



Frequently Asked Questions for the 2019 Detroit Grand Prix SCCA Volunteers

THE EVENT

The SCCA Detroit Region is once again pleased to support the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix (CDGP) which returns to the Motor City **Friday May 31 through Sunday June 2**.

This race is the 30th the Detroit Region has played a part in since 1982.

The event will feature the cars of the NTT IndyCar Series, the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship and the TransAm Series presented by Pirelli.

(Note that the Stadium SUPER Truck Series will not be returning this year).

Q: What is the race schedule?

A: Check the [MTM DGP Volunteer website](#) for the latest info.

Q: Tell me about the Belle Isle road course.

A: The temporary street course is located on the south end of Belle Isle. The island is a 982 acre [Michigan State Park](#) located in the Detroit River and is accessible by car, bus, bike or even boat.

Belle Isle has hosted the Detroit Grand Prix races from 1992-2001, 2007-2008, 2012-2018. Prior to Belle Isle, Grand Prix races were held on the streets of Downtown Detroit dating back to 1982. Wikipedia has the entire [historical information](#).

The track layout measures 2.3 miles and remains essentially unchanged for this year's event, however there are several [spectator enhancements](#).

Here is the latest [track map](#). There are a total of 29 stations including Turn14, just after Pit-In.

REGISTRATION

Q: How do I sign up to be an SCCA volunteer for the 2019 CDGP?

A: Registration is now open, click here > <http://msreg.com/DRSCCA-CDGP-2019>

Q: What is the deadline for online registration?

A: Registration will close on May 17th.

Invitations will be sent out starting in early May on a first-come, first served basis to qualified applicants with assignments depending on the date of your registration.

Q: Must I be an SCCA member to work the Detroit Grand Prix?

A: For insurance purposes, all hot track workers must be SCCA members.

As an incentive, Detroit Region members are awarded one worker point per day which is worth five dollars for membership, merchandise, events, etc. Additionally, temporary weekend memberships are available.

If you are not presently an SCCA member, contact our Membership Director, Steve Balanecki (membership@drscga.org) for further information about worker points.

Q: What if I hold a CASC, USAC or FIA license?

A: You'll still need to join SCCA. We will have weekend memberships available at Registration if you do not want the annual membership.

Q: I am a member of the DGPA (Detroit Grand Prix Association), do I qualify?

A: The DGPA is a separate organization, unaffiliated with the SCCA, which provides on-site volunteers for the Grand Prix in the areas of hospitality/customer relations, info booths, ushers/ticket takers, volunteer transportation, etc.

Some of our recent Flaggers have come from the ranks of the DGPA circuit marshals, however previous DGPA experience, although appreciated, does not qualify one to be an SCCA Flagger without additional training, experience and certification. See the 'Flagging & Communications' section below for information about required F&C training.

Q: Which race specialties are you looking for at the Grand Prix?

A: The greatest need is for Flagging & Communications workers, however we also need Emergency Services, Equipment, Hospitality, Registration, Tech & Timing & Scoring volunteers.

Q: When and where do I pick up my credentials?

A: Once your application is reviewed and accepted, you will be emailed details on when and where to pick up credentials.

Q: Will guest tickets be available?

A: A limited number of weekend general admission tickets are available. You may request one free general admission ticket for a guest when registering online.

Also, note that Friday, May 31 is “Comerica Bank Free Prix Day” with free general admission for everyone. Saturday and Sunday reserved grandstand seating, general admission and/or car corral tickets may be purchased directly through the Detroit Grand Prix website: <http://detroitgp.com/tickets/> or by calling 866-464-7749.

Q: Will there once again be a worker dinner on Thursday evening?

A: Yes! This is the “calm before the storm” and is a good time to relax and socialize with your fellow volunteers. This year’s dinner event will once again take place at [Sinbad’s Restaurant](#) along the Detroit River, however you must request a ticket as part of the registration process. You may also purchase additional guest tickets for this dinner event.

Q: What about dinners on Friday, Saturday & Sunday?

A: As in past years, you are invited to attend a delicious outdoor dinner with hot food & beverages on Friday & Saturday, hosted by the Detroit Region, near Turn14, behind the Race Control/Media trailers. Shuttle trucks will transport workers from corners to the dinner location.

You are on your own for dinner on Sunday. Dining guide > <https://visitdetroit.com/food-drink/>

Q: What other giveaways are there? Will I be able to purchase event souvenirs?

A: Last year, workers received series memorabilia and an event shirt that’s great to wear off track. All workers will receive a commemorative 2019 CDGP patch.

Additionally, numerous event, team and local vendors will be located along the entrance walkway through the Midway area and near the paddock entrance. Workers will have some “down-time” on Saturday and Sunday to visit the vendor areas and paddock.

CDGP merchandise can also be purchased online at > <https://detroitgpshop.com/>

WORKING FLAGGING & COMMUNICATIONS

Q: I am a new Flagger or have never flagged, can I still volunteer?

