



Welcome to Harmony Explosion NW 2019!

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***To be mailed in by June 1st to ensure participation at HXNW2019 Camp*



Harmony Explosion NW 2019 - FAQ Sheet

Where do I check in for camp?

Tingelstad Hall, Pacific Lutheran University
(corner of 125th Street South and Park
Avenue South in Tacoma, Washington).

When do I check in for camp?

Thursday, July 18th, 11:00 to 12:30.

What are the emergency contact numbers?

Harmony Explosion Camp Hotline:
(980) 368-2641. (call or text) If we can't be
reached, contact Pacific Lutheran University
at (253) 535-7450.

When is the first meal?

The first meal is Thursday at 5:30 PM.

Can I leave campus after I check in?

No.

Is there a map of the campus?

[http://www.plu.edu/about/Campus-Map/
home.php](http://www.plu.edu/about/Campus-Map/home.php).

How will I receive my music?

All paperwork and music will be sent to the
e-mail address that appears on your online
registration form.

When will I receive my music?

Music is will be provided by June 1st.

Do I need to have my music memorized?

YES.

When are my forms due?

June 1st.

Where do I send my forms?

Harmony Explosion
PO Box 2704
Lynnwood, WA 98036

What do I wear during camp?

Casual clothing (jeans, shorts, T-shirts, etc.).
Wear layers, since we will spend time
indoors (in air conditioning) and outdoors,
and temperature will vary..

**We strive to provide a fragrance-free
environment for those with allergies.

Is there a Talent Show?

Yes, it will be held Friday evening.

Is there a performance?

Yes, the Celebration Show will be held
Saturday, July 20th, at 6:30 PM.

What do I wear for the Celebration Show?

You will wear Jeans and the provided
Harmony Explosion T-Shirt.

Can my parents, family and friends come to the Celebration Show?

Yes! The Celebration Show is open to the
public. Tickets are \$20, and can be
purchased through Brown Paper Tickets.

Can I bring my pet?

No. All animals, other than Service Animals,
are prohibited on campus.

Are there food options for vegetarians?

Yes, PLU has a wide variety of food options
for all your dining needs. For special needs,
email hx@harmonyexplosion.com.

Do you provide transportation?

No. However, we will provide transportation
from the airport, train and bus stations upon
request.



Camp Rules and Guidelines

Thank you for attending Harmony Explosion 2019! We hope you will love this camp as much as we do.

We want to make sure you have a good time, and our primary concern is your *safety*. Please follow these rules while at camp:

1. Staff and Student Staff members will be in the same color shirts at all times. None of these volunteers are paid for their services. They are here to give you the opportunity to have a positive musical experience. Please respect them and follow their instructions.
2. When you are on the risers, please direct all questions to the Director or Staff Member in charge. Follow our basic riser etiquette..
3. Student Staff members will be taking attendance and making sure you are where you are supposed to be. Ensure that you are on time, or early, to all check-ins, and that you have Staff or Student Staff accompany you at all times.
4. Once you have registered, you are not allowed to leave campus.
5. You must stay in the room you are assigned. Evening check-ins will ensure students are in their assigned rooms.
6. Schedules will be posted throughout campus and available through Google Calendar..

7. Linens (sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels) will be provided by PLU. If you have forgotten any personal items, please see Kat or Jared.

8. Signs will be posted on doors indicating Staff's rooms and their names.

9. You will be wearing your Harmony Explosion shirt on the Saturday night show. Please keep it clean and presentable. You may wear jeans with your shirt.

10. If you have any problems during camp, please let your Staff or Student Staff know about it immediately! We are here for YOU.

11. Cell phones may only be used before the morning practice, during lunch, during dinner, and after the last session of the day. This includes text messaging. If you are found using your cell phone during practice sessions, your phone will be confiscated until the end of the day.

