

MPEC INFORMATION, HOURS, RULES, AND ETIQUETTE

SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 7:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 AM MONDAY NIGHT THROUGH FRIDAY NIGHT. UNIFORMED SECURITY GUARDS WILL BE PATROLLING ALL BUILDINGS AND AREAS OF THE MPEC COMPLEX ON FOOT AND IN VEHICLES EVERY NIGHT.

The Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC) in Wichita Falls is a fabulous facility and is just perfect for our National Specialty. The Wichita Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau oversees the day-to-day operation and business of the MPEC. The Wichita Falls CVB is without a doubt one of the nicest, most cooperative, well-meaning, and just generally wonderful group of people anyone could work with.

We want to show the CVB that Golden People are wonderful, cooperative, well-meaning and just generally wonderful people as well. We already know our dogs are perfect.... Let's show the citizens of Wichita Falls that we're perfect, too.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND REQUESTS (“Requests” in Texas means you gotta do it!)

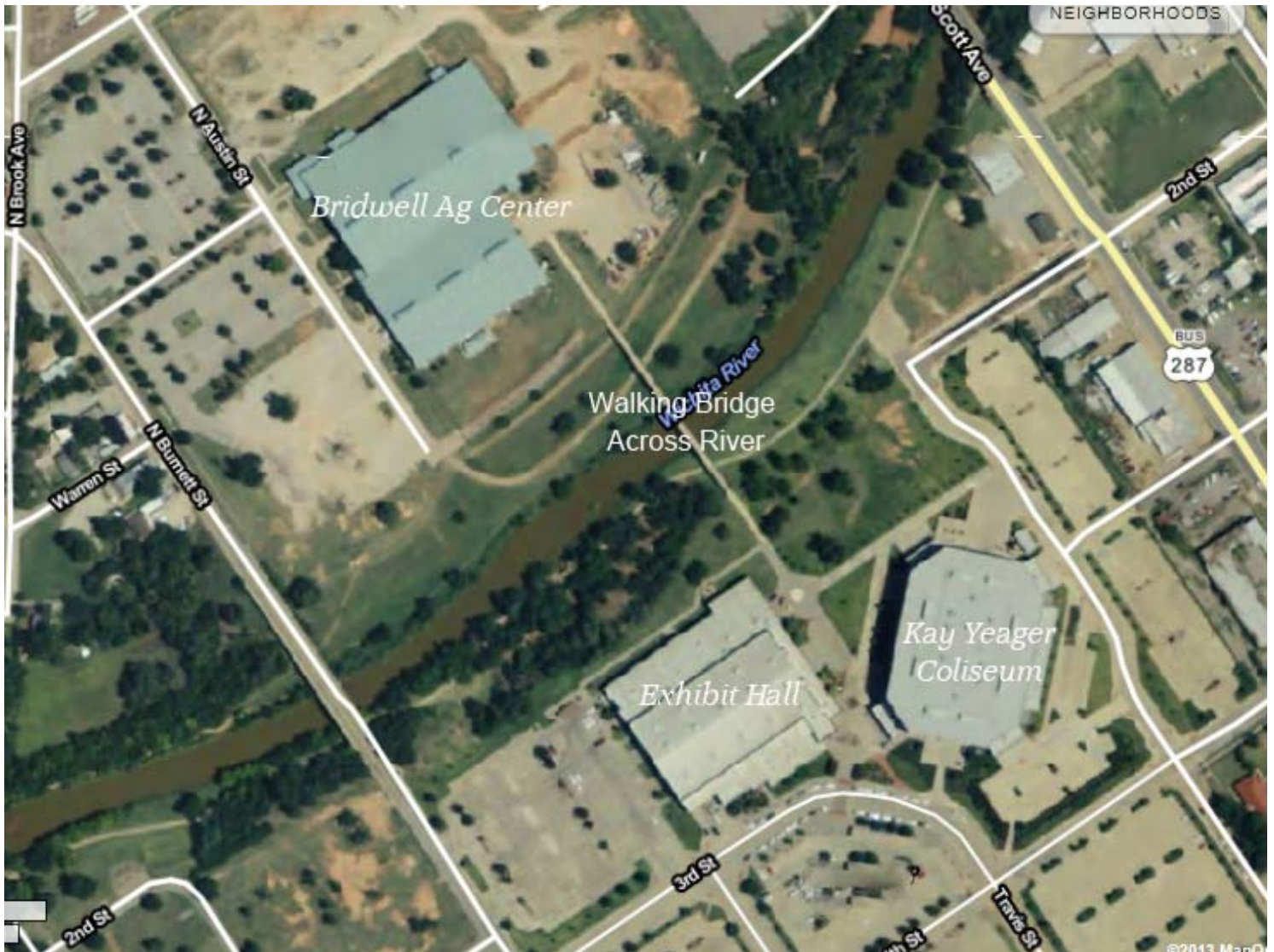
1. **SCOOP THE POOP, PLEASE...** Of course, it goes without saying, that all dog droppings should be cleaned up immediately on the MPEC grounds, at all hotels, in the park, on the street, or wherever your dog happens to be when the urge hits him/her. The wonderful people at www.dogpoopbags.com have provided us with 10,000 poop bags. I hope we use every one of them! We will have poop bag stations at various sites around the MPEC and at every hotel. Locate them when you arrive, and use them, please.
2. **ALL CRATES MUST HAVE IDENTIFICATION...** All crates in any building or area at the show site... whether you are leaving dogs in them overnight or not... **MUST** have identification affixed to them – zip ties are great for this! Affix (don't just lay a piece of paper on top) a card to your crate with the following information ...
 - Owner's Name
 - Where Owner is Staying AND Room Number where owner is staying
 - Cell phone number(s) of owner(s)
 - 2nd Emergency Contact Name
 - Cell phone number(s) of emergency contact person(s)

