Mar. 24th, 2015

Greetings to all Residential 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 residential camper. This letter offers a lot of information that will help you to be prepared for our exciting camp. Please read it carefully.

Please remember that you are responsible for your 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.

It will be an intense camp where we will learn a lot and also have a lot of fun!

First, on Sunday July 19, please check-in at the dorm, Cardinal Village Phase IV, Campbell Hall (SEE MAP). Come early! Check-in starts at 1:00 p.m. Please see the “what-to-bring” list provided.

Dorms are organized as two-bedroom apartments. Dorm rooms are equipped with a small refrigerator and a microwave for your convenience. Cable connection is available in each room. Each camper will have his/her own individual bedroom. Living area and bathroom are shared with only one other camper. If you already requested a specific roommate, we will try to accommodate your request. If you do not know anybody, we will make our best effort to match you with somebody of your same age (and, needless to say, the same gender).

Various Recreational activities start at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m.

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 Sunday. 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 just 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. You will be able to check out right after our final full rehearsal/concert.

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

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

We are looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

James Han
Camp Director/Director of Choral Activities
Lamar University

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Lamar University 2015 All-State Choir Camp

What – to – bring LIST

• Dormitory Items:

  Bed sheets (twin size), pillows, blankets, toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet-paper, etc), towels, washcloths, hangers, alarm clock, etc.

  VERY IMPORTANT: bring a disposable (plastic) shower curtain.

• Pack an umbrella, just in case!

• Music: Unless you purchased it through us.

• Games: You may bring games to share (cards, etc)

• Pocket-money: All meals are covered, but you may want to purchase a water, soda, etc.

MOST IMPORTANT:

Bring tons of good humor and a willingness to learn, follow directions, respect others, work hard on the music, and have a good time!

Be ready for an unforgettable experience!
A NOTE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

Lamar University All State Choir Camp is proud of the exceptional work done in the past. Because of the unsurpassed level of teaching, it has become a driving force in choir camps offered in Texas.

The mission of this camp is to teach/learn the selected music for 2015/16 Texas All-State Choir in a safe and fun environment. In the past, we have noticed that, while a very large number of campers come ready for all camp activities (at least 98% of the campers), a very small group would probably have preferred staying at home.

Parents: Please talk to your child about the importance of self discipline and promptly following directions.

Students: Please know that you will be assigned to a specific counselor. You will report to him/her for every single activity while you are in the camp. It is extremely important for us to know that you are where you are supposed to be every single minute of the camp.

Absence/Tardiness from any activity will lead to your dismissal from the camp. We will call your parents and they will have to come and take you home.