



July 2019

Dear Boychoir Bootcamp Parents,

The camp staff is very excited about the arrival of the “new recruits” for our first ever Boychoir Bootcamp. We have a great week of singing, activities and games planned for the boys.

A few details about the week (July 22-26):

**LOCATION:** Concordia University is located in Saint Paul at Hamline and I-94. The theater building is located at 312 Hamline Avenue North and the music building is at 300 Hamline Avenue North. There is a link to a map of Concordia on our website. You’ll see the E. M. Pearson Theatre is identified as “6” on the legend and map, and the Buetow Music Center is identified as “7.”

- If you’re traveling east on 94 towards Snelling Avenue: Take the Snelling Avenue exit. Cross Snelling (you’re on Concordia Avenue at this point) and continue to the next stoplight, which is Hamline. Turn right on Hamline and the theater and music buildings will be on your left.
- If you’re traveling west on 94 towards Snelling Avenue: Take the Hamline Avenue exit, just prior to the Snelling exit. At the stoplight, turn left onto Hamline. After crossing Concordia Avenue (the first intersection), the theater and music buildings will be on your left.

The drop-off and pick-up location is at the main entrance to the Theater Building; look for the Minnesota Boychoir sign at the entrance to the parking lot. **Please come into the building with your child on the first morning.** Parking is available in front of the E.M. Pearson Theatre (“B” on the map), or across Hamline in Parking Lots E or H (“E” and “H” on the map).

**MONDAY to THURSDAY SCHEDULE:** The arrival time is 8:30 a.m., and the pick-up time is 4:30 p.m. It is important that, once you’ve made the commitment to Boychoir Bootcamp, you make every effort not to schedule anything else for your child that week. Attendance during the week is mandatory and absences may affect your son’s participation in the final performances on Friday.

**FRIDAY SCHEDULE and the SAINT PAUL SAINTS GAME:** The arrival time is 8:30 a.m. At 3:30 p.m. in the music building’s Buetow Auditorium, we’re planning a performance of the songs and activities the boys have worked on during the week. Please plan to join us for this free event! The performance will last approximately 30 minutes and is open to all friends and family. After the performance, the staff needs to clean up at Concordia before heading to CHS Field so you will have some down time with your son before

arrival at the stadium. Please plan to arrive with your son at CHS Field (360 Broadway Street, downtown Saint Paul, 55101) at 5:45 p.m. on Broadway Street at 5<sup>th</sup> Street East. Look for the camp staff/counselors and the Boychoir sign to collect your two tickets (one for a parent/guardian and one for the camper). We will enter the stadium together to find our seats, then from there the boys and staff will move to the designated check-in location for the anthem.

**FORMS:** The Health/Consent form can be completed online by visiting [www.boychoir.org](http://www.boychoir.org) and selecting Boychoir Bootcamp from the Programs menu. Online forms are listed at the bottom of the camp page. Please don't delay in getting this information to us, as we **must** have the info the first day of camp for your child to participate!

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarship applicants have been notified of their awards.

**FINAL PAYMENTS:** Some of you have paid the full tuition amount up front – thank you! If you've only paid the \$25 deposit you owe \$50 (for non-Boychoir members) or \$75 (for current members). If you owe anything for camp tuition, please send payment before the first day of camp if possible (see mailing address below). Like the Health/Consent form, we **must** have final payment on the first day of camp for your child to participate. If you're unsure of if or what you owe, just contact me.

**DRESS:** Your son should wear casual play clothes that allow free movement for games and activities. **Please make sure your son is wearing appropriate footwear for outdoor activities; sneakers (with socks!) are appropriate, while flip-flops are not.** Keep in mind that outdoor games might produce grass stains. During these incredibly hot days, we're pleased to tell you that the music building is air-conditioned. If, however, your son finds that he is *too* cool while indoors, feel free to bring a sweatshirt. If it's marked with your son's name, it can stay all week. Boychoir Bootcamp t-shirts have been ordered and will be distributed on Thursday afternoon. Campers are required to wear their shirts on Friday, July 26, for the final day and performance for the St. Paul Saints.

**FOOD:** Please send a morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack for your child every day along with a refillable water bottle. **PLEASE NOTE that ALL snacks and food must be nut-free due to a severe allergy.** We'd like to make sure that everyone eats well – and gets what they like – so that they have lots of energy for the day's activities. Water bottles, reusable containers and lunch bags should be marked with your child's name.

We're very excited about meeting your "singing soldiers" and working with the boys during our first ever Boychoir Bootcamp. See you soon!

Sincerely,

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