If anything happens in your absence and we cannot contact you or your emergency contact person, the show committee reserves the right to do whatever is necessary to protect your dog(s), including, but not limited to remove the dog(s) from the crate(s), move the dogs to a safe area, acquire veterinary care (at the owner's expense), break vehicle windows to remove a dog in distress, or, generally, do whatever is necessary to help, aid, or protect dogs in distress or in danger. GRCA officers and/or members, DFWMGRC officers and/or members, the show committee, the City of Wichita Falls, or the MPEC personnel and/or employees cannot be held responsible for any monetary costs or loss due to exercising these measures. By entering this show, you are agreeing to these provisions.

CARDS AND ZIP TIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CHECK-IN TABLE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

MPEC ACCESSIBILITY AND RULES.

ACCESSIBILITY: There are two sections to the Multi-Purpose Event Center (“MPEC”) campus... The Exhibit Hall/Coliseum area and the Bridwell Ag Center area. Getting from one area to the other can be accomplished by walking across the foot bridge over the river (about a 350-yard walk). Or, you can drive it in less than 3 minutes.



HOURS

All buildings at the MPEC will be open at 6:00 am Monday – Saturday mornings. The buildings will be locked at night on the following schedule...

1. **THE BRIDWELL AG CENTER (Dirt Arena and Stall Barn) - Agility, the CCA, Rally and Obedience...**
 - a. **BUILDINGS WILL BE LOCKED AT 9:00 PM EACH NIGHT.**
 - b. Dogs are **NOT** allowed to be left in the Bridwell Ag Barn overnight. If you must leave your dog at the facility overnight, you will need to rent a space in the grooming area for your crates. There will be day crating areas available, but you may not leave a dog in the day crating area overnight. If you leave your dog at the facility overnight, you must use either a wire crate or an airline crate. Dogs **CANNOT** be left overnight in soft-sided crates.
 - c. **IN-CASE-OF-EMERGENCY CARDS ARE REQUIRED ON EVERY CRATE.**
 - d. There is plenty of crating space in the Bridwell Ag Stall Barn for rally and obedience. Setup begins Monday after 2:00 pm. Spaces will not be marked, but please be courteous and not take up too much space. If it starts to become crowded, the show committee has the right to ask you to consolidate your space.

2. **THE EXHIBIT HALL...** Check-In Area; Grooming and Meetings, Raffles, some Vendors and Information Tables.
 - a. **BUILDING WILL BE LOCKED AT 11:00 PM EACH NIGHT.**
 - b. Dogs **MAY BE** left in the paid Grooming Area overnight. If you leave your dog at the facility overnight, you must use either a wire crate or an airline crate. Dogs **CANNOT** be left overnight in soft-sided crates. **LEAVE YOUR DOGS OVERNIGHT AT YOUR OWN RISK. THE SECURITY GUARDS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL ISSUES THAT COULD ARISE. THEY ALSO WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE AWARE OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS IN YOUR SET UP AREA. THE SECURITY GUARDS WILL NOT KNOW WHO SHOULD BE IN YOUR GROOMING AREA AND WHO SHOULD NOT.**
 - c. **IN-CASE-OF-EMERGENCY CARDS ARE REQUIRED ON EVERY CRATE.**
 - d. Grooming spaces must be reserved and paid for in advance. Grooming spaces will be 10' x 10' with ample electricity available located in the floor.
 - e. Concession stands will be open in the Exhibit Hall with access to the grooming area.

