will direct your vehicles to the appropriate door to check in
- All drill teams will be assigned a drill team assistant upon arrival to assist you during your entire stay
- Put on uniforms and take drill team group photos

4:30 PM - 5 PM

- CHECK IN CLOSES AT 4:30 PM. Arriving after 4 PM without a reasonable excuse will cause your team to lose points towards your overall competition score.
- Continue putting on uniforms and taking drill team group photos
- Drill Teams will be seated in balcony for competition by 4:50 pm
- Competition Director will address staff and performers

5 PM

- The director's meeting will take place with all judges to review the rules, scoring, criteria, show order and to answer any final questions. Additional event information will be covered as well.
- Moving forward: the winners from the year's previous competition will fill the last 3 spots and go in reverse order.
- Doors Open to the General Public

6 PM: Contest Begins

9 PM/9:30 PM: Contest Ends



SCHEDULE CONTINUED



CONTEST ITINERARY

The contest begins at 6 PM and will be laid out as follows:

- Opening Prayer
- Black National Anthem
- Welcome
- March Around
- 1st Half of Competition
- 20-30 minute Intermission
- 2nd Half of Competition
- Presentation of Awards

ADDITIONAL CONTEST INFO

- Cash Prizes will be delivered to the 3 winning teams once all teams have loaded up all of their equipment and uniforms, have exited the building and returned to their vehicles
- Score Sheets will be scanned and emailed immediately following the event
- Concessions will be available at the venue
- Concluding each performance, every performing member will receive bottled water when exiting the competition floor

COMPETITION DETAILS



- Each drill team will be given 8 minutes to compete. The timing will start at the first beat, step, or sound. Setting up on the floor will not be included in your time
 - In order to give each drill team control of their own timing,
 - (Rather than something from the announcer, which can't always be heard clearly),
 - The following procedure will be followed:
 - MC/Host: Are the Judges ready? (Nod from the Chief Judge)
 - Is the drill team ready? (SALUTE from the Drill Team Captain)
 - (Name of drill team) you may enter the floor for competition.
- The Drill Team Captain may salute from anywhere on the floor, but timing starts with the first note and/or drum beat from the drill team. Timing will end when the last member leaves the floor (crosses the boundary line); drums must stop at this time.
- A warning will sound when one minute remains, and again at the end of 8 minutes.
- Performance entry and exit will be on opposite ends.

SCORING

- The Drill Team scores will come from five judges.

STANDARDS:

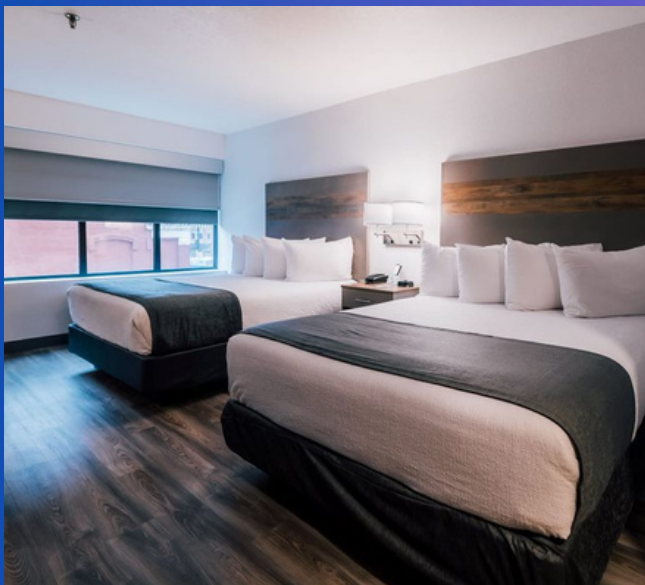
- Inappropriate, suggestive or sexually explicit dancing is prohibited.
- Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- Inappropriate dancing is defined for the judges as:
 - REPEATED moves (in any position) that involve separating the knees and
 - thrusting the hips forward and back, or in a circular direction.
- Judges will award 10 extra points to any group whose show contains nothing that could be considered inappropriate, suggestive, or explicit.
- Any drill team is eligible to enter as long as they agree to abide by these rules and guidelines.
- CHECK-IN:
 - No more than 2 adults will be admitted with each drill team.
 - All others are asked to pay admission. Admission will be \$15.00 for ages 18 & up; \$10 for ages 11-17; \$5 for ages 4-10; and ages 3 and under are free. We accept cash and card payment.
- OTHER REQUIREMENTS:
 - Each group must have a sign or banner, stating their team's name, on the floor with them during their performance.
- CASH AWARDS:
 - This year's Cash Awards are: Drill Team: 1st Place: \$4,000, 2nd Place: \$3,000, 3rd Place: \$2,000
- Any verbal or physical altercations before, during, or immediately following the event will result in immediate disqualification from the competition, trophy, and cash prize.
- DISCLAIMER:
 - Marching Against The Darkness, Inc. and The Young Arena may not be held responsible for any injuries that might occur during, or as a result of, the contest and any stolen or damaged items.

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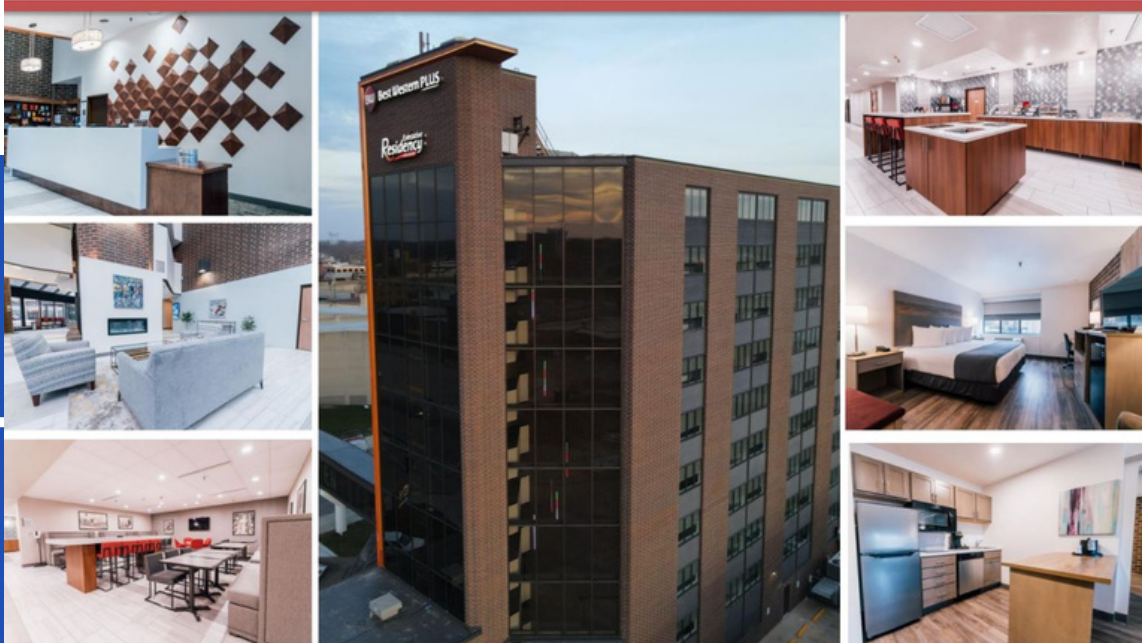


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13 JULY
6:00 PM
YOUNG ARENA
WATERLOO, IA

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DATE**

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