12. Name badges must be worn around your neck and in plain sight at all times during camp.

13. Remain on your assigned floors. For socializing, please visit the common areas on the first floor of Tingelstad Hall.

14. Bullying will not be tolerated, and is grounds for immediate dismissal from camp.

15. Please remember to use deodorant. We strive to be Fragrance Free.

Once again, thank you for attending Harmony Explosion 2019! We look forward to Singing and Ringing this year!

-Your Harmony Explosion Staff



Welcome to the 18th annual Harmony Explosion Camp! This event is fully chaperoned. This letter consists of information that you will need for the camp.

Where Do You Check In?

Directions to Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) are included with this letter (see the last 2 pages). Check-in will be held at Tingelstad Hall, which is also our dormitory. Once you arrive at Tingelstad, we will give you information and direct you to where you need to go. If you get lost or have problems, you can reach us at **(980) 368-2641**. Check-in for Harmony Explosion is from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Thursday, July 18th. **Your first meal won't be until 5:30, so you need to eat before you check in.**

Please Note: Once you have checked in, you cannot leave the campus.

You can find a map of the Pacific Lutheran University campus at the following link:
<http://www.plu.edu/about/Campus-Map/home.php>

Barbershop Harmony

Barbershop Harmony is made up of four parts. They appear on the Grand Staff as follows:

- Tenor
- Lead
- Baritone
- Bass

Unlike classic choral music where the melody is sung by the top voice (usually the soprano), the melody in barbershop harmony is usually carried by the lead. Most of this year's songs are in the barbershop style.

Forms, Music and Learning Tracks

In order to keep tuition costs down, **all paperwork and music is being sent to the e-mail address that appears on your online registration form.** Two links will be sent to you. You have already received the first link, of which this cover letter is a part. The second link will take you to your music and learning tracks. You should receive your music link by June 1st.

Please have your music memorized when you arrive at camp.

Voice Parts

We have assigned you a voice part based on the selections made during registration. **If you can not sing the part you were assigned, please e-mail MusicHXNW@gmail.com immediately and let us know.** We will send you a new link to learning tracks that will better suit your voice. Our foremost concern is your vocal health!

Must-Have Forms

Please fill out and mail in the following forms

- **Youth Participation Form** – If you are **under 18 years of age**, this form must be filled out by **you and your parent/guardian** and returned prior to the camp. You will not be allowed to participate without a signed form.
- **Medical Information Form** – This form must be filled out and returned by everyone prior to the camp.
- **Student Driving Permission Form** – If you are **under 18 years of age**, and plan on driving yourself, this form must be filled out and returned prior to the camp.
- **Pacific Lutheran University's Activity Participation & Medical Release Form** – PLU requires this separate form for their records. This must be filled out and returned by everyone prior to camp.

Send all forms to:

Harmony Explosion
PO Box 2704
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Please Note:

We must receive your paperwork by June 1st.

Emergency Information

If your parents need to reach you while you are at camp, they can call or text the **Harmony Explosion Parent Hotline: (980) 368-2641**. If they are not able to get through, they can contact Pacific Lutheran University at (253) 535-7450.

Proper Attire and Riser Etiquette

This camp is casual, so you may wear jeans, shorts, T-shirts, etc. Please dress in layers since the temperatures will vary.

You will be wearing Jeans and a Harmony Explosion shirt (provided) for the Saturday night show,

You will be in close proximity to many other students, so please wear deodorant.

We strive to be Fragrance Free.

We expect students to be respectful at all times, especially while at rehearsals.

Meaning that voices are off, and ears are on.

If you have questions for the clinicians or your section leader, wait until Q/A time is open.

Chaperones and Staff

This year's Staff includes school teachers, counselors and administrators, and our in-house medical team. We have personal knowledge of all staff members and their background. We will have approximately 1 staff member for each 5 students, and we are insured through the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA).

Pets

Pacific Lutheran University has asked us to remind you that they prohibit animals on campus except for Service Animals.

