



RESIDENTIAL CHORAL CAMPS

DISCOVERING THE JOY OF SINGING

presented by
NOVA SCOTIA
CHORAL FEDERATION
since 1979

BERWICK - NOVA SCOTIA for singers ages 18 and up

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About Sing Summer

Sing Summer is the Nova Scotia Choral Federation's choral camp program for children, youth and adults. Since 1979, over 6,000 singers of all ages have enjoyed excellent choral training experience and great summer vacations as Sing Summer participants. Many singers, conductors and visiting staff have told us our affordable, enjoyable and high-quality choral camps are the best in Canada!

Adult Choir Camp

Are you looking for a great summer vacation idea? Imagine a five-day escape to a rustic setting under magnificent hemlocks, in the heart of the beautiful Annapolis Valley. Now add the fun of rustic cottage life plus the opportunity to share an unforgettable experience with singers from across the province and beyond. Adult Choir Camp is about making music, friendships and discoveries. Each day includes rehearsals, music classes in vocal production and sectional learning. Our great kitchen team looks after the 'inner singer' with plenty of nutritious food. Evening activities include a wine and cheese social off site, a talent night and other entertainment. The camp ends with a concert for family and friends.

Rehearsals and activities take place in a roofed, open pavilion and enclosed rehearsal halls as well as classrooms and recreation areas. You can enjoy the Adult Choir Camp experience several ways. You can attend as a day camper, with or without meals, or treat yourself to the full package with a variety of accommodation options on site. Our excellent kitchen staff makes sure camp meals are ample, nutritionally balanced and appealing. Dormitories provide single room accommodation with water closets on each of the two floors and showering facilities housed separately, directly behind the dormitories. For a small extra fee you can also request a private cabin with or without a full washroom. A limited number of cabins with washrooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, please see the application form. If you have any questions, just call us at 902-423-4688 or email office@nscf.ns.ca

Please note that in 2009 Adult Choir Camp will run Sunday to Friday and ACC campers will enjoy the full run of Berwick camp for the week as ACC will be the only program on site.

Who May Attend?

Anyone 18 or over who is interested in developing and improving his or her ability to sing and enjoy music is welcome. Experience and vocal ability are not necessary, however previous choral participation is helpful.

Guest Conductor

Dr. Mark Sirett is the Artistic Director of the Cantabile Choirs of Kingston, an award-winning multi-choir programme involving eight choirs and 300 choristers. He is a native of Kingston and a graduate of Queen's University. He holds both masters and doctoral degrees in choral conducting and pedagogy from the University of Iowa and has taught at the University of Western Ontario, the University of Alberta, Bucknell University (PA) and Queen's, where he currently directs the Queen's Choral Ensemble. Dr. Sirett is frequently in demand as a guest conductor, choral clinician and adjudicator. He has directed the Ontario Youth Choir, the Alberta Honours Children's Choir, the Amabile Choirs of London and the Waterloo Region High School Festival. This year he has appeared as choral clinician for the Nova Scotia Music Educators Conference, the Ontario Vocal Festival, and ChoralFest in Edmonton AB. In July he will conduct *Unison*, the annual choral festival held on Parliament Hill and the National Arts Centre in celebration of Canada Day. Dr. Sirett is also an award-winning composer. He has over 60 published compositions with various publishing houses in Canada, the US, Britain, and Sweden.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SING SUMMER CAMPS

CAMP PHILOSOPHY

The Nova Scotia Choral Federation is committed to the development of excellence. Sing Summer choral camps are first and foremost about developing and expanding singing and conducting choral skills in a pleasant and encouraging atmosphere. We are privileged to work with a variety of well-qualified music, activity and administrative staff and caregivers with individual styles who encourage campers to explore their choral skills and their creativity in a spirit of respect for all staff and for each other.

REGISTRATION

You can register for camp in person or by mail at Nova Scotia Choral Federation, 1113 Marginal Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4P7. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must accompany a registration in order to secure a place. Junior and Youth Choir Camp registrations must also include a medical form. Registrations will be accepted for all camps until the programs have reached capacity.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Please do not send cash in the mail. Cheques and money orders must be made payable to the Nova Scotia Choral Federation. Please note there is a \$20 fee for any returned cheque! If a cheque is returned, future payments will be accepted in cash or by money order only. Specific fees are listed on the registration form. Your full fee is refundable up until seven days before camp begins. After this date a \$50 administration fee applies and a full refund will be considered only for documented medical reasons.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Meals at camp are well balanced and nutritious. Snacks are available from the kitchen. For those with special dietary needs some accommodation may be made. Please contact the NSCF office to discuss what can be available. If there is an extraordinary dietary requirement the camper will be expected to provide his/her own food.

Sing Summer camps will not be nut-free unless a camper has identified a life-threatening allergy. In this case, camp will be a nut-free zone for that specific week only. However, in such a case we cannot guarantee there will be no risk of exposure. Residential campers at Junior and Youth Choir Camps are strongly discouraged from bringing 'care packages' and snacks to camp.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

If a camper has disabilities that cannot be handled by regular camp staff, as determined by the executive director in consultation with the camp nurse or other appropriate medical personnel, a personal caregiver or family member must accompany this camper to camp and must cover his or her own cost of room and board.

