



Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir & Orchestra

GENERAL INFORMATION

This information packet has been prepared to answer questions about the Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal Camp and Tour. If you have any further questions or need additional clarification, please contact

LEADERSHIP

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COST

\$595 – Includes all expenses while at rehearsal camp and on tour with the exception of no more than seven (7) meals on tour, snacks, and souvenirs. The following expenses are covered: meals and lodging during rehearsal camp, transportation on deluxe motor coaches, All-State t-shirts, hotel rooms while on tour, and insurance. Following auditions, invited students will pay a non-refundable \$100 deposit by January 15th. All balances must be paid by May 1st.

SCHEDULE

Sunday – Orchestra Pre-Camp: Check-In at Thomas Fine Arts at 5:30 pm

Monday – Rehearsal Camp: Choir Check-In at Thomas Fine Arts at 10:00 am

Tuesday – Rehearsal Camp

Wednesday – Rehearsal Camp. First Worship Concert on Wednesday Night

Thursday-Monday – Worship Concert Tour - Locations will be announced at a later date

CAMP CHECK-IN

Participants will be given a “Check-In Process” card upon arrival at WCU to direct them through the steps of checking-in. Orchestra members arriving for pre-camp will need to eat supper prior to check-in. Lunch will be provided for Choir and Orchestra members following check-in on Monday. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate parents for lunch on Tuesday. After check-in, members must stay on campus.

AUDITIONS

Concert Features – A student concert feature will be utilized in most worship concerts. Students interested in auditioning are encouraged to prepare a vocal or instrumental piece for their audition. Only people with **prepared** pieces may audition for concert features. You must audition using the musical selection you plan to perform. No accompaniment tracks are allowed for concert features. Only one audition time is scheduled.

Talent Show – The Talent Show is often a highlight of rehearsal camp. Students are encouraged to share their talents on this fun and exciting night. Watch correspondence for more information about possible talent show themes.

INSTRUMENTS

If you auditioned and were selected to play in the orchestra, bring your band instrument. The orchestra will prepare preludes, orchestra features, and choir accompaniments. **Guitarists** – Unless you have been selected to play guitar in the orchestra, **please do not bring your personal guitar**. There is very limited luggage space on the buses. There will be quality guitars available for you to use. Please see Billy Knight to make arrangements for borrowing a guitar once you get to rehearsal camp.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for transportation to rehearsal camp and for their return home following the home concert. Students **may not** bring personal vehicles to rehearsal camp. Transportation while on tour will be chartered, commercial motor coaches. Eating and drinking will be allowed on these vehicles, but it is your responsibility to make sure that all trash is disposed of properly. Failure to maintain a tidy coach will result in the food/drink privilege will be taken away.

LODGING

Rehearsal Camp – Dormitories at William Carey University

Tour – Hotel Accommodations

Participants must remain with the group throughout the rehearsal camp and tour. Participants are allowed to stay with a relative or family friend at any of our concert locations, however, these plans must be communicated by parents/guardians to Elizabeth Knight in writing by April 1st. Be on the lookout for forthcoming instructions. Leaving a hotel room for any reason after lights out will not be tolerated.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Room assignments are made by the Worship Ministries Department. Persons wanting to room together **MUST** be sure to list each other. Check with the person with whom you plan to room before submitting their name. Roommate requests are due no later than April 1st. Be on the lookout for forthcoming instruction on how to submit a roommate preference.

GENERAL ATTIRE – REHEARSAL CAMP & TOUR

- Modest, conservative clothing is always appropriate
- Pants or shorts no shorter than your fingertips (while standing)—please no gym/athletic shorts
- Provided MBASYCO t-shirts will be worn daily while on tour
 - If a shirt is lost or damaged, replacement shirt can be purchased for \$20.
 - Students should not wear tour shirts during rehearsal camp.
- No tank tops, no spandex shorts, no transparent clothing for boys and girls
- No bare midriffs
- No spaghetti straps or sleeveless shirts
- No visible tattoos or body piercing at any time—young ladies are allowed one earring in each earlobe.
- A sweater or jacket are encouraged for rehearsal camp and while on tour buses

CONCERT DRESS

Concert attire is to be ordered online from Southern Performances at www.tinyurl.com/mbasyco-attire. Please measure carefully to ensure they fit correctly. Pants will need to be hemmed prior to rehearsal camp; pants for ladies should hit the top of their concert shoes.

