

BEC-TV 2023 Football Crew Info & Expectations:

Contact Info

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What to Bring:

BEC wear (If you have it)

Water Bottle

Weather Appropriate clothes for the entire evening

Sunscreen/bug juice

A Positive, "Can-Do" Attitude

(Bring these to school if you plan on going straight to the field)

DO NOT bring your pet snake! *(Well, maybe really little ones...)*

Game Dates

Golly, used to be ALL the High School Football games were on Fridays.

This year only about half the regular season is (in part because of a shortage of officials)

Below is the schedule for Fall 2023. Since Kennedy and Jefferson trade off for home games, BEC-TV covers a game every week.

Once we get to playoffs all bets are off in terms of who plays when and where.

If playoff games are at home, we'll pick 'em up. If they are away we MAY go on the road if the home team isn't covering it.

If any games fall on school nights, we'll make every effort to get students out as soon as possible after the game.

Get all these dates onto your calendar right away (and/or add the [BEC-TV production calendar](#) to your Google Calendar) and be sure to [advise us early of any conflicts](#), noting also any times you need to be late to crew call or leave early.

Times listed here are Kickoff, Not crew call. Typical crew call is 3 pm for a 7 pm game.

7p Friday Sept. 1 - St. Paul Central at Kennedy

7p Friday Sept. 8 - St Cloud Tech at Jefferson (Hall of Fame)

7p Friday Sept. 15 - Patrick Henry at Kennedy

7p Thursday Sept 21 - Hastings at Jefferson (HCTV will be pulling our feed for this game)

12p Saturday Sept 30 - Southwest at Kennedy

7p Friday Oct 6 - Robbinsdale Cooper at Jefferson (Homecoming)

7p Thursday Oct. 12 - Apple Valley at Jefferson

7p Wednesday Oct. 18 - Washburn at Kennedy

Tues, Oct 24 (Time TBD) Section Quarterfinal (POSSIBLE Coverage, Home or Away)

Sat, Oct 28 (Time TBD) Section Semifinal (POSSIBLE Coverage, Home or Away)

Fri, Nov 3 (Time TBD) Section Championship (POSSIBLE Coverage, Home or Away)

Expected Game Night Timeline:

2:45pm Truck leaves station (if not already onsite)
3:00pm Crew call at stadium; Pre-show meeting
3:15pm Staging, setup begin
4:45pm All crew to their first half positions, Facs check
5:30pm Pregame Meeting and Dinner (supplied)
6:20pm All crew to their first half positions (until halftime)
6:30pm TV pregame begins
7:00pm Kickoff
--Halftime (begin crew swap at producer's discretion)
--End of game (stay at positions until producer/director dismisses you)
--Post-game Show (on field and in booth)
--Crew begins strike, unless directly working on postgame.
--Post mortem in the locker room after strike (apx. 10:30pm or later)
--Crew Released only after post mortem (Generally between 11:00pm and 12:00am)

Crew Call

"Crew Call" is the biz term for when the crew is slated to arrive for an event.

We will expect you to attend all of the scheduled games, unless you tell us otherwise in *advance*.

If you cannot make it to a game that you were signed up for, call/text as soon as you know you cannot make it.

Setup begins at the stadium at 3pm for every game, unless otherwise communicated.

Meet at the production truck -Behind the west bleachers (Enter parking lot at 90th and Queen)

*You should plan on being with us from setup all the way through our "post mortem" meeting (ending around 11:30pm, sometimes later). If you cannot stay out that late let us know ahead of time. Please **do not** call for a ride immediately after the shoot because we need help with strike and we need your input at the meeting.*

As with any shoot, if you must arrive late or leave early, check in with the producer when you arrive/before you leave. NEVER leave the field without checking out with the producer!

Dinner + Food Stuff

For football season only, dinner will be provided each game night. Please ask your families to consider bringing dinner for the crew sometime during the season ([see "Feed My Starving Techs" document](#))

We will only eat dinner before the game if we are all setup and can afford the time. If we don't eat before the game, we will arrange for a working dinner during the game. You're also welcome to bring money for concessions if you like. Trips to the concessions stand can be arranged at the producer's discretion.

Rides

If you need a ride from school to the stadium, let us know ahead of time so we can try to make arrangements with you. The day of the shoot does not qualify as “ahead of time”

Rides home can often be provided if we have advanced notice. We’re happy to keep your folks from having to drive out late at night when we can. (They do enough for you already!)

Dress

All crew must wear BEC-Wear, especially when on the field. If you do not have any BEC-Wear we will lend you some for that night’s production; they must be returned immediately after the shoot. Also, please wear comfortable shoes and clean pants/jeans.

Later in the season some nights will get very cold, listen to the weather reports (or your parents) and bring proper clothing to school if you plan on coming straight from there.

Set-up

You will set up equipment for your SECOND half assignment. When you are finished with setup go to your first half position and help or double check the work. Both sets of initials should be on all checklists, as this ensures everything got done correctly.

Each position will have a checklist that you will initial off as you go. Make sure that the checklist is complete when you turn it into the producer, prior to Facs Check. Only initial tasks that you have completed. If you don’t know how to complete a given task on the checklist, check with the other tech on that position. If you both don’t know, ask your coordinator or staff.

After you have completed your checklist, place it in the designated spot for checklists. Then return to your coordinator for another task. If you have questions please ask. Do not leave something undone if you don’t know how to do it. If you never ask, we never know!

If you have completed all of your assigned tasks and there is currently nothing to work on, inform your coordinator or staff that you are free. Also, remain within earshot of the truck for any projects that may pop up.

During the Game

During the game, we will attempt to give you a different position for each half. Ideally, one position will be inside and one will be outside. We will switch at the producer’s discretion. Do not leave your post at halftime unless told to - we cover the halftime show too.

Post-Game

Remember that we’re still on the air for quite a while after the game with our Post Game Show. Stay at your post until you’re cleared to leave it. Please, no running around out on the field, especially after the game, as our post game involves shots of the field. After the game, you should never return to the truck empty handed. There is always something that needs to come

back. Grab it and bring it with you. Even if you are done striking your equipment, please help others with theirs. The postmortem meeting will not begin until after everything is put away.

Once we've got things wrapped up, the entire production team gathers for a post production meeting - the "Postmortem". During this important time we discuss where we as a team succeeded and where we came up short. This is one of the most important times of the evening as its our time to learn from that night's production to make next week's even better.

During post mortem, a list of things/technology needing fixing will be made for the next week. Techs who are interested in engineering, repairing, and in general wanting to be around the station more are encouraged to join us. Days and times are variable. Let us know what you want to do and we will find projects for you!

"Remind" Group Texts

We will use the "Remind" system for reminders and late changes.

All crew needs to sign up, please. Parents who'd like to stay in the loop are encouraged to as well.

To connect to our "class":

Text the Class Code @k27993
to the number 81010

General Expectations

- Always act in an professional manner when representing BEC
- From Crew Call to the end of Post-Mortem you are part of our team - not fiddling on your phone, not goofin' around.
(What's the likelihood you'll ever see a player on the field talking on their phone?)
- At all times, kindly use family-friendly-language. This means no swearing, derogatory comments, etc.
- Give it your All, be a Team Player, and Have Fun!
- And yes, you may chase any giant hamsters you find
(that is, if you can find them- they are pretty dang good at hiding).