LAMAR UNIVERSITY 2019 ALL STATE CHOIR CAMP

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 hundreds of students and many teachers are recommending us!

More Q & A:

Q – What are the dates for the Camp?
A – Sunday, July 21st (1:00pm) through Wednesday, July 24th (5:00pm).

Q – The camp starts on Sunday, July 21st in the early afternoon (1:00pm) but I cannot arrive until the evening. Is that OK?
A – Yes. You need to let us know (choir@lamar.edu) 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 managers must 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, your guardian would need to let us know beforehand so we can be prepared. In any case, you should know that there is no discount in the camp cost for early departure or late arrival.

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 and camp t-shirt ($195.00 with T-Shirt).
A residential-camper pays tuition, room, and board ($325.00 with T-Shirt).

Please realize that if you register as a “day-camper” you will have to take care of all your daily meals, Sunday night dinner ($5.00), and the Camp Banquet fee ($20.00)
There will be a $30.00 late fee for all registrations starting on Thursday, July 18th. On-site registration is available on July 21st, but there will be an additional $50 late registration fee.

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.

Our brand new Student Center (Setzer Center) also has delicious meal options. There, you can find a Jason’s Deli, Panda Express, and Chick-fil-A. Prices for these three options are the same as their off-campus restaurant locations.

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! 2018 & 2019 TMEA All-Staters get a scholarship, that is, a $130.00 discount!!!

2018 & 2019 TMEA All-Stater Residences ($195 - only T-Shirt, room & board)
2018 & 2019 TMEA All-Stater Commuters will be Free

Q – What is the camp schedule?
A – Lamar University Choir Camp is truly exceptional!! We have a very busy schedule: Classes begin every day at 8:30 a.m. (Except on Sunday, starting at 3:00 p.m. after Camp Check-In.)

We finish our rehearsals on Sunday at 8:00 p.m., Monday at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday before our family/friends Camp Concert at 4:00 pm in the University Theatre.

In between all of our daily rehearsal activities there are sectionals and full rehearsals, sight-reading classes, diction classes, voice classes, lectures, afternoon activities, breaks etc.

On Monday at 8:00 p.m. we have our Talent Show performance and on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. we will host our Camp “Banquet Party” at Lamar’s prestigious reception center.

Our other recreational activities include our Movie/game night and talent show auditions on Sunday evening. As well as our family/friends concert on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the University Theatre.
Q – Can anybody participate in the Talent Show?
A – Yes. Applicants must audition during the “Talent Show Screening” on Sunday night. Come prepared! Please know that there will be a selection, that is, not everybody who auditions will perform for the talent show.

Q – Who stays in the dorms with the campers?
A – Camp Manager/Assistant Managers
Managers and camp faculty members will stay at the dorms with all the campers and counselors. The Camp Managers will coordinate a group of counselors, all excellent college students.

Q – What are the dorm-rooms like?
A – Cardinal Villages were finished just 6 years ago. 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 always do our best to accommodate roommate requests first, 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:

- Heather Orr, Soprano I & Combined Rehearsal Leader – Montgomery High School
- Christin Reinartz, Soprano II Section Leader – Tompkins High School
- Anita Ladd, Alto I Section Leader – Deer Park High School
- Samantha Nalundassan, Alto II Section Leader – Atascocita High School
- Clay D West, Tenor Section Leader – Conroe High School
- James Park, Bass I Section Leader – Clear Creek High School
- Jed Ragsdale, Bass II Section Leader – Tomball Memorial High School
- Coty Raven Morris, Camp Manager – Michigan State University
- Dr. Serdar Ilban, Vocal Coordinator, Lamar University
- Dr. Jammieca Mott, Voice, 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, but we have an open final full rehears (Informal family concert). We do this rather than a formal concert because we concentrate on learning the audition
material. We also cover ALL of the repertoire packet, something most choir camps do not do.

Parents are invited to the last run-through full rehearsal (Parent Concert) on Wednesday, July 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the University Theatre.

If you have any other questions, please call 409.880.7189 or email choir@lamar.edu

THANK YOU!

Check – In Location:

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