3. **KAY YEAGER COLISEUM...** Vendors and Conformation Rings
 - a. **BUILDING WILL BE LOCKED AT 10:00 PM EACH NIGHT.**
 - b. Changing areas and showers will be available in the hockey team locker room from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm Monday through Friday evenings. You must vacate the building by 10:00 pm or you will be locked in!
 - c. A limited area will be available for personal chairs for ring-side seating. The area will be taped off. Chairs are not allowed outside the taped area. This will be enforced. There are 6500 stadium seats available for optimal viewing of the rings.

- d. There will be some “day of crating” available on a first-come, first-served basis in two the outside hallways and on the upstairs concourse area for easy access. Grooming of any kind is not allowed. Electricity will not be available.
- e. A concession stand will be available on the Concourse level upstairs.

BATHING

Thanks to the generosity of JL Sharp Shop - www.sharpshopguy.com - we will have 5 Booster Baths for our use in providing bathing stations set up in close proximity to the grooming area in the Exhibit Hall. We plan to have warm water for bathing. However, because of the severe draught in the area, we may have to set up in an area that does not have access to warm water. We won't know that until we get there.

We will also have 3 additional Booster Bath bathing stations set up in the Ag Center Stall Barn for overflow bathing needs, and for the performance exhibitors who would like to pretty-up their performance pups. Warm water is not available in this area.

Additionally, **Pure Paws** - www.purepaws.net - will be providing shampoo and conditioner for your use at all bathing stations. Be sure to bring your own towels.

MISC. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Food concessions will be available in all buildings at the MPEC. **Please refrain from bringing in food from the outside.** The concession stands will be offering “healthier selections” in addition to hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries, and all the ‘normal’ concession fare.
- Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings at the MPEC, including the Grooming Area, or within 15 feet of any building entrance.
- SEATING - There will be limited space available for private chairs around the conformation rings in the Yeager Coliseum. The available area for private chairs will be taped off. Chairs will not be allowed outside the taped-off area. This will be enforced! There are 6500 stadium seats available for optimal viewing by spectators. Please remember that we must allow enough room for foot traffic flow and for dogs to move through the area, without making the foot traffic area so tight as to create too-close quarters for dogs. We don't want to encourage any dog incidents.
- UNLOADING will be allowed in specific areas around the Events Center for easy access to the reserved grooming spaces. Please limit your parking to 15 minutes in these areas.
- In addition to the spacious grooming area in the Exhibit Hall, you may groom at your RV. You may not, however, set up grooming areas outside and adjacent to the buildings.
- There will be no personal set-ups outside on the grass areas surrounding any building.

AUTOMOBILE PARKING AND RV'S

PARKING - Day parking is available without charge in the day parking area adjacent to all buildings. Vehicles (except for RVs and RV-type vehicles) may be left overnight (**AT YOUR OWN RISK**) in the day-parking areas without special permission. Vehicles used for overnight lodging of any kind must be reserved through the RV Reservation page on the website. Information is also below.

Handicapped parking is available at several locations for those with handicapped parking permits.

RV PARKING – Friendly and efficient RV parking attendants will be on duty from 9 to 9 on Monday, October 20 and beyond. If you arrive earlier than Monday, you may park in your pre-assigned location after spaces are marked by the RV Committee. RV's not parked in their designated location on Monday will be asked to move. If your group reserved spaces together, it facilitates everything if you can arrive together.

All RV's are asked to arrive with empty tanks. You will receive instructions for mid-week pumping service at check-in.

There is no overnight parking for RV's except in the reserved spaces. RV's may park in Day Parking without charge, but they must pull out at the end of each day.

There are 3 options for RV parking.

Option 1: Primarily Agility competitors. Arrive no earlier than 10/20, Depart no later than noon, 10/23 - ***Fee is \$85.00***

Option 2: Primarily Conformation, full event parking. Arrive no earlier than 10/20, Depart no later than noon, 10/28 - ***Fee is \$225.00***

Option 3: Primarily Field event competitors. Arrive no earlier than 10/26, Depart no later than noon, 10/31 - ***Fee is \$140.00***

Parking options other than listed above should be addressed to the RV Chair – Kurt Macauley. Contact information is located on the RV Reservation form, available on the website at www.2013national.com