MEDICAL FORMS, HEALTH, WELFARE AND BEHAVIOUR

A medical form is required for both Junior and Youth Choir Camps at the time of registration. The form includes behavioral, mobility, psychological and other such issues. It is essential that parents complete this form as thoroughly as possible. If issues are not reported fully and problems arise as a result of non-disclosure, camp staff have authority to take action. This may include sending the camper home with no fee refund. A camp nurse is in residence during the Junior Camps and there is a medical clinic next door to the camp. Youth Choir Campers are respected as young adults. They are expected to take responsibility for attending and participating in all courses offered and following camp rules.

BURSARIES

To ensure the widest access to our programs, NSCF keeps fees as low as possible and provides bursaries and scholarships for Junior and Youth Choir Camps, as well as bursaries and professional development assistance for adult members.

Bursaries are awarded based upon need. To apply please contact the federation office and ask for a bursary form. Forms are also available on line at www.nscf.ns.ca The deadline for bursary and professional development assistance applications is June 15.

SCENT FREE POLICY

Sing Summer camps are scent free. Do not bring scented products such as hair and personal hygiene items because these can affect the ability of scent sensitive-singers to take part in our programs.

NON-SMOKING POLICY

The United Church Camp Meeting Association has a strict no smoking policy in effect for all buildings and most of the site. One exterior area is available for smokers of legal age. Please note, Youth Choir campers are not allowed to smoke at camp.

ALCOHOL FREE PREMISES

The United Church Camp Meeting Association has a strict no alcohol allowed on the premises policy that we must enforce.

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Sing Summer Adult Choir Camp Application Form 2009

Please fill out both sides of this form and forward it to the NSCF office. Please print legibly.

Name _____

Permanent Address

_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Gender M F Voice S A T B unknown

I have special dietary concerns:

Vegetarian yes no. If you are a vegetarian, do you eat eggs and/or cheese

Food allergies, please list _____

Other allergies please list _____

Do you have any medical condition/medications of which we should be aware?

Sing Summer Code of Conduct for all Participants

The Code of Conduct outlines expected behaviour during camp. A participant is defined as "any person, adult or child, who is involved in an activity in any capacity."

1. Nova Scotia Choral Federation's Sing Summer Camps (Junior, Youth, Adult and Nova Scotia Youth Choir) will not tolerate acts of discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, age, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or disability. Any acts of abuse by any participant will not be tolerated.
2. Only Adult Choir Campers and staff of legal age may smoke in the designated smoking area and they must be careful.
3. No alcohol or illegal substances may be brought to or consumed at camp.
4. The privacy of the individual is to be maintained at all times. No person shall disregard another's privacy as it regards to personal belongings, accommodation or hygiene facilities.
5. Participants must be punctual for all rehearsals and classes as they are scheduled.
6. Participants are asked to sign in when they arrive and sign out when they leave the campgrounds. Parents sign for minors.
7. No participant will engage in acts of criminal or civil disobedience as outlined by the laws of Canada, for example, theft, vandalism (graffiti), assault, etc.
8. Actions and behaviours that jeopardize the safety of the participant or the group will not be tolerated.

Release From Liability

I agree that neither the Nova Scotia Choral Federation ("Federation") nor the United Church Camp ("Camp") nor their officers, staff or volunteers shall be held responsible or liable whatsoever for any personal injury, debt or property loss incurred while the above participant attends Sing Summer Camps (Junior, Youth, Adult and Nova Scotia Youth Choir) and its activities.

By signing this release I confirm that I have read, understood and accept all the conditions contained herein. I have also read the code of conduct and agree to comply with the above while participating in events/activities. I further understand that any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in my being asked to leave the program at my own expense and that no portion of fees is refundable.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Adult Choir Camp Registration and Fee Structure

Register on or by April 1 to take advantage of our early bird registration discount. Please register early to secure a space.

Campers whose fees are not paid in full by July 3 may be removed from the camp list if there are others on a waiting list. When registering after July 3 the full fee must accompany your application. Registrations will be accepted campsuntil the program has reached capacity. Your full fee is refundable up until seven days before camp begins. After this date a \$50 administration fee will be charged and a full refund may be considered only for documented medical reasons.

Early Bird Registration deposit is \$75 on or before April 1 a \$25 savings

\$460.00 **Option A** Residential camper fee covers: tuition + room & board + NSCF membership
(Single or shared cabin - may include washroom)

\$430.00 **Option B** Residential camper fee covers: tuition + room & board + NSCF membership
(Dormitory-style single room with shared washrooms)

\$350.00 **Option C** Day Camper Plus fee covers: tuition & meals (includes lunch & supper only) + NSCF membership

\$295.00 **Option D** Day Camper fee covers: tuition + NSCF membership (does not include meals or accommodations)

You have two options: Register before July 3 with a \$100 deposit, balance due by July 3, **or** register after July 3 with full the fee.

Note: We encourage you to register early to guarantee a spot.

\$75 Early Bird Registration deposit on or before April 1 a \$25 savings

\$100.00 **deposit** after April 1 and I owe you final payment **due July 3, 2009**

Full payment enclosed (if registering on before April first deduct \$25 from the amount)

Accommodations

If you have special needs or preferences for accommodations, please contact the office as early as possible and we will do our best to fulfill your request. Option A allows you to use a cabin or suite, which you may share or not—it's up to you. There are a limited number of cabins with washrooms available on a 'first come, first served' basis.

I select option A and would like to share accommodations with _____

Please do not fill out - For Office use only

Receipt _____ Paid _____ Balance Due _____ Receipt _____ Paid _____ Balance Due _____

Receipt _____ Bursary Paid _____ from _____

