



Sing Summer 2019 – Youth Choir Camp – Camper/Parent Information

Hello YCC!

The countdown is on! Here is your package of all the detailed information you will need. The package enclosed should answer most of your questions, but if it doesn't, please feel free to call the NSCF office at 902-423-4688 or 1-888-672-3969, or email programs@nscf.ca

YCC STAFF

Camp Director: Ryan Henwood
Guest Conductor: Dr. John Wiebe
Accompanist: Brenda Joyce
Soprano Lead: Jodie Miller
Alto Lead: Kaitlin Wilcox
Tenor Lead: Thomas Burton
Bass Lead: Andre Gaudet
Drama: Josh Noiles
Musicianship: Jodie Miller
Dance: Thea Burton

REGISTRATION – SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th

Registration begins at 3:30pm, just inside the main gate at the Berwick United Church Camp. (across from the dining hall) **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY** (the lower gates will be locked until 3:30 and we don't want a back-up of cars parked on the street). You will check in, receive your music, and then go choose your dorm/cabin room and meet your chaperone for the week.

ACTIVITIES

The annual YCC "Hollywood" will take place Thursday night. This is when you'll have an opportunity to show the world your talents, strut your stuff, or dance your way into the hearts of millions! Bring along any costumes or props you may need.

FOOD and WATER

Please **do not** bring junk food to camp. It will be confiscated. **Gum is considered junk food and is not allowed on site.** There will be daily and evening snacks and lots to eat at meals – don't worry you will be well fed! Our chef caters to all manner of dietary needs. Currently our registration indicates that we do have campers with nut allergies and therefore are restricting our kitchen to accommodate such an allergy.

Everyone should come with a **refillable water bottle** (with your name on it) - camp water is excellent - as you will be doing a lot of singing each day and need to keep your body hydrated. It would also be a good idea to bring some mints or throat lozenges.



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CELL PHONES

NO phones are allowed in rehearsals or organized activities, unless stated by the camp staff. If a cell phone is brought to camp, **it will be looked after for the week in a safe space by the chaperones and given to the campers to use only at designated periods of the day.** Camp is a time to promote lots of positive inter-personal interaction and real face to face connection, and there will be lots of activities and social time to keep singers busy and happy without the need of their phones and internet connectivity. (Wifi is very limited on site). We also want to maintain a fair and equal environment among all campers.

The Nova Scotia choral Federation has an instagram account. Follow us **@nschoral** and tag any camp posts using the hashtags **#YCC2019 #nscfsingsummer #ilovechoircamp #choiriscool** .

Also, there are many nooks and crannies at camp (including spaces between the floor boards) for expensive things to get lost and never return. *The grounds staff WILL NOT be asked to remove floor boards to search for phones.

CLOSING CONCERT – SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2:30pm

All concerts are free and family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please refer to the packing list for proper concert dress. Once the concert is over campers will be ready to collect their belongings and head for home. Parents must sign them out with their chaperone.

FINAL BITS

We have all your contact information and will call parents if any issues arise. Please refrain from contacting your singers while at camp. If parents don't hear from us, all is well! The camp number is **538-9380 or 538-7258** should someone need to contact us.

All camp activities (except the closing concert) are for campers only. **Please do not invite guests to camp during the week.**

I'm sure you will enjoy YCC this summer! It's such a special place where the friends and memories made last a lifetime. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Ryan Henwood
NSCF Programs Coordinator