Boys

- Designated choir shirt and slacks ordered from Southern Performances

- Black dress shoes with black uppers and lowers (no suede, Nubuck, or Wallabee styles)
- Black socks and belt

Girls

- Designated choir shirt and dress pants ordered from Southern Performances
- Black dress shoes (pumps or flats preferred; no sandals; closed heel and toe)

Everyone

- Hair neat and trimmed (above eyebrows and out of eyes)—checked at registration
- No jewelry (including watches, rings, earrings, permanent bracelets) during concerts
- Blue jeans (no holes, rips, tears, frayed hems) paired with closed-toe casual shoes for designated concerts and ministry opportunities

LUGGAGE

Each student is allotted space for one suitcase, one carry-on bag, and one garment bag

- **Suitcase**
 - Weight: No more than 45 pounds
 - Size: Linear measurement of 45 inches (height+width+depth)
- **Carry-on bag**
 - Should be small enough to place under your seat (no larger than 16"x5"x12").
 - A school backpack may be substituted for the carry-on bag.
- **Garment Bag**
 - Should be light weight and zippered

To ensure compliance with these guidelines, bags will be checked at William Carey University as part of the check-in process. Luggage tags will be issued at check-in; only tagged luggage will be placed on the bus. Students are encouraged to pack lightly. Everyone is responsible for carrying their own luggage (often times up stairs); if your suitcase is too heavy for you to carry, it is too heavy.

DIRTY LINENS & CAMP CLOTHES

You will be provided a heavy-duty plastic bag to place your dirty linens and camp clothes in at the close of rehearsal camp. Provisions will be made to have these bags delivered to the home concert venue. Your bag will be available for you to pick up following the concert.

FORMS

The following forms are available online at www.mbc.org/mbasyc:

- **Media & Liability Waiver** – This form must be notarized
- **Medical Information & Consent** – Do not forget to include a scan of the front and back of your health insurance card.
- **Pre-Participation Examiner's Certification**

Please scan and email completed forms to wmforms@mbc.org no later than April 1st.

NUTRITION & HYDRATION

Each student is responsible for maintaining healthy nutrition, hydration, and rest habits. Our ministry and concert schedule is very busy, and it is important to eat well-balanced meals three times a day, being sure to have protein at each meal. Drink plenty of water. On tour, breakfast is provided at the hotel. Lunch will either be provided by a host church or purchased as we travel. Evening meals will be provided by the host churches. Bottled water is always available at rehearsal camp and on the motor coaches while on tour. Students are encouraged to bring their favorite nutritional snacks. Be good stewards by eating, drinking and resting!

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Personal cell phones are welcome and useful for maintaining contact with family and friends and for emergency communications. No other electronic devices should be brought to camp (gaming devices, tablets, computers, etc.) Cell phones should be **turned off** during worship services, family group meetings, rehearsals, and during all organized group activities. Cell phones will be collected before each concert and at “lights out” by a member of the adult team. Inappropriate cell phone use will result in loss of privilege.

BED TIME – “LIGHTS OUT”

Printed or announced “lights out” times are not a suggestion. In order to remain healthy and be at your very best, a good night’s rest is essential. Your cooperation with this is important and expected.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Students and parents are expected to read and agree to the expectations stated in this document and the Personal Commitment document that can be found at www.mbc.org/mbasyco.

PACKING LIST

- MBASYCO Music
- Bible
- Pencil/Pen
- *Single bed sheets (extra-long) or sleeping bag (for use during rehearsal camp)
- *Pillow with pillowcase
- *Blanket (optional, the rooms are often cool at night)
- *Towels and washcloths for three days
- Clothing for Rehearsal Camp (3 Days)
- Clothing for Tour (5 Days)
- Concert attire
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Umbrella
- Personal toiletry items
- Watch or Alarm Clock – Remember, cell phones are collected at “lights out”
- Modest sleep clothes
- Money for no more than seven (7) meals, snacks, etc.

*These items will be transported to the home concert venue and will be available for pickup following the home concert.

DO NOT BRING

- Inappropriate Music, Movies, Books
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Drugs or Tobacco Products (Including Vaping Products)
- Weapons of any kind
- Electronic devices other than cell phones
- Personal Vehicles