Planes, Trains and Buses

We will provide transportation from the airport, train and bus stations upon request. More information about requesting transportation will be forthcoming.

Talent Show

Our annual Talent Show will be held Friday evening after the pizza party. Sign ups are open to all students, but we are limited to 30 acts. In the past, we have had musical groups (both vocal and instrumental), skits, bagpipes, solos, duets, dances, and more!

All acts must be 3 minutes in length or less. Also, all acts must be prepared prior to camp, as there is very little time to practice once you arrive. A piano will be available at the talent show. The top **musical** acts will be given the opportunity to appear on the Saturday night show. We are looking for **prepared, confident performers**.

You may only perform on the talent show one time (unless you are accompanying for another act). You will receive more information (including how to sign up) after registration is closed on May 31st.

Celebration Show

You will be performing at the campus of Pacific Lutheran University on Saturday night, July 20th. **The show starts at 6:30** and should be over by 9:00. The Harmony Explosion NW Camp Chorus will be the first performers, interspersed with the chosen acts from the talent show.

After you are finished, you are free to leave, but we encourage you to stay and watch the rest of the show, which includes a headlining Barbershop Quartet and Chorus. Please let your family and friends know that this show is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 (youth \$15) and can be purchased through Brown Paper Tickets.

Proceeds from the show will go toward Harmony Explosion scholarships.

Please Note: Space is limited, so it will be best to purchase your tickets prior to the day of the show.

Our goal is to make this show affordable for all parents and families. Please contact us if the \$20 ticket price makes it difficult for you to attend, and we will make other arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you in July!

Food

the Commons Food Key
100/15/20/3 - calories/fat/carbohydrate/protein

for your info

- V** Vegetarian: Does not contain meat, poultry, fish, or shellfish (We follow an ovo-lacto vegetarian diet, meaning that items may contain may contain dairy, eggs, honey, and/or gelatin.^{*)}
- Vn** Does not contain meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, dairy, eggs, honey, or gelatin.^{*)}
- Gf** Gluten-Friendly: Does not contain wheat, barley, rye, non-certified oats, or other gluten-containing ingredients.^{*)} All our products are created in a kitchen containing gluten.
- L** Local within 250 miles
- An** All-natural free of additives, chemicals, or genetic manipulation^{*)}
- O** Organic no pesticides, antibiotics or growth hormones^{*)}
- Mb** Monterey Bay "Best Choices" recommendations from Seafood Watch
- H** Housemade Made from scratch in the PLU kitchen

allergens present

- C** Coconut
- Ss** Sesame
- Sf** Shellfish
- F** Fish
- P** Peanut
- Tn** Treenut
- G** Gluten contains wheat, barley, rye, non-certified oats, or other gluten-containing ingredients.^{*)}
- D** Dairy
- E** Egg
- S** Soy

*Based on manufacturers' ingredient & food-allergen statements

Pacific Lutheran University has a variety of food choices for all your needs. The following key will help you with your choices.

Please ensure that you have marked any potential food needs so the staff can plan for catered and non-catered meals alike.

If you have special dietary needs, please email hx@harmonyexplosion.com to coordinate accommodations.

**DIRECTIONS TO CHECK-IN:
TINGELSTAD HALL
PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

From Interstate 405

- From I-405, merge onto WA-167 S via EXIT 2A toward KENT/AUBURN.
- Merge onto WA-512 W toward PUYALLUP/OLYMPIA.
- Take the WA-7 exit toward PACIFIC AVE/PARKLAND/SPANAWAY.
- Turn LEFT onto 108TH ST S.
- Turn LEFT onto PACIFIC AVE S / WA-7.
- Turn RIGHT onto 125th ST. S.
- Cross Park Avenue S. and look for Tingelstad Hall (large building on right)

From Interstate 5

- From I-5 merge onto WA-512 E via EXIT 127 toward S TACOMA WAY/PUYALLUP
- Take the WA-7 / PACIFIC AVE. exit toward PARKLAND/SPANAWAY.
- Turn RIGHT onto PACIFIC AVE S / WA-7.
- Turn RIGHT onto 125th ST. S.
- Cross Park Avenue S. and look for Tingelstad Hall (large building on right)

PLU Physical Address
12180 Park Street South
Tacoma, WA 98447

There will be a drop-off area, and signs to parking once you arrive at Tingelstad Hall.

