

ANN ARBOR HURON HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL GROUPS
INTERLOCHEN CHOIR CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BULLETIN #1

Dear Parents and Choir Members:

We are now making plans for our 49th Annual Choir Camp to be held at the Interlochen Arts Camp, Interlochen, Michigan, August 17th through August 23th, 2021 with registration on August 16th, 2021. Choir Camp has been a long tradition in the Ann Arbor Public Schools. This is a great opportunity for all our singers to work together to get our school year off to a splendid start and continue the high standards of excellence in concerts and other musical events at Huron High School. Our days include classes, sectionals, large rehearsals, and FUN! Activities and classes will build a strong foundation for your musical work during the school year.

We invite all students enrolled in choir for Fall 2021 to attend Choir Camp. The benefits of attending Choir Camp are immense and it is a wonderful event for all students. Huron Choir Camp provides meaningful experiences, teaches essential concert and musicianship skills, gives students a chance to get a head's start on some of the year's repertoire, prepares students to perform for an audience, affords opportunities to learn from exceptional directors and instructors, teaches the basic skills needed to succeed in Huron's music programs, and allows students the opportunity to build the fundamental skills that will be invaluable to them as they progress through their years in the Huron Choirs. Camp also is an ideal way for choir students to make new friends each year and especially for freshmen, truly helps with the transition to high school as they already have made friends at camp! The choir is housed and fed in the camp facilities and supervision is maintained by Ann Arbor Public Schools Staff.

ELIGIBILITY: All singers enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade choirs are invited to attend Choir Camp. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, Interlochen will have capacity restrictions. Please be sure to get your forms and checks in as soon as possible in order to reserve your spot at choir camp 2021.

Interlochen Health and COVID Mitigation Plan 2021

- All COVID mitigation guidance of Camp Interlochen will be followed.
- The guidance below is subject to change prior to August and departure to camp.
- Camp dates: Huron August 17-23

1. Prior to Departure

- a. Students and staff who are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions should consult with their healthcare provider prior to committing to camp. *(CDC)*
- b. Students and staff are strongly encouraged to be up-to-date on all routine vaccinations. *(CDC)*
- c. Complete all forms, including the AAPS Health Form provided.
 - i. **Parent/guardian must complete and sign.** If any medications are prescribed, or an over-the-counter medication may need to be given, a **health care provider** must complete the medication portion of the form. No medications of any kind, prescription or over the counter will be administered at camp of a physician has not signed the health form.
- d. All campers, their families, and camp staff are requested to follow [guidance for travelers](#) for 14 days prior to departure to camp, to reduce exposure to COVID-19. *(CDC)*
- e. Students (12+ years) and staff should get **fully vaccinated** for COVID-19 prior to traveling to camp. *(CDC)*
 - i. "Fully vaccinated" is defined as two weeks past the second shot of Pfizer.

- ii. **Provide vaccination card** photo to the music director.
- f. **Unvaccinated** students should quarantine for 14 days prior to camp which includes: social distancing, mask wearing when not at home, avoiding unnecessary travel, and avoidance of indoor gatherings with people who are not from their own household. (CDC)
 - i. Unvaccinated students will have additional requirements, such as needing to wear masks in certain areas.
- g. Campers who are NOT fully vaccinated must **provide proof of a negative viral test**, no more than 1-3 days departure for camp. (CDC)
 - i. PCR Lynx testing 1-3 days prior to leaving for camp.
 1. Required if NOT fully vaccinated.
 2. Option to arrange an onsite testing date with Lynx or go to Lynx drive through site. **Pre-registration is required:** lynxdx.health/register.
 3. Negative test results must be submitted to the music director.
 4. If a student is NOT fully vaccinated but has had COVID within the past 3 months of a positive viral test, student **must provide a healthcare provider's note** documenting the positive test date, and state they are cleared from isolation. (CDC)
 5. All students and staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure risk prior to departure. (CDC) [Daily Student Self Screener](#)
 6. Students should immediately report any COVID-like symptoms: (Feeling feverish [chills, sweating]; new cough; difficulty breathing; sore throat; vomiting or diarrhea; loss of taste or smell; new onset of severe headache, especially associated with a fever) and should not board the bus.

