

August 2017

Dear C Choir,

It's time to register for our C Choir Summer Music Festival! **The dates for the 2018 Choir trip are June 22-29, 2018.** We are bringing back the "chorister favorite" trip to the Midwest! We'll begin with a top-notch festival in Chicago from June 23-26. This festival is sponsored by Manhattan Concert Productions and this is in their Cathedral Series. Our festival will be held at St. James Cathedral in Chicago. For all of us who just returned from England, St. James Cathedral looks more like a "church" – but it is very beautiful and has wonderful acoustics.

I'm happy to say that this festival has been tailor-made for the RVCC. I was able to request the dates, the guest director (Lynell Joy Jenkins) and also that this be an "elite" festival for HS age Children's Choirs who are advanced choirs. We will be in the company of several other Children's Choirs who are very similar to us!

After the festival in Chicago, we will travel east with a stop at my Alma Mater, Valparaiso University, to sing a couple songs in the Chapel there – just for fun. Then on to Shipshewana, Indiana, a quaint Amish village where we will have dinner with an Amish family and spend the night in a hotel. Next stop – Coldwater, MI! My hometown! We'll sing a full concert in a local church and our choristers will have the opportunity for a night of Homestays with groups of 2-6 choristers staying with local families for the night. We end the trip with a fun day at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio. This trip is a great balance of serious choir work (the festival and a full solo concert in Coldwater) and lots of fun at the Amish Village and Cedar Point – and lots of fun in between.

The registration for the trip follows. Please note the due date for the registration and the payment schedule. A big thank you to Michelle Sublett for heading up this trip and to our wonderful committee members!

Ms. Davidson

Chicago and Midwest Festival and Tour Committee

Michelle Sublett	Chair
Karen Wheeler	Registrations and travel hotel
Enid Mau	Shipshewana hotel and dinner; Cedar Point hotel and tickets
Christine Clemmer	Coldwater concert and homestays, hotel for chaperones
Kim Brown	Travel Booklet, Trip T-Shirt

ROANOKE VALLEY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CHICAGO 2018 SUMMER Festival APPROXIMATE Cost and PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The **approximate** cost of the trip is \$1200 and includes the following:

1. Luxury Motorcoach Transportation: \$200
2. Hotel in Lafayette, IN: \$35 (includes breakfast on 6/23)
3. MCP Music Festival Fee: \$710 (includes festival fee and hotel for 3 nights)
4. Group Activity in Chicago (TBD): \$45
5. Overnight at Farmstead Inn & Amish Dinner: \$65 (includes breakfast on 6/27)
6. Cedar Point ticket & overnight stay at hotel: \$85 (includes breakfast on 6/29)
7. Bus Driver expenses, tips, snacks, misc: \$40
8. Trip T-shirt: \$20

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The cost of the trip has been divided into 5 payments of \$200, plus one final payment (which may be more or less than \$200). We have done our best to research costs, and feel that we have a very good estimate of the cost of the trip. All payments must be made **no later than the 15th of each month in the following months: September, October, November, February, March and April.** Please plan accordingly and include a payment slip with chorister's name, payment type, amount, etc... each time you turn in a payment. Payment slips are at the end of this document.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. **Drop off payment** at the attendance table at choir before due date- in a clearly marked envelope with Karen Wheeler's name on it.
2. **Mail payment** to Kim Davidson, RVCC, 718 Joan Circle, Salem, VA 24153
3. **Use funds in your child's choir account.** *Please contact Michelle Sublett (michellesublett@childrenschoir.com) to see how much money is in your child's personal account before choosing this option.
4. **Pay online-** you may pay with a credit card via our website (www.childrenschoir.com) on the same page where you can pay tuition. **There is a \$5 fee for each \$200 payment if you pay online.** Please indicate in the notes section that this is a Chicago trip payment.

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Tentative Trip Itinerary

June 22- Leave Roanoke- Overnight stay in Lafayette, IN

June 23- Arrive in Chicago in AM. Festival begins in the evening

June 24- Rehearsal and Mini Clinic

June 25- Concert at St. James Cathedral and Post-Concert Reception

June 26- Depart Chicago in AM, stop at Valparaiso University, arrive in Shipshewana early afternoon, Dinner in Amish community

June 27- Leave Shipshewana after lunch. Drive to Coldwater. Rehearse in church with concert that evening and home stays that evening.

June 28-Leave Coldwater in AM for Cedar Point. Full day at Cedar Point and overnight in Ohio hotel.

June 29- Return to Roanoke

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**ROANOKE VALLEY CHILDREN'S CHOIR
CHICAGO CHORAL FESTIVAL TRIP - JUNE 22-29, 2018
REGISTRATION FORM (DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15)**

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Chorister Registration

CHORISTER NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____ **GRADE:** _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Home Address: _____
Street, City, State, Zip

Father's/Male Guardian's Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mother's/Female Guardian's Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Chaperone Registration

CHAPERONE NAME: _____

Relationship to Chorister: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

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PERMISSION AND RELEASE
(DUE SEPTEMBER 15)

Due to the way music festivals are organized, it is important that we receive and turn in all payments in a timely manner. Late registrants and those who drop out are subject to additional costs or penalties. Please read the following carefully, fill out the appropriate information and sign the bottom. Thank you!

I, _____, understand that by
(name of parent)

registering _____
(name(s) of all participants)

for the C Choir trip to Chicago, I agree to pay in full the cost of the C choir trip, based on the payment schedule that has been provided. I also understand that if payments are not made in a timely manner, I and/or my chorister, will not be registered for this trip. Additionally, if I and/or my chorister have to drop out of the trip for any reason, I understand that I will be responsible for all costs that have been paid by the Roanoke Valley Children's choir on my/our behalf at the time.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Payment Submission Form
(Please include this form with ALL payments)

DUE DATE of first payment (\$200) and registration forms: BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

DUE DATE of subsequent payments (\$200 each): the 15th of Oct, Nov, Feb, and March

DUE DATE of final payment (amount TBD): April 15th

Chorister Name(s): _____

Chaperone Name(s): _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Method of payment: ___ cash

 ___ check (check# _____)

 ___ paid by credit card online on _____ (date) (receipt # _____)

 ___ deduct \$ _____ from _____'s personal account*

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