Camp registration is in the lobby of Tingelstad Hall.

Entrance to Tingelstad is by the main doors on the far side of the building facing away from the street.

**DIRECTIONS TO CELEBRATION SHOW:
KAREN HILLE PHILLIPS CENTER FOR
THE PERFORMING ARTS
PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

From Interstate 405

- From I-405, merge onto WA-167 S via EXIT 2A toward KENT/AUBURN.
- Merge onto WA-512 W toward PUYALLUP/OLYMPIA.
- Take the WA-7 exit toward PACIFIC AVE/PARKLAND/SPANAWAY.
- Turn LEFT onto 108TH ST S.
- Turn LEFT onto PACIFIC AVE S / WA-7.
- Turn RIGHT onto Garfield Street
There are parking lots at the intersection of Garfield Street and Park Avenue

From Interstate 5

- From I-5 merge onto WA-512 E via EXIT 127 toward S TACOMA WAY/PUYALLUP.
- Take the WA-7 / PACIFIC AVE. exit toward PARKLAND/SPANAWAY.
- Turn RIGHT onto PACIFIC AVE S / WA-7.
- Turn RIGHT onto Garfield Street
There are parking lots at the intersection of Garfield Street and Park Avenue

Look for Harmony Explosion signs and Staff members in bright colored shirts!



Packing Checklist

Prior to Camp, ALL Forms must be mailed to:
Harmony Explosion
PO Box 2704
Lynnwood, WA 98036

- Soap/Bodywash
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Comfortable Clothing (2 sets)
- Comfortable Shoes
- Jeans for Celebration Show
- Non-Fragrant Deodorant
- Cash for snacks, CD's, bottled water
- LARGE Water Bottle (*refill stations available*)

MUSIC

*Music can be printed sheet music or used on a Tablet Device. WIFI **must** be turned off during rehearsals, and nothing but sheet music may be referenced on your device while In Session.*

- Medication
- Talent Show Prop/Costume/etc
- Canadian Students: Up-to-date travel documentation.**

Tuition Includes:

Sheets, Blankets, Pillows, and
Towels
All Meals and Housing
Celebration Show T-Shirt

Pacific Lutheran University Prohibits:

- Use of Alcohol and Illegal Substances
- Use of Tobacco Products
- Weapons on Campus.
- Pets, except Service Animals.

***Students found with any of the above will be immediately dismissed from camp.*

Individuals needing assistance or special accommodation to fully participate in the program should contact Harmony Explosion NW hx@harmonyexplosion.com or **(980) 368-2641**. We will, in turn, notify Pacific Lutheran University of requests.



Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Name of Program: Harmony Explosion Dates of Activity: July 18-20, 2019 Location: Pacific Lutheran University

In consideration of my application to participate in a voluntary activity/program at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), I agree to the information below.

I understand that participating in a voluntary activity/program at PLU involves risk. These risks are identified in the following categories:

Learning Environment: I understand that participating in a learning environment involves some risk. I will be moving from location to location on campus and/or in other locations, and learning within facilities at PLU and/or elsewhere. This involves risks and the potential of injury. These risks vary depending on innumerable factors. Injury can occur as a result of equipment failure, weather, acts of other participants or third parties, lack of or improper supervision, or disease. Every type of injury could occur. This may include broken bones, chemical exposure, back or brain damage, death or dismemberment.