2. **The Super Six COVID-19 Mitigation Measures - [The Super Six](#)**

- a. **Masks, social distance, disinfect, cohort, follow public health guidance, and HVAC and air circulation.**
- b. Follow Super 6 as much as feasible, particularly in indoor spaces.

3. **Bus Ride**

- a. Students will sign up for a bus at registration on August 16th and will stay on that same bus to and from Interlochen.
- b. Students and staff will be able to occupy the charter bus seating in a normal fashion.
- c. Everyone, vaccinated or not, will wear masks.
- d. Crack windows, if safe, to increase air circulation.

4. **Daily Screening**

- a. Students will complete a health screening form each day before breakfast. Counselors will be responsible for administering this form.
- b. Student should immediately report any COVID-like symptoms: (Feeling feverish [chills, sweating]; new cough; difficulty breathing; sore throat; vomiting or diarrhea; loss of taste or smell; new onset of severe headache, especially associated with a fever or general symptoms of not feeling well) to their counselor, music director or health officer.

5. **If student or staff becomes symptomatic or ill while at Camp**

- a. Students will be isolated immediately in the designated isolation quarters.
- b. Students will be taken for a PCR test.
- c. If there is a negative test, we will consult with Interlochen regarding their illness policy.
- d. If positive, students will be kept isolated and we will call parent/guardian for immediate pick-up.

6. Rapid Antigen Testing for Unvaccinated Students only

- a. Test on Tuesday August 17th - Prior to departure on bus to Interlochen.
- b. Testing performed per AAPS music directors.
- c. Test again on Friday August 20th - in accordance with [CDC travel guidance](#). (CDC)
- d. Test on Sunday August 22nd - Day before departure to Ann Arbor.
- e. Positive test results:
 - i. Recheck with a second RAT.
 - ii. Immediately isolate the student in the designated Interlochen isolation quarters.
 - iii. Parent/guardian will be called for any positive test result and will be asked to come and pick up their child immediately.

7. Cabin Assignments/Occupancy

- a. Will follow Interlochen guidance.
- b. Leave windows open or cracked at all times, if safe to do so, to improve air circulation.

8. Meals

- a. Will potentially eat with your cabin, but this will be updated as the summer progresses and as Interlochen advises.
- b. Eat outdoors as much as possible.

9. Disinfecting and Cleaning

- a. Per Interlochen guidance.

10. Health Officer and AAPS Point Persons

- a. Ann Solari (retired AAPS PE/Health teacher) represents AAPS for student health needs.

CAMP DATES: Tuesday, August 17 through Monday, August 23, 2021. Registration is Monday, August 16th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Huron.

STAFF: The conductors of the Huron High School choral groups, other professional staff members of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, AAPS nurse and Interlochen health services, and carefully chosen college students (former members of our choral groups) will serve as staff. All choir staff will have received the Covid 19 vaccine.

COST: \$550.00 per student. **This fee includes:** a)Charter bus transportation to and from camp via charter bus, b)use of all camp facilities, c)meals, d)instruction, e)supervision, f)T-shirt, g)medical facilities/personnel. **Things not included:** a)fast food lunch on the way to camp and on the way home from camp, b)money for our Saturday evening pizza party, typically \$5.00 per student, c)soft-serve ice cream at camp from the Melody Freeze which is open during camp, d)souvenirs from the gift shop called the Scholarshop. **Fees must be paid either by personal check, or money order. No credit cards will be accepted. If a personal check is returned for insufficient funds, each family will responsible for the bank fee.**

*******2021 CHOIR CAMP COVID FEE ACCOMODATIONS*******

Due to the Global Covid 19 Pandemic, the Huron Choirs will be offering the following CAMP FEE accommodations:

100% Fee (\$550.00) refunded up to July 15th, 2021 (Any Reason)

50% Fee (\$275.00) refunded up to Sunday, August 15th (Any Reason)

After August 15th, a 50% (\$275.00) refund for Camp will ONLY BE GRANTED IF a student tests positive for Covid 19, either through a private testing center, or AAPS testing location.

