

Virginia Baptist Music and Worship Arts Camp

Notes and Suggestions for First-Timers

And Reminders for Returning Leaders!

Summer Music & Worship Arts Camp has been a wonderful experience for thousands of children and youth in Virginia over the past 30 years. We are thrilled that you and your group have expressed an interest in finding out more information about our camp. Because we want you and your group to have the best experience possible, this letter is designed just for you with tips and reminders for making the week cost effective as well as a pleasant, enriching, enjoyable and productive one.

As the camp has “aged” and gone through several transitions, it has become quite a confusing process for someone who is coming for the very first time. Summer at Eagle Eyrie had two music weeks for many years: one week for children and another for youth. Because today’s attendance at many camps began to wane, we are now offering a combined camp for older children, middle school teens, and *NEW THIS YEAR!* senior high school youth.

Camp Concept

The camp is actually 3 camps in one. One camp (Delta track) is designed for high school students, another (Omega track) is designed for middle schoolers and high school freshmen, and the other camp (Alpha track) is designed with older children in mind. The grade levels for each camp are based on the school grade which has been completed. Directors may choose which camp their 6th graders attend. Because we have churches and localities that group 6th graders differently, there is no mention of grade levels at all by the leadership. The Alpha Track is primarily made of those who have completed Grades 4-5, with a few churches adding their 6th graders to the group. The Omega Track is primarily made of those who have completed Grades 6-9. The Delta Track is made up of a limited enrollment of senior high school students who have completed grades 10-12.

Each track is totally separate from the other. The tracks are together only for worship times, Morning Celebrations, Evening Features and the Thursday evening/Friday morning final program. A camper may not attend classes in two tracks because the daily schedule for each track is slightly different. Each camper is expected to fully participate in the mass choir and attend their special interest classes every day. The camp is designed as a music camp, and those who do not enjoy musical activities should find a camp that is more geared to their interests. The Alpha group has 2 choir periods daily, a period in the 2012 camp for special musical “challenges” (we have an *App 2012!* theme!) plus worship and 2 different special interest classes. The Omega group also has 2 choir periods daily, along with worship, and 3 different special interest classes. The special interest classes include ones for those who play a musical instrument. We encourage campers to bring their instruments and join in! Please see the information below regarding additional special interest classes and their selection. Churches have found that it is best to have at least one counselor that supervises children in each track. Counselors need to make sure their campers are in class during each period and at least one counselor from each church is expected to sit and participate with their campers in worship and to attend the mass choir rehearsals with their campers.

Cost

The cost for the camp is composed of several fees. Each camper must pay:

- \$62 program fee – (for **completed** registrations received on or before **June 30**)/\$72 program fee – (for **completed** registrations received **July 1 and after**) - includes choir music, camp T-shirt, and basic camp costs
- \$25 Eagle Eyrie Services & Facilities fee

- Cost of meals and lodging to be determined by each church, in consultation with Eagle Eyrie – see below.

Chaperones are asked to pay the same camp fee as the campers. They will receive their choice of choir music from one of the tracks as well as a T-shirt. Music from the other track may be purchased separately if you wish. The remainder of the camp fee for both campers and counselors is used to offset a portion of the cost for putting on the camp. The total cost for last summer's camp was well over \$10,000. Costs include monies for transportation of our choir directors, and honorariums and/or reimbursements for directors and teachers and camp supplies.

Other Costs

Meals

You may choose to fix your own meals if you stay in a lodge (most economical way) or you may eat in the Dining Hall for 1, 2, or 3 meals a day. Many churches opt for fixing 1 or 2 meals a day and eating the other meal(s) in the Dining Hall.

Dining Hall Rates:

Breakfast	\$8.00
Lunch	\$9.00
Dinner	\$10.00

Churches who are members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia receive a 10% discount on the above meal rates. Also, for churches selecting the Total Meal Plan (all meals), Eagle Eyrie will give a credit of \$20.00 per camper (\$5.00 per day).

