



Sing Summer 2025 - Junior Choir Camp – Camper/Parent Info

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Summer is here and it's nearly time for Choir Camp. We are very excited that you have chosen to send your child to JCC this summer, and are sure it will be a great camp! The following information should answer most of your questions but if it doesn't please feel free to contact me at the NSCF office 902-423-4688.

STAFF

Guest Artists: Canadian Chamber Choir

Musical Director – Chris Bowman/Julia Brotto

Accompanist – Joel Tranquilla/Chris Bowman

Drama – Sherryl Sewepagaham

Camp Director – Molly Anderson

Arts and Crafts – Jane Beals

REGISTRATION - SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th

1. Registration is from 1:30-2:30 p.m. **Please *DO NOT* arrive before 1:30pm**, as we need all the time until then to prepare and the gates will be locked to outside traffic until 1:30. We want to avoid cars waiting on the street. Please enter/exit through the **main gates** of the campground. (If you are coming from the highway it's the 1st set of black gates) There will be gophers helping to direct traffic. **All campers should be on site by 2:30pm if at all possible**. If for any reason you will be arriving later than 3:00pm, please email us to let us know. Registration and arrival is always a very busy day so there are a number of things to be done for singers and staff as everyone arrives.
2. **Registration will take place in the YOUTH CENTRE** (across from the Dining Hall – look for the JCC Registration sign). At registration campers will be assigned their counsellors and cabins. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's counsellor and must sign in at the cabin. Assistance will be available to locate cabins and parents are welcome to tour the campgrounds.
3. The **Camp Nurse** will be present at registration, where she will collect medications and receive any special instructions. She will need to speak to all parents/guardians.
4. **At 3:30pm**, there is an informal concert by the Canadian Chamber Choir and current choristers of the Nova Scotia Youth Choir (in the Pavilion). Families are invited to stay to watch this concert. More details will be passed on to families as the date approaches.
5. **Camp T-shirts** will be provided for all campers and will be distributed on the last day of camp, not at registration. Activities this year include Arts and Crafts, Drama, and Sectional Rehearsals. These groupings will be assigned after everyone is settled.
6. Please **do not send/bring junk food items such as candy or chips for your child at camp. It will be sent back home with you by the counsellor or confiscated if found. Gum is strictly prohibited**. There will be healthy morning and evening snacks available each day.



7. Our Head Cook caters to all manner of dietary needs, but if you are bringing other foodstuff to help augment a diet due to food allergies please inform the counsellor and kitchen staff so that it can be properly stored. Currently our registration indicates that we do have campers with nut allergies and therefore are restricting our kitchen to accommodate such an allergy.

8. 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.

9. **Please do not send a cell phone or other electronic devices to camp!!! It will be confiscated.** There will be lots of activities to keep children busy and happy. We promote lots of personal interaction, and we also want to maintain a fair and equal environment among the children. We have all your contact information and will call you if any issues arise. If you don't hear from us, all is well! ☺ Our contact info at camp is at the bottom of this page, should you need to contact us. Cameras are welcome, however, it would be good to write or attach your child's name to the camera.

CLOSING CONCERT – SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th

Please note that the **closing concert begins at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. You are welcome to stay and attend our Youth Choir Camp Concert** which will run from 3:00-4:00pm. All concerts are free and family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Once the concert is over campers will be ready to collect their belongings and head for home. Parents must sign them out.

HOMESICKNESS

Minor homesickness is normal at camp and the counsellors, Camp Director and Nurse are trained to deal with it. Almost always, children adjust quickly and are smiling again once they focus on the fun activities of camp and make new friends. It is our experience that the small pangs of homesickness are best dealt with by counsellors, staff and new friends made at camp. Over many years, we have discovered that minor homesickness is usually made worse when children phone home. While your children are in camp, we ask that you do not visit the grounds or call to speak with your children (you may call and speak to his or her Counsellor and/or the Camp Director if necessary) unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Letters from home are always welcome. The mail service to camp has changed in the last couple of years so we cannot guarantee that mailed letters would arrive in time for campers during the week. We would recommend that if you have a letter you would like to leave for your camper, discreetly hand it off to their camp counsellor upon arrival with a date or day of the week you would like your camper to receive it. Counsellors will do their best to make sure campers receive their notes and letters on those dates.

In case of emergencies only you can contact Anne's cell: 902-237-8552
For any other information or to check in, you can also email anne@nscf.ca. I would be checking email each evening.



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THINGS TO BE DONE NOW

1. Read the enclosed information carefully.
2. Balance of fees is due absolutely no later than **August 1st (deadline was July 15)**- please forward any outstanding payment to the NSCF office immediately. If you have questions about accounts and registration, please contact us with your queries.
3. Contact the Nova Scotia Choral Federation office if you have any questions. We can be reached at programs@nscf.ca or 902-423-4688 and a message can be left if we are unavailable.

Thank you for deciding to send your child to camp. It has proven to be a VERY special place in the hearts of so many children and adults. It is a program that is musically valuable and a lot of fun as well. I look forward to meeting you in August! If you have any questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to give us a call at the numbers or emails above.

Sincerely,

Anne MacDonald
Programs Coordinator, NSCF