



July 18, 2018

Dear Sing Minnesota Parents,

The camp staff is very excited about the arrival of the campers for Sing Minnesota. We have a great week of singing, drama, art and games planned for the kids.

A few details about the week (August 6-10):

**LOCATION:** Concordia University is located in Saint Paul at Hamline and I-94. The theater building is located at 312 Hamline Avenue North and the music building is at 300 Hamline Avenue North. There is a link to a map of Concordia on our website. You'll see the E. M. Pearson Theatre is identified as "6" on the legend and map, and the Buetow Music Center is identified as "7."

- If you're traveling east on 94 towards Snelling Avenue: Take the Snelling Avenue exit. Cross Snelling (you're on Concordia Avenue at this point) and continue to the next stoplight, which is Hamline. Turn right on Hamline and the theater and music buildings will be on your left.
- If you're traveling west on 94 towards Snelling Avenue: Take the Hamline Avenue exit, just prior to the Snelling exit. At the stoplight, turn left onto Hamline. After crossing Concordia Avenue (the first intersection), the theater and music buildings will be on your left.

The drop-off and pick-up location is at the main entrance to the Theater Building; look for the Sing Minnesota banner. **Please come into the building with your child on the first morning.** Parking is available in front of the E.M. Pearson Theatre ("B" on the map), or across Hamline in Parking Lots E or H ("E" and "H" on the map).

**ORIENTATION MEETING:** On Sunday, August 5, at 3:00 p.m., there will be an orientation meeting at Concordia. This meeting will be especially helpful for campers that are new to the program, and will last approximately 45 minutes. If you've attended Sing Minnesota before, feel free to attend the orientation to reacquaint yourself with the staff and to meet any new counselors. Final payments can also be brought to the orientation meeting.

**DAILY SCHEDULE:** The arrival time is 8:30 a.m., and the pick-up time is 4:30 p.m. It is important that, once you've made the commitment to Sing Minnesota camp, you make EVERY EFFORT not to schedule anything else for your child that week. **Attendance during the week is mandatory and absences may affect your child's participation in the final performance.**

**FORMS:** The Health/Consent form can be completed online by visiting [www.boychoir.org](http://www.boychoir.org) and selecting Sing Minnesota from the Programs menu. Online forms are listed at the bottom of the camp page. Please don't delay in getting this information to us, as we **must** have the info the first day of camp for your child to participate!

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarship applicants have been notified of their awards.

**FINAL PAYMENTS:** Some of you have paid the full tuition (\$350) amount up front – thank you! If you've only paid the \$50 deposit you owe \$300. If you owe anything for camp tuition, please send payment before the first day of camp if possible (see mailing address below). Like the Health/Consent form, we **must** have final payment on the first day of camp for your child to participate. If you're unsure of if or what you owe, just contact me.

**DRESS:** Your child should wear casual play clothes that allow free movement for games and activities. **Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for outdoor activities; sneakers (with socks!) are appropriate, while flip-flops are not.** Keep in mind that outdoor games might produce grass stains, or art projects may produce spots. During these incredibly hot days, we're pleased to tell you that the music building is air-conditioned. If, however, your child finds that he or she is *too* cool while indoors, feel free to bring a sweatshirt. If it's marked with your child's name, it can stay all week. Also, we've ordered Sing Minnesota t-shirts for the campers, and we're asking that they wear their shirts on Friday, August 11, for the final performance.

**ART CLASSES:** You may choose to send an old shirt (men's dress shirts work well) for the first few days. The art activities promise to be fun, but potentially messy. Again, if it's marked with your child's name, it can stay all week.

**FOOD:** Please send a lunch and drink for your child every day. We'd like to make sure that everyone eats well – and gets what they like – so that they have lots of energy for the day's activities. Water bottles, reusable containers and lunch bags should be marked with your child's name. Snacks and juice will be provided for the campers during the morning and afternoon breaks.

**FINAL PERFORMANCE:** On Friday, August 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the music building's Buetow Auditorium, we're planning a performance and demonstration of the songs and activities the children have worked on during the week. Please plan to join us for this free event! The performance will last approximately one hour, and is open to all friends and family.

We're very excited about meeting your children and working with them during Sing Minnesota. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Todd Price, Camp Administrator

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