Active Participation: I understand that part of my experience at PLU may include active participation, athletic or aerobic activity. Participation in these activities requires rigorous exercise under conditions which are sometimes dangerous. Injuries to the participant can occur in many foreseeable and unforeseeable ways. Injuries can occur as a result of: equipment failure, poor surface and/or field conditions, lack of proper supervision and the negligence of other participants (including but not limited to teammates, opponents, spectators, or officiating personnel). They can occur during periods of free time, strength development exercises, during practices or at athletic events themselves. Injuries can occur even if you, your teammates and opponents are physically fit and participating according to the rules of your chosen sport. They can also occur because you, your teammate or opponent is not physically fit or does not abide by the rules. Every type of injury could occur. This may include broken bones, ligament tears, back or brain damage, death or dismemberment.

Travel & Accommodations: I understand that part of my experience at PLU may include travel to or from event locations, overnight or daytime accommodations. These activities involve risk and the potential of injury. This can occur due to equipment failure, vehicle failure, accidents, facility malfunctions, negligent operation and/or supervision by an agent of PLU or a third party, or acts of others (including camp participants or non-participants). Every type of injury could occur. This may include broken bones, back or brain damage, death or dismemberment.

I wish to participate in the above activity scheduled at Pacific Lutheran University. I am fully aware of the special dangers and risks inherent in participating in the activity, including physical injury, death, or other consequences arising or resulting from the activity. I agree to accept full responsibility for such risks. I agree to accept responsibility for all implied risks and possible acts of negligence by other persons and/or agents of PLU. I further agree to advise activity planners of any physical or mental limitations I may have. I agree to be fully responsible for my own property and equipment related to this activity.

In consideration of my voluntary application and as a requirement to participate in this activity, I hereby release and indemnify Pacific Lutheran University and their staff of any and all liability, claims and causes of actions arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this activity offered at Pacific Lutheran University.

I also agree to allow any medical personnel the opportunity to treat an illness, injury, or any other medical condition. I agree to accept full responsibility for any medical costs which may result from my participation and for any treatment for any injury sustained while taking part in the program.

I have read this release and indemnification agreement and understand its meaning. This release is intended to bind by heirs, representatives, successors, assigns and administrators.

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Participant Date Printed Name

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date Printed Name

*Parent or legal guardian must also sign for participants under 18 years of age.
Being fully informed as to these risks, I hereby consent to the minor participating in the activity.

_____/_____/_____/_____
Address City State Zip
Mailing Address (if different)

_____/_____/_____/_____
Address City State Zip

_____/_____/_____
Phone Alternate Phone e-mail address



**HARMONY EXPLOSION NORTHWEST
STUDENT PARTICIPATION FORM
Tacoma Chapter - SPEBSQSA, Inc.**

Student's Name: _____ **Student's Date of Birth:** / /

Activity: Harmony Explosion **Activity Location:** Pacific Lutheran University **Activity Dates:** July 18-20, 2019

Student's Parent/Guardian(s):

*If the Student named above will **NOT** be leaving Pacific Lutheran University on Saturday, July 21st with the Parent/Guardian named above, please list below the authorized adult who will take responsibility for the Student at the end of the Saturday night performance. NOTE: If the student is driving himself/herself, please complete the enclosed Driving Permission form.*

Name of authorized adult(s): _____
(Please Print Name)

Phone number: _____
(Mobile phone that will be available that night)

Activity Supervisor's Name: Jared Blatterman & Kat Erickson

Consent and Agreement by Parent/Guardian

I, am the parent or legal guardian of the Student named above. The Student desires and/or has applied to participate in the Activity referenced above. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Youth Policy Statement of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA), have reviewed and understand the same, and have had the opportunity to discuss the same with persons responsible for the Activity. I have also carefully reviewed and discussed the Policy Statement(s) with the Student, particularly his/her obligations and responsibilities as a participant in the Activity. I understand that participation by the Student is conditioned upon the consent, agreements, and other provisions contained in this document.