A: To ensure proper knowledge and safety, new Flaggers must attend a sanctioned F&C training session, such as the upcoming New Flaggers School at Waterford Hills (April 27 & 28), and must work a minimum of two full race days prior to the Grand Prix.

An individual performance assessment will be made prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. If qualified, invitations will then be sent out to the new Flaggers who previously registered to work the Grand Prix. For details contact John Lisiecki, the Detroit SCCA F&C Chief at JohnL@TurnMarshals.org

Q: I have flagged before, however I'm concerned that I don't think I have enough days to qualify to work a pro event. Can I still work the Grand Prix?

A: It is possible to work the Grand Prix if the Chief in your region or at your local track is willing to write an (email) recommendation. Contact the Detroit SCCA Specialty Chief of your area of expertise for further information.

Q: The event is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. What if I can't work all three days?

A: Priority will be given to volunteers who can work all three days. It's very important for each corner team to achieve cohesiveness and the camaraderie that results in working professionally and safely on a street course at a high-profile professional race event. In addition, it is critical that we are fully staffed for Friday Practice/Qualifying. Petitions for less than three days will be considered if there are extra openings.

Q: Can I work different corner stations during the three-days?

A: For the Detroit Grand Prix course, every corner station must function as a cohesive team. By working all three days at one corner you get to know all the nuances that are associated with your "territory." As such, we require that Flaggers work the same corner all three days of this event.

Q: How do I get to work a specific corner or with a particular group of people?

A: There is an area on the registration form that you can use to let us know your preferences. Of course, both the earlier you submit your application and let us know this information, the better the chances are that we can accommodate your wishes.

Q: How do I get to the Island? Where do I park?

A: There are no provisions for general parking on the island during this weekend event.

Volunteers will be shuttled to the Island via buses. If you request a parking pass as part of registration, you will receive an official pass and location in your information packet. If you do not request a parking pass, contact your specialty Chief for bus pick-up locations.

Shuttle busses will begin running at 5:30am each day. Note that it will take up to 30 minutes for the shuttle ride and walk to the morning meeting location. We suggest that you arrive at the lots in time to board the first shuttle each day.

Q: Where do I meet on the Island? What time are the F&C morning meetings?

A: We will provide you with meeting location directions when available. In past years the meetings started as early as 6:00am. Please be prepared to be there on time.

Q: What gear should I bring to the island?

A: Bring your usual F&C items. See our recommended list at > <https://www.michiganturnmarshals.org/gear-guide> The stations are equipped with fire extinguishers, flags, and landline radios, however most do not have benches, so a folding chair is highly recommended.

Box lunches, water, soft drinks and ice will be delivered daily to each station.

TRAVEL / LODGING

Q: I'm from out of town. What type of accommodations are there during the race?

A: Click [HERE](#) to view lodging options.

Q: Are camping facilities available on Belle Isle?

A: Unfortunately, camping is not allowed on the Island and there are no campgrounds located in or near the city. However, a few campgrounds are located approximately a 1-hour drive from the Belle Isle area. Click [HERE](#) for the list.

Q: How do I get to Detroit?

A: If you're driving, take I-75, I-94, I-96 or Ontario Highways 401, 402 to get to the Detroit Metro area. Consult your favorite GPS device.

Q: Or which airport should I fly into?

A: Most commercial airlines provide service to Metro Airport ([DTW](#)) which is located 26 miles west of Downtown Detroit. Other nearby airports with limited commercial air service include Windsor Ontario ([YQG](#)), Flint Michigan ([FNT](#)) and Toledo Ohio ([TOL](#)).

Q: How do I get from the airport to the city?

A: We recommend that you use [rental cars](#) or [taxi/limo services](#) that are available to/from airports, train stations and hotel locations. [Lyft](#) is also a good option and is available throughout the Metro area. A low-cost alternative is to take the public [SMART bus](#) service.

Q: What other transportation is available?

A: The Detroit area is also serviced by [Amtrak](#) train service and [Greyhound](#) bus service with stops Downtown and at a number of suburban stations. [Via Rail](#) provides service from Canadian cities to the Windsor train station.

MORE INFO

Q: Where can I find out the latest information about working the event?

A: We will continue to update the MTM Facebook and Grand Prix & FAQs webpages. <https://michiganturnmarshals.wixsite.com/dgp-volunteers>

Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

A: Here is a list of Detroit Region SCCA contacts:

EMS / Wrecker - Gary Lewandowski, garylew@comcast.net

EMS / MERV – Brian Long, blong@starems.com

EMS / Fire – Rick Stockton, richard.stockton@dignitymemorial.com

F&C – John Lisiecki, johnl@turnmarshals.org

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Hospitality – John Kytasty, jpk@altair.com

Registration – Mary Shiloff, mshiloff@comcast.net

Q: Where can I find general information?

A: The latest Grand Prix press releases can be found at > <http://www.detroitgp.com/news/>