Lodging

You may choose to stay in the Eagle Eyrie Hotel or in a Lodge. The least costly approach to lodging is renting an entire lodge either for your own group, or combining with other groups and renting a lodge together. (If you have a small group coming to camp, and would like help in connecting with another group to share a lodge, please contact the Office of Worship & Church Music Ministries at 804-915-5000, X-6235, 800-255-2428, X-6235, or email at debbie.cobb@vbmb.org or tom.ingram@vbmb.org. The rental cost can then be divided among those who participate. Lodge rent varies with the size of the lodge and ranges. Most of the lodges have bunk beds with bath and showers. Lodges may be rented with linens included or without linens. Lodge sizes and rates may be requested from Eagle Eyrie. If you choose lodge accommodations, the rates are:

\$27 per person per night ("hotel basis")

\$20 times total capacity of lodge per night ("rental basis") (cost varies according to lodge capacity)

Churches who are members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia receive a 10% discount on the lodging costs listed above.

Linen costs: \$12 per person for the conference.

If you choose to stay in the newly-renovated Eagle Eyrie Hotel, the rates are below. The hotel has individual rooms on a hall, with private baths.

\$47 per person per night

Churches who are members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia receive a 10% discount on the lodging costs listed above.

Reservation Guidelines

Lodging and meal reservations, as well as all program fees are paid through Eagle Eyrie:

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive
Lynchburg, VA 24503-6380
(434)384-2211
FAX: (434)384-1891
Web: www.eagleeyrie.org

Reservations for Music & Worship Arts Camp were opened by Eagle Eyrie on a first come, first served basis according to postmark, beginning on **Apr. 1**. Eagle Eyrie requires that reservations be accompanied by a non-refundable Services & Facilities fee of \$25 per person and a completed reservations form. The Services & Facilities fee may be transferred to another individual, even though it is not refundable. The reservation form is available from Eagle Eyrie or from our office. One form is included with this letter. Please note that the reservations made with Eagle Eyrie are for lodging and meals only. You will also need to contact our office, or our website at http://www.vbmb.org/Ministries/Worship-Music/Event_Worship-Arts-Camp.cfm for a Leader and Chaperone packet, which has more specific camp information and pre-registration forms for Special Interest Classes, and you will need to register your group on-line, through our website, [for classes](#), and to complete the registration process.

Special Interest Classes

The campers pre-register for the special interest classes through the Office of Worship and Church Music Ministries. Registration packets will be available online, *beginning May 16*, at http://www.vbmb.org/Ministries/Worship-Music/Event_Worship-Arts-Camp.cfm. Campers may register for classes online beginning on June 1. **Those who register early have a better opportunity of getting their first choice class preferences. Enrollments in some classes are limited, so early registrations will receive priority.** However, there is a limit on the number of campers from each church who may sign up for a particular class in a specific time period. Classes vary from year to year based on the availability of teachers. This year we expect to offer: *(This is a TENTATIVE list of classes. An updated list will be available soon on the web site.)*

Auditioned Handbells (Omega Only)
Auditioned Vocal Ensemble (Omega Only)
Banners
Guitar I
Handbells
Intermediate Piano

Interpretive Movement
Introduction to Piano
Lots of Lyrics
Mountain Drumming
Stomp
Travelocity.Music

Talent Show

There is a combined talent show on Wednesday night for both groups. Those who wish to participate should bring their own costumes, music, accompaniment tapes, etc. ***Those who participate are reminded that this is a Christian camp and that all music and lyrics, movements to songs, etc. should reflect that fact.***

PLEASE NOTE! We have a **camp dress code policy**, so **please review this policy and share it with your campers:**

Eagle Eyrie is a church- related assembly and everyone attending camp should dress accordingly. We ask that all present adhere to a public school dress code.

- * *Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than the fingertips when arms are fully extended down to the sides.*
- * *Width of straps on tops should be at least one inch, and please avoid halter tops, spaghetti straps, and tube tops.*
- * *No offensive logos or slogans.*
- * *Swimsuits should be modest in design.*
- * *Hats are not to be worn during worship.*

Our policy regarding cell phones at camp – Please limit the campers’ use of cell phones to free time or times after the evening classes. Cell phones should not be used during any class period or during any vocal or instrumental rehearsal. Campers who ignore this policy risk having their phones collected. Any exception to this rule must be accompanied by a letter from the camper’s parent or guardian. Several churches have begun to collect the cell phones of their campers in order to help with this policy. Phones are given out at the camper’s request during the appropriate periods.

More questions??? Contact Tom Ingram or Debbie Cobb at (804)915-5000 or (800) 255-2428, ext.6220 or 6235.