



ROANOKE VALLEY
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Annual All Choir FALL RETREAT 2017!!

Information and Registration Packet

"Denim and Diamonds"

- ♣ Dates: October 7-8
- ♣ Location: W. E. Skelton 4-H Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake
- ♣ Fee: \$65.00
- ♣ Registration and Fee due Sept 18th
- ♣ Attendance is required! Contact Ms. Kim Davidson with any questions regarding your chorister's participation

The Fall Retreat is a great time for choristers and chaperones to have fun and get acquainted with each other. Tie dye with us on Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening, dress up in your favorite denim and wear your bling; listen to the DJ and dance the evening away.

*****😊WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN AND WORK HARD😊*****

What to bring:

- **Wear your teal (A, B, B+) or gray (C) choir t-shirt on Saturday**
- Choir music and two pencils
- Retreat schedule
- Flashlight
- Sneakers
- A spare change of clothes in the event the chorister gets wet while canoeing or kayaking
- Bath Towel(s)
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, hair brush, etc.)
- Sleeping bag or twin sheets, blanket, pillow
- Jammies
- Jacket/Sweatshirt
- A refillable water bottle (please make sure your name is on it)
- **Bring a white t-shirt or pillowcase to tie dye on Saturday**
- "Denim and Diamonds" attire: dress up in your favorite denim and don your brightest bling for the Saturday evening social **Chaperones are encouraged to wear denim and diamonds attire as well**

Please do not bring any valuables: We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

A BIG THANK YOU to the generous patrons who have helped reduce the price of the 2017 Fall Retreat. We may not be able to offer this reduced price next year, but a big thank you to RVCC patrons for this year's support!

Arrival and Dismissal:

- *Directions to the Conference Center are available at (www.retreatatsmithmountainlake.com) and will be provided at choir rehearsals prior to the Retreat.*
- **Chaperones arrive at 7:45 a.m. and choristers arrive at 8:30 a.m.**
- *Rooming assignments, including assigned building for lodging, will be emailed 1-2 days prior to the Fall Retreat.*
- **CHORISTERS/PARENTS:**
 - *Upon arrival, report to the building in which your chorister will be rooming.*
 - *Check-in your chorister at the check-in desk located in the building.*
 - *After checking-in please escort your chorister to his/her designated room and chaperone.*
 - *If medications are to be administered by the Fall Retreat nurse, turn in and discuss all these medications with the nurse on site. All medication should be in an appropriately labeled medication container. Do not forget to pick up these medications from the nurse upon departure on Sunday. The nurse's office is located in the main lobby of the Smith Activity Center. If medications will be self-administered by the chorister with the chaperone, ensure the chaperone is aware of all medications and dosage instructions.*
 - *Fall Retreat Committee members will have a table in the parking lot to answer any questions you have upon your arrival.*
- **CHAPERONES:** *Upon arrival, check in at your assigned lodge.*
- *Choristers driving themselves will be asked to surrender their keys to their chaperone when they arrive at camp until dismissal time on Sunday.*
- *Choirs will be **dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 8th**. Please arrive on time to pick up your child. If your child is riding home with someone else, please provide a note to the chaperone.*

Retreat Policies:

- *No non-choir siblings/attendees may attend.*
- *All choristers will walk to the first rehearsal with a chaperone. If your child arrives late, be sure to find a chaperone or chairperson before leaving the camp.*
- *Dorm buildings will be locked at 10 p.m., for the A, B, and B+ Choirs and 11:00 for the C Choir. Choristers should not leave the dorms after this time. After lights are out, choristers must remain in their rooms in their assigned beds.*
- *Choristers, remember cell phones are not allowed during rehearsal times.*
- *Choristers are expected to eat all meals as prepared by the 4-H Center unless dietary restrictions are indicated on the registration form. The 4-H Center prepares very tasty gluten free, peanut free, and/or vegetarian options if indicated on the registration form. Please contact a Fall Retreat committee member to accommodate any other serious dietary restrictions.*
- *No pets allowed.*

NOTE: Choristers and chaperones will have an opportunity to canoe and kayak again this year. Please notify your chaperone if you do not want your chorister to participate.

Camper Discipline and Dismissal: *All discipline problems will be addressed by Kim Davidson. Ms. Davidson may need to contact chorister parents if she feels that issues need to be addressed. Campers possessing weapons, alcoholic beverages, fire building materials or illegal drugs will be expelled from camp immediately without a refund. Campers who are exceedingly disruptive, destructive or a danger to themselves or others will be expelled without a refund.*

♣These problems have never happened so let's keep up our tradition of a happy, safe, and productive retreat!♣

ABB+ Choirs Fall Retreat Schedule (tentative)

Saturday – October 7th

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. ----Check in at W.E. Skelton 4-H Center (go to your assigned building)

9:30 - 10:30-----Individual choir rehearsals (see room locations below)

10:30 – 10:45-----Meet with your chaperones and walk to combined rehearsal

10:45 – 11:30 -----All choirs combined rehearsal

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. ---LUNCH

12:30 – 1:15 -----Individual choir rehearsals

1:30 – 4:30 -----Recreation outside in common areas

4:30 – 5:30 -----Combined choir rehearsal

5:45 – 6:45 -----DINNER

7:00 –9:00-----A, B & B+ Choirs Fun at Social Gathering, - “Denim and Diamonds”
A/B/B+ choirs will be dismissed at 9:00PM

9:00-10:00-----Get ready for bed and lights out

Sunday – October 8th

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. ---Wake up and get ready for breakfast

8:45 – 9:30 -----BREAKFAST

9:30 – 10:30 -----Pack up and clean rooms, then FUN outside in common areas

10:30 – 11:15 -----All choirs combined rehearsal

11:30 -----Dismissal

Locations of Individual Rehearsals:

A Choir: Reid Jones Jr. Upper Conference Room

B Choir: Taubman Conference Room

B+ Choir: Auditorium Center

C Choir: Auditorium Center

Combined Choirs: Auditorium Center

C Choir Fall Retreat Schedule (tentative)

Saturday – October 7th

- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. ---Check in at W.E. Skelton 4-H Center (go to your assigned building)
- 9:30 – 10:30 -----Mentoring rehearsal
- 10:30 – 10:45 -----Walk to combined choir rehearsal with your buddies
- 10:45 – 11:30 -----All choirs combined rehearsal
- 11:30 – 12:30 -----LUNCH
- 12:30 – 2:30 -----Free Time
- 2:45 – 4:30 -----Individual rehearsal
- 4:30 – 5:30 -----All choirs combined rehearsal
- 5:45 – 6:45 -----DINNER
- 7:00 – 9:00 -----ABB+C Choirs Fun at Social Gathering - “Denim and Diamonds”
- 9:00 – 10:00 -----C Choir Fun – Talent Show for C Choir Choristers (optional participation, please provide your own props as needed)
- 10:00 – 11:00 -----Get ready for bed and lights out

Sunday – October 8th

- 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. --Wake up, get ready, pack bags and clean up room
- 8:45 – 9:30 -----BREAKFAST
- 9:30 – 10:30 -----C Choir Holiday Pops rehearsal
- 10:30 – 11:15 -----All choirs combined rehearsal
- 11:30 -----Dismissal

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B+ Choir: Auditorium Center

C Choir: Auditorium Center

Combined Choirs: Auditorium Center