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Frequently Asked Questions for 2022 Detroit Grand Prix SCCA Volunteers

THE EVENT

The SCCA Detroit Region is once again pleased to support the Chevrolet Belle Isle Grand Prix of Detroit Grand Prix which returns to the Motor City **Friday June 3 thru Sunday June 5**.

This race is the 32nd the Detroit Region has played a part in since 1982.

The event will feature the cars of the Verizon IndyCar and Indy Light Series, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Masters Historic Racing.

Q: What is the race schedule?

A: The latest available schedule will be posted on the MTM website at [Schedule \(michiganturnmarshals.wixsite.com\)](https://michiganturnmarshals.wixsite.com/Schedule)

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. The track layout measures 2.3 miles and remains essentially unchanged for this year's event.

Here is the latest There are a total of 20 stations including Turn14, just after Pit-In.
<https://detroitgp.com/track/Track-Map/66564>

Belle Isle has hosted the Detroit Grand Prix races from 1992-2001, 2007-2008, 2012-2017, 2019-2022. Prior to Belle Isle, Grand Prix races were held on the streets of Downtown Detroit dating back to 1982, and the event will be returning there next year. Wikipedia has the entire [historical information](#).

REGISTRATION

Q: How do I sign up to be an SCCA volunteer for the 2017 CDBIGP?

A: Registration can be found here > <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-workers-detroit-grand-prix-belle-isle-park-473781>

Registration closes on June 1st.

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

Yes, but weekend coverage is available.

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

Contact our Membership Director, Steve Balanecki (membership@detroit-scca.org) for further information about worker points or obtaining a membership.

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

A: Membership in any organization that works with the series running on the island are welcome. However, you will still need to join SCCA for the race.

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, etc.

Some of our recent Flagger 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, and 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 may be available. A guest ticket can be requested on the worker registration form.

Also note that Friday, June 11 is “Free Prix Day” with free general admission for everyone.

Saturday and Sunday reserved grandstand seating, general admission and/or paddock pass tickets may be purchased directly from 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.

In previous years All workers will receive a commemorative 2021 DBIGP patch.

will be delicious for all SCCA workers.

Working Flagging & Communications

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

A: Maybe, however to ensure proper knowledge and safety, new Flaggers must attend a sanctioned F&C training session, such as New Flaggers School at Waterford Hills, 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 race Weekend. If qualified, invitations will then be sent out to the new Flaggers who previously registered to work the Grand Prix. Contact Cindy Wisner, the Detroit SCCA F&C Chief for details at cindywisner@gmail.com

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

A: It is still 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 of the nuances that are associated with your "territory." As such, we have always maintained that Flagger need to work the same corner all three days of this event.

Q: How do I get to work a particular 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. You will receive detailed directions in the information packet that will be mailed to you prior to the event.

YOU MUST REQUEST A PARKING PASS AS PART OF THE WORKER REGISTRATION PROCESS.

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

A: The parking shuttles will drop off passengers at the turn-around loop at the entrance to Island.

Volunteer meeting times will be announced once the official schedule is finalized.

Q: What gear should I bring to the island?

A: Bring your usual F&C items. Our recommended list >
<https://www.michiganturnmarshals.org/gear-guide>

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

The stations are equipped with fire extinguishers, flags, and landline radios, however most do not have benches, so a folding chair is highly recommended.

TRAVEL / LODGING

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

A: Hotel info can be found [HERE](#)

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: All roads lead to the Motor City. Take I-75, I-94, I-96 or Ontario Hwy 401/402/403 to get to the Detroit Metro area. Consult your favorite GPS device.

Q: Or which airport should I fly into?

A: Many 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: Public bus transportation is improving, however is not recommended due to the infrequent and varied schedules and routes. We recommend that you use [rental cars](#) or [taxi/limo services](#) that are available to/from airports, stations and hotel locations.

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 station.

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

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

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