

# **Varsity Choir All-State Camp!**

Hello, Varsity Choir Parents and Students!

I am so pleased to announce that the Varsity Choir has the opportunity to participate in an All-State Camp our first weekend back at school! The specifics are listed below. I feel that this camp will serve as a very important (and fun!) team building and bonding experience for Varsity, and most importantly, will ensure that all of our students are prepared for Region, the first round of the All-State Competition. This year, the Varsity Choir is composed of both returning students and first year Varsity members. We could benefit immensely from an opportunity to sing, play and really get to know each other OUTSIDE of the classroom!

**Activities will include:** rehearsing Region repertoire, the National Anthem and music for Pep Rallies, team building projects and games, swimming in the river, pool and blue hole, sports and games, arts and crafts, movies and board games. A lifeguard will be on duty for all swim activities, and the camp director lives on site.

**There will likely be times that students do not have their cell phones. Here are helpful numbers:**

**Ms. Parks** 512-387-1466

**John Knox Ranch** (830) 935-4568

**Amy Martinez** (Volunteer) 915-242-5781

**We will stay in 4 separate air conditioned cabins** that are all in the same area, and are also close to "Oak Commons," a larger space where we will have meals, rehearsals and other activities. Each cabin is a duplex and has two bathrooms. One side of each duplex will be a dedicated small group rehearsal space, and the other side will be where groups sleep. Groups for the cabins will be:

- Cabin #1 - Ms. Parks and 1-2 adult chaperones
- Cabin #2 - Tenor/Basses (boys)
- Cabin #3 - Altos (girls)
- Cabin #4 - Sopranos (girls)

## **Volunteers**

- We need one more driver to volunteer to drive us there and back, but you do not need to stay overnight. Please let me know if you can help!
- Would you like to drive out and help lead meal preparations? You do NOT need to pay for the food. The choir activity account will cover the cost of the food. You will have 1-2 student helpers to assist you with each meal.
  - (Friday dinner will be pizza)
  - Saturday breakfast
  - Saturday lunch
  - Saturday dinner
  - Sunday breakfast
  - Sunday lunch

Please call, text or email me if you have any questions. Here is the website for John Knox Ranch if you would like more information. [Johnknoxranch.org](http://Johnknoxranch.org)

This is a required event. The dates were sent home and emailed at the end of last school year.

**WHEN?** FRIDAY, AUG. 19, 4 PM -  
SUNDAY, AUG. 21, 5 PM

**WHERE?** JOHN KNOX RANCH SUMMER CAMP  
1661 JOHN KNOX RD., FISCHER, TX 78623

**WHAT TO BRING?**

Comfortable clothes, swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, flashlight, good shoes for hiking, choir binder, pencils, eraser, highlighters, reusable WATER BOTTLE, water shoes (the bottom of the river is rocky). Meals will be provided, but feel free to bring snacks as well. Swimsuits must fit well and stay on. Please make modest choices in attire. No string bikinis, thongs or speedos.

**HOW?** Ms. Parks will drive a Fisd suburban and 2 parent drivers will drive their own vehicles.

The total cost of renting the facilities and paying for lifeguards is \$2100. Therefore the cost per student is \$131. The Choir Activity account will cover travel and meals. Please see payment options on the next page. As always, payment plans and Scholarships will be available.

**Ellie Parks, Choir Director, [elliep@fisd.org](mailto:elliep@fisd.org), 512-387-1466**

**PLEASE KEEP ABOVE INFO FOR YOUR REFERENCE & TURN IN THIS PAGE BY TUES. 8/16 A PAPER COPY WILL BE SENT HOME ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

**STUDENT Name & CELL # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Name & CELL # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **My child has permission to attend this required event. I understand he/she will either ride with Ms. Parks in a school suburban or in with a parent chaperone in their vehicle.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to volunteer for this event! I have contacted Ms. Parks to let her know.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I will pay the full \$131 fee by Tuesday, August 16.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay the fee over 4 payments of \$32.75 due on Aug. 16, Sept. 5, Sept. 19 & Oct. 3

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay a reduced fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ due to a financial need.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help scholarship another student.

Please list any other special details below (i.e. Allergy reminders, other concerns, a different payment plan, etc.)

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