



General Information

Access to Power for Team Exhibits

Teams will be required to provide their own supplies, including surge protectors/power strips, a 25-foot (recommended) extension cord, and gaffer's tape. Teams are responsible for securing their extension cords to the ground using gaffer's tape. South's BEST staff will facilitate the set-up of exhibits to ensure that all walking paths are clear and cords are securely taped down.

Teams should not use heat-generating devices in their Team Exhibits. This will overload the circuit in the Coliseum and cause problems. Examples of heat-generating devices that should not be used include soldering irons, utility lights (unless it is LED), 3-D printers, etc. If you are uncertain about using a particular device, please contact the Awards and Judging coordinator, Mary Lou Ewald (ewaldml@auburn.edu).

Bus Driver Restrictions

If you're booking a bus, be sure to check with the company about how long the driver can be on duty without having to take a break. Many states have laws regarding driving-time limitations for bus drivers.

Clean-Up and Maintenance of the Coliseum facility

Auburn University Facilities Management is kind enough to allow us use of this space, but any future use is contingent upon our maintenance of the facility. Encourage students to be good stewards of this facility as we wish to continue using facilities on campus for South's BEST in future years.

- Spray paints and spray adhesives should not be used inside the facility.
- Glitter should not be applied to an object while inside the facility.
- **Signage may not be adhered with tape to ANY SURFACE of the facility. This includes to the back wall of the Coliseum for team signs.**
- No confetti!

Help us keep the Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum clean and free of trash. In your registration packet you will find a large trash bag for your convenience. Trash bags may be left near any Coliseum garbage can at the end of the event on Sunday. Upon conclusion of Sunday's events please have your students do the following:

- Dispose of all food and drink trash in your team's seating area.
- Remove and dispose (or take with you) any signage used in your team's seating area.
- Remove all trash, items, and portions of your Team Exhibit. Do not leave any part of your team's exhibit behind in the Coliseum. We cannot be responsible for disposing of wood, PVC, etc.
- For all of the above, **please utilize the dumpster that will be located at the South Entrance of the Coliseum.**

Concessions

Concessions will be sold both Saturday and Sunday at the Coliseum. Traditional sporting event food will be served at traditional sporting event prices.

Driver's Meeting (Saturday, 12:30 – 1:00pm)

ALL team members that expect to be in the Pit during the competition must attend this meeting in the Coliseum seating. Teachers and mentors are welcome to attend the meeting to assist students as needed.

Emergency Number

Determine one adult who will be responsible for receiving any emergency phone calls from home while your team is here. Provide that person's cell number to parents, school officials, and others.

First Aid

An EMT is on-duty both days Saturday and Sunday during the event. Medical emergencies should be reported to Registration. The nearest emergency facility is the East Alabama Medical Center Freestanding Emergency Department located approximately 1.5 miles from the Coliseum:

<https://www.eamc.org/location/east-alabama-medical-center-freestanding-emergency-department>

900 Camp Auburn Road
Auburn, AL 36832
Phone: 334-364-3000

East Alabama Medical Center offers a full-service hospital in Opelika at the following address:

East Alabama Medical Center
2000 Pepperell Parkway
Opelika, AL 36801
334-749-3411

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located at Registration on the 3rd floor.

Noise-Makers and Band Instruments

The following are not allowed in or around the Coliseum and will be confiscated*:

- Any noise maker or instrument that requires the use of the mouth to make sound (this is a COVID precaution and will be strictly adhered to)
- Bands/pep bands will not be allowed at South's BEST this year
- Air horns
- Electric instruments
- High intensity/high frequency noise makers

The Head Judge has the right to ban noisemakers that are deemed hearing hazards. Spirit and Sportsmanship will not be a judged category for the BEST Award competition this year. Instead, ALL teams will have an opportunity to vote for one team to receive the “South’s BEST Southern Hospitality Award”. The voting ballot for this award can be found in the team’s registration packet distributed during team check-in.

Parking and Unloading

Auburn University does not ticket many of its parking lots on the weekend. However, vehicles parked in areas not specifically designated for vehicle parking (sidewalk, grass, etc.) may be ticketed and towed at the owner’s expense. Parking is sometimes a slow process. Please be mindful of this when setting your departure times. In this packet you will find parking maps for cars, trailers and buses. Please print these maps and bring them with you to the event.

- Designated Parking Areas:
 - Cars may park in the following lots: Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum Parking Lot, and the Stadium Parking Deck
 - Note that there are Basketball games the weekend of South’s BEST. The Auburn Arena Parking lot will be closed and we may experience lots of traffic depending on the time of the games. Showing up to park early can never hurt your chances!
 - Buses may park at the Intramural Fields.
 - Trailers may park at both the Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum Parking Lot and the Intramural Fields

- Designated Unloading Areas:
 - Materials Unloading: Cars and small trailers carrying exhibit materials should unload at the 5 Minute Unloading Zone (see map in this handbook) located on the South Entrance of the Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum.
 - Each team should have a group of students, parents, mentors (other than the driver of the vehicle) prepared to remove the exhibit from the vehicle in a timely manner.
 - **The driver of the vehicle should NOT leave the vehicle at any time during the unloading process.**
 - A South’s BEST staff member will be available on site during the unloading times to assist and ensure a smooth process.
 - Students: Students arriving in buses should be dropped off at the EAST entrance of the Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum. Please see the 2021 Map for procedures for dropping off students from buses.

Photos & Video – Blanket Release Permission

South’s BEST assumes blanket permission to photograph and video team members, teachers, parents, chaperones, mentors, and others in attendance. These are used for promotional purposes in printed materials, videos, and on BEST websites.

Souvenirs

South's BEST souvenirs and a limited number of championship t-shirts will be on sale at registration. We recommend that teams pre-order their souvenir t-shirts.

Team Banners

Teams may post spirit banners on the railing in the Coliseum from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and before the start of the competition on Sunday. Banner restrictions:

- Banners must contain grommets at the top and be attached with string or cable ties.
- **No tape is allowed. Teams should bring their own string/ties and scissors.**
- Banners may not have any design or language of a crude nature.
- Banners and other team signage are not to be posted at other sites in the Coliseum or elsewhere on campus.
- All banners (including rope and cable ties) **MUST** be taken down and **REMOVED** from the Coliseum at the conclusion of the event.

Note that teams will not be allowed to tape signage to any surface of the Beard Eaves Memorial Coliseum.

Team Seating in Stands

Teams will be assigned a seating location upon check-in on Saturday morning. Teams will be limited to no more than 75 people, including students, parents, teachers and other team supporters. Teams may NOT rope off seating areas due to fire code restrictions.

QUESTIONS:

Event Logistics should be directed to Veronica Morin at vlm0015@auburn.edu

Awards and Judging should be directed to Mary Lou Ewald at ewaldml@auburn.edu

Technical/Game/Pit should be directed to Hunter Terry at hunter.terry@auburn.edu