It is recommended, but not required, that individual families purchase TRIP INSURANCE through your own company which includes cancellation for any reason including Covid 19.

Need-based scholarships are available up to 50% (\$275.00) of the camp fee. If you are interested in obtaining a scholarship, please submit a written letter to Mrs. Kidd explaining how much you need. We want every singer to attend and will do what we can to help.

********Each year we have many needs for scholarships. If you are able to donate a scholarship in any amount to help a student attend choir camp, it would be very welcome and appreciated. Please make a separate check out to the Huron Music Association and put in the memo line: Scholarship for choir camp students. Thank you in advance for your help.********

TRANSPORTATION: We will travel to and from Interlochen by commercial charter bus. No student is permitted to drive themselves. Due to Covid 19 protocols at Interlochen, NO parents will be permitted on campus this year.

CONCERTS: Due to Covid 19, Interlochen will not allow any large concerts or gatherings on campus. Our choirs will hold mini concerts that will be live-streamed from camp. Parents will be notified how to access the live stream.

TRADITIONAL PARENT/STUDENT DINNER ON SUNDAY AFTER CONCERT: Due to Interlochen Covid protocols, no parents are allowed on campus at any time. There will be no students leaving campus during the week at any time.

REGISTRATION: Please read the information below carefully and return your registration forms with your **\$550.00** fee by **June 15th, 2021 to:**

Bonnie Kidd, 2021 Camp Registration
3935 Steamboat Ct.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

All checks made out to: Huron Music Association. In the subject line (Huron Choir Camp 2021)

REQUIRED FORMS: Print and return the following asap to hold your place to attend camp this year.

1)REGISTRATION FORM

2)PARENT NOTIFICATION AND PERMISSION FORM

3)**MEDICAL FORM: The Medical Form MUST be signed by a physician if your child takes ANY medication whatsoever, prescription or over the counter medications.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Our nurse will NOT administer any medication to your child if a doctor has not signed the health form. PLEASE pay attention to this and have the form signed. If the form is not signed by a doctor, you are signing off that your child takes NO medications at all and will NOT be given any medications, including over the counter, by our nurse.

4) Photocopy of Covid 19 vaccination card. Both Pfizer vaccinations must be notated on this card. This photocopy can be sent by email or physical mail at a later date (before camp) if student is waiting on their second shot.

5) Check or money order made out to Huron Music Association (Choir Camp in Memo line)

PROGRAM OF CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

*Tenor/Bass Chorus

*Full SATB Chorus Rehearsal

*Dance Class

*Talent Show Night

*Choir Olympic Games

*Final Campfire

*Treble/Soprano/Alto Chorus

*Music Theory/Sight Reading

*Vocal Technique

*Ice Cream and Movie Night

*Cabin Skit Night

*Recreation: swimming, basketball, etc.

A typical day might be like this:

6:15 a.m.	Reveille	1:00 p.m.	Tenor/Bass and Treble Chorus
6:20 a.m.	Calisthenics	2:15 p.m.	Class
6:40 a.m.	Cabin Clean-up	3:00 p.m.	Recreation
7:20 a.m.	Breakfast	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 a.m.	Sectional	6:45 p.m.	Full Rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Class	8:30 p.m.	Evening Activity
10:15 a.m.	Full Rehearsal	10:15 p.m.	Cabin Check
11:45 a.m.	Short Free Time	10:45 p.m.	Taps (TBD each night)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch		

EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING: Face masks must be worn at all times on campus except in the cabins and when eating. Facemasks must meet the same standards as are used in all AAPS schools. Sleeping bag or three blankets, sheets, pillow, towels, wash cloths, soap, toothbrush, tooth-paste, water bottle, sport shirts, socks, sweatshirts, sweater or light coat, slacks, swim suit, raincoat, umbrella, tennis shoes, flashlight. Daily camp dress will consist of slacks, jeans or shorts. Short shorts are not permitted at the Interlochen Arts Camp. Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip Flops cannot be worn outside the cabins. Tag everything with your name. You may bring ONE suitcase, backpack, sleeping bag, and pillow.