I hereby consent to the Student participating in the Activity. I hereby designate the Supervisor(s) named above (if other than the undersigned Parent/Guardian) to supervise the conduct and activities of the Student as a participant in the Activity, including (but not limited to) participation in any associated travel. I hereby grant to such Supervisor(s) my permission, full authority and responsibility, in my place and stead as a parent, to supervise the Student as fully and completely as I might do if I were personally present, as deemed necessary and appropriate in the reasonable judgment of such Supervisor(s). I understand and agree that the failure of the Student to accept and comply with such supervision, and/or the failure of such Supervisor(s) to provide effective supervision of the Student, may be grounds for the denial or immediate termination of the Student's participation in the Activity. I understand and agree that if any Chapter, District or SPEBSQSA member provides such supervision, such member will be performing that function in his individual and personal capacity, and not as an agent or representative of the Chapter, District or SPEBSQSA.

I accept full responsibility for all actions of the Student and such Supervisor(s) during or arising out of the Student's participation in the Activity.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date Printed Name

Acceptance of Responsibility by Supervisor(s)

I, the Supervisor (s) named and designated above, hereby accept responsibility for, and agree to perform, the supervision of the conduct and actions of the Student as a participant in the Activity. I understand that my responsibility shall cover all aspects of the Student's participation in the Activity, including (but not limited to) participation in any associated travel. I agree that my responsibility shall continue for the entire duration of the Activity, or until I rescind this Acceptance by written notice to the Chapter, District, or SPEBSQSA officer (or designated representative) in charge of the Activity. I understand that my failure to provide effective supervision of the Student, or my rescission of this Acceptance, may be grounds for the denial or immediate termination of the Student's participation in the Activity.

Signature of Supervisor

01/27/2019
Date

Katherine Erickson
Printed Name

Acknowledgment by Student

I, the Student named above, understand that my participation in the Activity is conditioned upon the supervision of my conduct and actions by the Supervisor(s) named above. I understand that my failure to accept and comply with such supervision, or the failure of such Supervisor(s) to provide the same, may result in the denial or immediate termination of my participation in the Activity.

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Signature of Student Date Printed Name



HARMONY EXPLOSION 2019

Student Driving Permission Form

Students under 18 years of age who will be driving themselves from PLU after the Celebration Show must provide the following information:

- **This completed form**
- **A copy of the student's current driver's license**

Student's Name

Student's Address

As the Parent/Guardian of the student named above, I give permission for them to drive from Pacific Lutheran University to his/her home after the Harmony Explosion Show on Saturday, July 20th, 2019..

By signing below, I also acknowledge that the student named above is responsible for providing their own auto insurance and will not be covered by insurance provided by the Tacoma, Washington Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (The Barbershop Harmony Society) while they are operating their vehicle.

Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian (Please Sign)

Date



**FORM PREVENTING THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR
VIDEOTAPES FROM HARMONY EXPLOSION NORTHWEST 2019**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students;

We realize that the privacy and safety of our students must remain our utmost concern. While participating at the 2018 Harmony Explosion camp, students will be photographed and videotaped for use in advertising and promoting future Harmony Explosion camps and Youth in Harmony activities.

However, if you DO NOT want your student included in any such photographs or videos, or on the Barbershop Harmony Society's website,* please sign below and return this form with the student's Youth Participation Form. Please include a current picture of your student with the form so that we can positively identify them.

I do **NOT** want to be included in any videos or photographs that would be used by Harmony Explosion Northwest, the Youth in Harmony programs of the Tacoma, Seattle, or Federal Way Chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society, or by the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Print Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If Student is under 18: I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above. I do not want my son/daughter to be included in any videos or photographs that would be used by Harmony Explosion Northwest, the Youth in Harmony programs of the Tacoma or Seattle Chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society, or by the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return completed forms to:

Harmony Explosion
PO Box 2704
Lynnwood, WA 98036

*Pictures used on our website will include, but not be limited to, students when they are involved in Harmony Explosion Camp activities, when they are in large groups (rehearsing, performing, break activities), or other related activities at Camp. Additionally, for student's protection, the website will not include whole names, but will use student's first names only.



