Greetings to all **Commuter Campers** from Lamar University!

Thank you for pre-registering for Lamar University All State Choir Camp, July 19-22, 2015. According to our records, you are registered as a commuter camper. This letter offers a lot of information that will help you to be prepared for our exciting camp. **Please read it carefully.**

As a commuter camper you will be responsible for all your meals. The Lamar Dining Hall will be open during the entire week. This option is strongly recommended for variety of food, relative low cost and proximity to rehearsals.

**We strongly recommend that you do not drive off campus for meals.**

Please remember that you have very limited time for meals and you may not be late for rehearsals. Absence/Tardiness from classes will lead to your dismissal from the camp. You also have the option to bring a packed lunch and dinner.

Please remember that you are responsible for your All-State Choir music. If you have not already purchased it (either through us, through your school, or on your own), we will have extra packets ready at camp check-in. The cost is $ 30.00.

Registration will be held at **Cardinal Village Phase IV, Campbell Hall** on **Sunday, July 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** (See the enclosed map for directions and parking instructions). We will start each morning at 9:00 a.m. and we finish at 7:00 p.m. **Recreational activities** starting at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. are aimed mainly for residential campers, but you are welcome to stay and be a part of them. We encourage full participation during instructional hours, but, if on any day you need to leave early due to an important reason (transportation problem, family event, doctor’s appointment, church activities, etc.) you will be allowed to do so **but only with written authorization from your parents.** You MUST inform your assigned counselor.

A Talent Show (everybody’s favorite after-hours activity!!) will take place on Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in Lamar University Theatre. You are encouraged to participate as an individual or in a small group. Presentations do not have to be necessarily music-related: drama, dance, poetry, etc. are other options. **Talent Show auditions are scheduled for Monday.** Only 18 entries will be performing in the talent show. Please come ready!

**Optional individual voice lessons** with Lamar Voice Faculty will be available during lunch and dinner breaks. Lamar Voice Faculty will charge the low fee of $15.00 (cash) per half-hour lesson (we have not changed this fee since 2003!). You may take one lesson during the week, or more, if you wish. **Payment will be made directly to the teacher at the lesson time.** You will be able to sign up for voice lessons during camp check-in.
A team of highly experienced music education professionals will be joining us for this camp.

Beth Casey (Angleton HS) *SI Section Leader*
Keith Dixon (Kingwood HS) *Tenor Section Leader*
Anita Ladd (Deer Park HS) *Alto II Section Leader*
Janwin Overstreet-Goode (Friendswood HS, Past TMEA President) *Alto I Section Leader*
Heather Orr (Montgomery HS) *S2 Section Leader/Conductor*
Joe Weir (Humble HS, former TMEA President) *Bass Section Leader/Conductor*
Dr. James Han (Director of Choral Activities, Lamar University) *Director/Conductor*

Carl Braden (Humble HS) *Accompanist*
Christie Bean (Liberty HS) *Accompanist*
Lynnda Castolenia (Westbrook HS) *Accompanist*
Terry Woodall (Nederland HS) *Accompanist*
Kimberly Ju (Lamar Faculty) *Accompanist*

Debra Greschner (Lamar Faculty) *Voice Class / Optional Voice Lessons*
Dr. Serdar Ilban (Lamar Faculty) *Voice & Diction Class / Optional Voice Lessons*

Delores Black (Lamar Staff) *Administrator*
Nikki Thompson (Sterling HS) *Camp Activities Manager*

All-State part-learning CDs will be available for purchase during the camp at $15.00 each. Bring money if interested!

**VERY IMPORTANT**

Please invite your parents/guardians to our final full rehearsal at Lamar University Theatre (SEE MAP) on Wednesday 4:00 p.m. The camp will end at 5:00 p.m.

If you have any other questions regarding the camp, please call 409-880-8144 or email delores.black@lamar.edu or james.han@lamar.edu

The link for additional forms is www.lamar.edu/choircamp.

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**PLEASE COME EARLY.**

We are looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

James Han
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