SUMMER COMMUNICATIONS: All future bulletins and summer communications will be made via email. It is imperative that parents provide a working email address in order to receive further information about choir camp. All forms will be available on the Huron choir website as well.

Camp Procedures, Policies, and Regulations **Huron High School Code of Conduct**

The following activities are not permitted at camp. Any student who fails to comply with the Huron High School code of conduct or to accept staff direction and supervision will be sent home at their expense, without refund of tuition.

There will be:

- **NO Hazing** of any sort; harassment, ridicule or initiations.
- **NO Alcohol, drugs** (illegal drugs AND those NOT listed on your medical forms),
- **NO Cigarettes including e-cigarettes.** Smoking of any kind is NOT permitted, even for staff or students who are 18. Any student found in possession of these items will face serious consequences including, but not limited to, disciplinary action deemed appropriate by Huron policy, being barred from the week's events, and being sent home at the parents' expense.
- **NO Leaving your cabin after cabin check or before wake up** without a counselor.
- **NO Leaving the Interlochen Music Camp grounds** at any time without a Huron Choir Camp staff member.
- **NO Students are permitted to be in each other's cabins** without permission of the cabin leader or counselor assigned.
- **NO Sexual activity and PDA** beyond hand holding or hugging is not acceptable. No sitting on laps, sharing bunks. Hand holding or hugging is only acceptable **IF** the parties all agree to it.
- **NO Leaving a scheduled activity or event** –students will not leave a scheduled activity or event without express permission of the teachers.

Additional Important things to remember:

- **Students are expected to be at all scheduled events and rehearsals.** Attendance at all meals is mandatory. Adhere to the daily itinerary and carry it with you at all times!
- **We walk to and from all meals with friends from our choir camp.**
- **A clean cabin means:** bed is made, clothes and toiletries are secured in both luggage and in the cubbies in the bathroom, garbage is removed, cabin floor is swept, towels are hung, cobwebs discarded, and FOOD is NOT left out unsecured.
- **Cell phones may ONLY be used during free time,** not during rehearsals, meals, evening activities (other than as a camera), etc. Assume you will NOT have internet access! Failure to comply will result in confiscation of the cell phone until the conclusion of the camp. Parents: Free Time is from 3:00pm to 5:20pm daily. Please contact your student during that time. Emergencies should be directed to Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Wattleworth, or Interlochen directly.
- Each participant in Huron Choir Camp, including staff, must wear their **nametag** in a visible place, whenever you leave your cabin.
- **It is imperative that cooperation and a good attitude be displayed at all times** with the directors, counselors, Interlochen personnel, bus drivers, fellow students, and members of the other school's (Skyline) ensembles in terms of public safety, moral discretion, and the expectations set forth in these rules.
- Do not bring valuables with you to camp. Mrs. Kidd, Mr. Wattleworth, Mr. Schreiber, and your counselors are NOT going to be responsible for your things. Do not leave your money unsecured in your cabin.
- Reminder – Huron Choirs are NUT-FREE. No Peanuts or Tree nuts allowed in cabins or on the bus.

We are representing our community, the Huron High School Music Department, the Ann Arbor Public Schools, and most importantly the Huron Choirs and ourselves. Good judgment and exceptional behavior are expected from each and every Huron student at all times.

BULLETIN #2: This will be emailed to all families in late June. It will include further detailed instructions about camp.

Questions: If you have any questions about choir camp, please contact Mrs. Kidd by email at kidd@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Here's a quote from Paul McCartney formerly from the Beatles!

I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity... to see the faces of real people devoting themselves to a piece of music. I like the teamwork. It makes me feel optimistic about the human race when I see them cooperating like that.