



UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS

Hello, Honor Choir member,

Congratulations on being selected as a member of the 2024 South Dakota Senior High School Honor Choir. From July 28 – August 2, each member will join 130 of the finest singers in the state on the campus of the University of Sioux Falls for a week of wonderful music making. Dr. Lynda Hasseler is the guest conductor for this year's choir.

To celebrate the convening of the 50th Honor Choir, all Honor Choir alumni are invited to participate in the final concert, featuring separate and combined selections with the High School Honor Choir. This Reunion Choir gathers every five years (see you again in 2029!). Also, the annual Summer Conference for the South Dakota chapter of the American Choral Directors Association will meet concurrently – all exciting choral events; see www.sd-acda.org for more information!

Included in this letter is important information regarding camp registration, housing and meals, a camp schedule, a list of expectations, and items to prepare and bring to campus. Please read this information carefully prior to coming to Sioux Falls at the end of July.

Upon arrival for Honor Choir week on Sunday, July 28, all choir members must register in the residence hall lobby of The Sullivan Faith & Living Center located at 1604 S. Menlo Avenue. Registration will be open from 2:30 to 5:00pm. Parking will be available directly to the east of Sullivan, no parking permit required. After registering, students with vehicles will submit their keys to camp officials. Keys will be returned on Friday after checkout.

Choir members will have the opportunity to purchase a concert corsage or boutonniere and a group photo. At registration, order forms may be completed.

We look forward to hosting you on campus at the end of July.

Sincerely,

Dr. David DeHoogh-Kliewer
Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities

Registration and First Rehearsal: Registration runs from 2:30 – 5:00pm on Sunday, July 28. Please check in at the lobby of the Sullivan Faith & Living Center located at 1604 S. Menlo Avenue. Parking is available in the lot directly to the east of the building, no permit required. At registration, choir members will receive name badges, room numbers, roommate assignments, and an updated schedule of the week's activities. Order forms will be available for the Honor Choir photograph and corsage or boutonniere for the final concert on Friday, August 2. A counselor will accompany each singer to the assigned dorm room. All students are required to be in attendance at the opening rehearsal on Sunday, July 28 at 6:30pm. Tardiness or absence from the opening rehearsal will result in dismissal from the camp.

Housing: All students and counselors will be housed at the air-conditioned Sullivan Faith & Living Center. Linens will not be provided. Choir members should bring bedding, pillow, or any personal items desired for sleeping. Check out will occur at the dorm following the concert on Friday.

Final Concert: The final performance for the Honor Choir will be Friday, August 2, 7:30pm, Washington Pavilion of Arts and Sciences. Doors open for the concert at 6:30pm. **Tickets are \$15.00 each, plus a Pavilion fee of \$3.50 and a 3.5% credit card transaction charge (about \$19.15, total). Seats are general admission.** Options for ticket purchase are:

- Purchase online through the Washington Pavilion website. www.washingtonpavilion.org
- Purchase by phoning the Washington Pavilion. (605) 367-6000
- Purchase at the Pavilion box office any day after July 1st. Box Office hours are: Mon-Wed 9:30am – 5pm, Thurs 9:30am – 7:30pm, Fri-Sat 9:30am – 7:30pm, Sun 11:30am – 7:30pm

Photo orders: Group photos will be taken by Chad Phillips Photography. Students who wish to purchase the group photo will be directed to www.chadphillipsphotography.com for online purchase.

Meals: Meals for choir members will be at the Salsbury Dining Hall in the McDonald Center Student Union next to the Sullivan residence hall. Students are responsible for purchasing any additional snacks/beverages. Choir members are expected to wear name badges, signifying membership. Members will not be served without a badge.

Camp T-Shirts: T-shirts will be distributed to each choir member at registration. During the week there will be a t-shirt day. Please wear your shirt on the designated day, Wednesday, July 31.

Recreation & Activities: Recreation and activities are built into the daily schedule. Some activities will be musical, others just for fun. The annual **talent show/skit night** will occur on Wednesday, July 31 – members are encouraged to prepare something to perform. Other activities include a movie night, a camp dance, and the Stewart Center will be available daily for recreational activities.

What to bring:

- great attitude and tons of musical energy
- sheet music and pencil in a black 3-ring binder
- comfortable clothing and shoes (all spaces are air-conditioned)
- bedding (blanket, pillow, sheets or sleeping bag)
- towels & personal toiletries
- alarm clock
- other personal items (phone charger, medications, etc.)
- formal clothing for concert and group photo to be taken on MONDAY
 - men: suit or coat and tie, dress shoes, matching socks (not white!)
 - women: floor length dress, comfortable dress shoes

Spending money: Vending machines are available throughout the campus. University of Sioux Falls merchandise is available at "Cougar Central" (campus bookstore).