Frequently Asked Questions

Q – Why should I choose Lamar University for my All State Choir Camp experience?
A – * Because we consider YOU the focus of our Camp.
* Because we concentrate on learning.
* Because our teachers are recognized throughout the State.
* Because we cover the entire All-State packet.
* Because our tuition payment (T-shirt included in the price) is the lowest in Texas with the best training.
* Because hundreds of students and many teachers are recommending us!

More Q & A:

Q – What are the dates for the Camp?
A – Sunday, June 26th (1:30pm) through Thursday, June 29th (6:00pm).

Q – The camp starts on Sunday, June 26th in the early afternoon (1:30pm) but I cannot arrive until the evening. Is that OK?
A – Yes. You need to let us know in advance so we can be prepared to receive you.

Q – I have church activities during the week (or a doctor’s appointment, etc). Can my parents pick me up and bring me back to the camp? Am I allowed to leave the camp if I am old enough to drive?
A – Your parents can pick you up and drop you off at any time. We need to have the information (date and time) in writing beforehand, and one of our counselors or the camp manager has to be present when you leave and when you come back. You will be allowed to drive only with your parents’ written authorization.

Q – I have a family commitment and I would need to leave the camp early (Wednesday morning, Tuesday during the day, etc), is that possible?
A – Yes. Again, you need to let us know so we can be prepared. In any case, you should know that there is no discount in the camp cost for early departure.

Q – The camp starts on Sunday, June 26th in the early afternoon, but I have problems securing transportation on that day. Can I arrive on Sunday evening?
A – Yes! You will be able to check-in on Sunday, June 26th from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Q – What is the cost of the camp?
A – Campers can register as “Day-Campers” or “Residential-Campers.” A day-camper pays only the tuition ($190.00 with T-Shirt). A residential-camper pays tuition, room, and board ($320.00 with T-Shirt).
Please realize that if you register as a “day-camper” you will have to take care of all your meals. There will be a $30.00 late fee to all registrations if postmarked by June 18th or after June 18th (Friday).
On-site registration is available, but there might not be dorm rooms available if we have not received your registration and payment by June 24th (Friday).
2016 TMEA All-Stater ($185 - only room & board & T-Shirt)

Q – What options do I have for meals if I register as a day-camper?
A – You may bring a packed lunch AND a packed dinner from home, or you may choose to purchase your meals at the excellent Lamar University Dining Hall. There is a Mirabeau’s (open for lunch). It offers burgers, sandwiches, sodas, etc. It is located inside the Setzer Center.

Q – Do I have to bring bed-sheets if I register as a residential-camper?
A – Yes. Open the “what-to-bring” link on the choir camp web-page for a complete list.

Q – Do All-Staters get any discount?
A – Yes! 2016 TMEA All-Staters get a scholarship, that is, a $135.00 discount!!!

Q – What is the camp schedule?
A – Lamar University Choir Camp is truly exceptional!! We have a very busy schedule: Classes start every day at 9:00 a.m. (except on Sunday, starting at 3:00 p.m. after check-In) and we finish at 6:00 p.m. Not all of that is singing: There are sectionals and full rehearsals, sight-reading classes, diction classes, voice classes, lectures, etc. On Monday at 8:00 p.m. we have a Talent Show. Other recreational activities include an ice-cream social & Movie/game night on Sunday, and Banquet Party on Tuesday (these activities start at either 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 pm.)

Q – Can anybody participate in the Talent Show?
A – Yes. Applicants must audition during the “Talent Show Screening” on Sunday night. Come prepared! The Talent Show is not competitive. Please know that there will be a selection, that is, not everybody who auditions will sing in the performance.

Q – Who stays in the dorms with the campers?
A – Ms. Nikki Thompson, Sterling High School, will be the Camp Manager and will stay at the dorms with all the campers and counselors. She will coordinate a group of counselors, all excellent college students.
Q – What are the dorm-rooms like?
A – Cardinal Village IV or V was finished just 6 years ago (there is a link with pictures on our website). The dorms are excellent! In fact, they are two-bedroom apartments. This means that every camper shares the apartment (which has a private bathroom) with only ONE other camper. We will try to accommodate roommate requests, but we cannot guarantee that all will be honored.

Q – Is the Lamar University Campus safe?
A – Yes! And it is very important to us that it remains this way. Campus security is available 24/7. In addition, any student can request Campus Patrol Escorts at any time. Managers, counselors, and section leaders do. This means that no student can get in the dorms without an adult: this policy will be strictly enforced.

Q – Who are the teachers?
A – A group of very talented and highly experienced music professionals. They are:

- Janwin Overstreet-Goode, Alto & Combined Rehearsal Leader – Friendswood HS
- Joe Weir, Bass & Combined Rehearsal Leader – Atascocita High School
- Keith Dixon, Tenor & Combined Rehearsal Leader - Former Klein High School Director
- Heather Orr, Soprano II & Combined Rehearsal Leader – Montgomery High School
- Beth Casey, Soprano I & Combined Rehearsal Leader – Angleton High School
- Anita Ladd, Alto II & Combined Rehearsal Leader – Deer Park High School
- Lynnda Castolenia, Accompanist, West Brook High School
- Carl Braden, Accompanist, Atascocita High School
- Terry Woodall, Accompanist, Nederland High School
- Dwight Peirce, Accompanist, Lamar University
- Nikki Thompson, Camp Manager, Sterling High School
- Dr. Serdar Ilban, Vocal Coordinator, Lamar University
- Debra Greschner, Voice, Lamar University
- Dr. James Han, Director of Choral Activities, Camp Director, Lamar University

Q – Do you have a concert at the end of the week?
A – No, we concentrate on learning the audition material. However, we cover ALL the repertoire packet, something most choir camps do not do. Parents are invited to the last run-through full rehearsal on Wednesday, June 29th at 4:30 p.m. in the University Theatre.

If you have any more questions, please call 409.880.8144 or 409.880.7189 or email james.han@lamar.edu

THANK YOU!