Youth Policy Statement

As of 12/31/2015

For Chapter or District questions, comments or concerns about this policy statement please contact customerservice@barbershop.org or chapters@barbershop.org.

For Youth Protection Training for chapter, district or society sponsored events, please contact outreach@barbershop.org

It is the mission of the Society "to enrich lives through singing." In fulfilling that mission, the Society, its subsidiaries, districts, chapters, and members sponsor and/or participate in a wide range of activities involving young persons. As provided in the Society bylaws and statements of policy, young men may be considered for Society membership. In keeping with the Society's

commitment to maintain high standards of personal conduct by its members and to provide a wholesome environment in which the activities of the Society and its subordinate units take place, and in order to support and sustain the Society's good name and reputation in the communities that it serves, the Society Board of Directors has adopted this Youth Policy Statement for all Participants in Youth Activities.

Policy Application

This Youth Policy shall apply to all activities of the Society or any of its subsidiaries, districts, and chapters, and to all activities of Society members where they are (or may reasonably be expected to be) identified as being members of, or acting on behalf of, the Society or one of its subordinate units, when such activities (as used in this Youth Policy, an "Activity," or "Activities") involve (or may be anticipated to involve) participation by Youth. Activities may include (but are not limited to) meetings, performances, clinics or schools, social events, or other public or private events. For the purpose of this Youth Policy, "Youth" are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age of majority in the jurisdiction in which the Activity takes place, and Youth involvement may include (but is not limited to) participation as a guest, student or enrollee, or participation as a Society member.

General Standards of Conduct

Society members shall conduct themselves as men of good character and good ambassadors of the Society, being careful to avoid the use of inappropriate language and actions either directed to, or within the sight and/or hearing of Youth. All persons attending any Activity are expected to comply with all laws of the jurisdiction in which the activity takes place.

Members' Responsibility

It is the responsibility of every Society member to be aware of the impact that his conduct may have upon Youth who may be present at any Activity. It is also the responsibility of every Society member to bring to the attention of any member whose conduct at any Activity may seem inappropriate, the need to correct the situation immediately. In the event the situation is not promptly corrected, or if the nature of the conduct (whether corrected or not) is deemed serious enough to warrant further action, it is the responsibility of the Society member(s) observing such conduct to report the same to an appropriate Society, district or chapter officer. Upon receipt of any such report, it is the responsibility of the Society, district or chapter officer to evaluate the same, and to take such further action, pursuant to the Society's Code of Ethics, or otherwise, as is deemed necessary or appropriate.



Youth Policy Statement

As of 12/31/2015

Youth Responsibility

Parents are responsible for the conduct of their Youth when participating in Activities. For the purpose of this Youth Policy, "Parent" is defined as the parent, guardian, school or institutional representative, or other person or persons having parental or supervisory responsibility and authority for the Youth.

Neither the Society nor any of its subsidiaries, districts or chapters shall have or assume the role or responsibility of Parent for any Youth participating in any Activity. In the event a Youth's Parent is not, or will not be personally present during an Activity in which the Youth is participating other than an "Exempt Activity" described in paragraph 8 below, the Parent must provide a written designation, naming and authorizing another person who will be present, to act in place of the Parent to fulfill the role and responsibility of the Parent. The

designation must include the specific authority to obtain, provide, or give consent for any necessary emergency medical treatment to the Youth, including (but not limited to) surgical procedures that may be recommended by a physician, in the event of any medical emergency involving the Youth. A Society member who is also a Parent, or who has been named and authorized to act in place of a Parent, performs that function in his individual and personal capacity, and not as an agent or representative of the Society, or any of its subsidiaries, districts, or chapters.

Alcohol

Youth may not be permitted to attend any Activity where alcohol is served, made available, or being consumed, unless accompanied by a Parent or other person having parental responsibility and authority for the supervision and control of the Youth. No Youth shall be permitted to consume alcohol at any Activity, whether or not the Youth's Parent consents to such consumption. Society members who consume alcohol at Activities where Youth are present must be particularly careful to demonstrate responsible usage.

Society Membership

Under the provisions of the Society bylaws and statements of policy, Youth may become Society members, although it is recommended (but not required) that 16 years be considered as the minimum age for membership. Where membership is to be extended to or renewed by a Youth, as a condition to the approval or renewal of the membership

- i. The Youth's Parent must give written consent to the Youth becoming a member of the Society and the chapter;
- ii. The Youth's Parent must agree in writing to be responsible for, and promptly discharge, all financial obligations of the Youth to the chapter, district and Society;
- iii. The Youth's Parent (if a member of the chapter which the Youth will join), or a designated and authorized chapter member (if the Youth's Parent is not a member of the chapter) must agree in writing to assume, accept responsibility for, and diligently perform the active supervision and control of the conduct of the Youth in connection with all Activities in which the Youth participates; and
- iv. The Youth must acknowledge in writing that his membership and participation is conditioned upon his acceptance of, and compliance with such supervision and control.



Youth Policy Statement

As of 12/31/2015

It shall be the responsibility of each chapter to obtain and retain in the chapter files, a signed and currently effective consent, agreement and designation form for each Youth Member. In the event a chapter member (including a Parent) who is responsible for the supervision and control of any Youth ceases to be a member of the chapter to which the Youth belongs, becomes inactive, or is otherwise unable or unwilling to provide such supervision and control, or fails (in the opinion of the chapter, district or Society board of directors) to provide the supervision and control in a diligent and effective manner, then another chapter member must be designated and authorized, and agree in writing to assume and perform the supervision and control of the Youth.

Youth Participation

No Youth (as a member, or otherwise) shall be permitted to participate in any Activity, other than an "Exempt Activity" described in paragraph 8 below, unless and until all designations, consents and agreements provided for in this Youth Policy Statement have been obtained and filed in the appropriate chapter, district, subsidiary or Society permanent records, and remain currently effective.

Exempt Activity

An "Exempt Activity," for which no signed designation, consent and agreement form is required shall include (but is not limited to) the following:

- a) Any Activity in which Youth perform or otherwise participate solely as members of an identifiable non- Society related entity or group, so long as such Youth are, at all times, accompanied by and under the control, supervision and/or direction of, one or more adults who, as teacher, director, or leader acting in an official capacity on behalf of the entity or group (or of the organization sponsoring the entity or group), have primary supervisory responsibility for the Youth (such as a school, church or community class or choir, scout troop, or other organized youth or civic organization); or
- b) Any interactive workshop, clinic, or demonstration of short duration conducted or provided as part of an event which is organized or sponsored by, and under the leadership of, a non-Society related entity or group, so long as
 - b.a. the event is not held on Society premises, or at the meeting place of any Society subordinate unit, and
 - b.b. neither the Society nor any Society subordinate unit receives any portion of any registration fee or similar charge paid by the participating Youth (other than a performance fee not based upon the number or amount of registrations);
- c) Any scheduled or unscheduled public or private performance in which Youth participate solely as spectators or members of an audience, whether or not any admission or fee is charged; or
- d) Occasional infrequent attendance at a chapter meeting, as a guest. The Youth Chorus Festival or similar events, however designated, shall not be an "Exempt Activity," whether or not the participation by Youth is limited to participation as set forth in (a) or (b) above.

Interpretation

The Society Governance & Bylaws Committee is authorized to issue binding regulations and/or determination letters interpreting and applying this Youth Policy consistent with the intent and purpose hereof, including the further definition of "Exempt Activity," or otherwise.