



Sing Summer 2011- Junior Choir Camp – Camper/Parent Info

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Summer is here so 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 or 1-888-672-3969.

STAFF

Musical Director	Karen Newhook-MacDonald
Assistant Musical Director	Michael MacDonald
Accompanist	Ed Enman
Camp Director	Erin Gaudet
Drama	Josh Noiles
Arts and Crafts	Terry Skidgmore

REGISTRATION, SUNDAY, JULY 14th

1. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. It would be much appreciated if you **did not arrive too early**, as we need all the time until 3:00 p.m. to prepare for registration. (Plus you end up standing in a huge long line anyway!)
2. 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. Camp T-shirts will be provided for all campers and will be distributed on the first full day of camp, not at registration.
5. 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 morning and evening snacks available each day. 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.

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7. **Please do not send a cell phone or other electric devices to camp!!!** There will be lots of activities to keep children busy and happy. 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 as we often have a collection of disposable cameras at the end of camp each year.

CLOSING CONCERT – SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th

Please note that the **closing concert begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday**. It would be very much appreciated if you did not arrive too early although **you are welcome to stay and attend our Youth Choir Camp Concert which will run from 2:30 – 3:30**. 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.

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 often 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. We recommend that you mail them a week before the start of camp and clearly mark "JCC" and your child's name on the envelope. You may also leave some letters with your child's Counsellor to be handed out through the week. Please do include a return address in case the letter doesn't make it to camp and needs to be returned. The Camp mailing address and phone number are listed below. You can also contact the NSCF office Monday – Friday 9-5 to have a message relayed to camp.

Berwick United Church Camp
General Delivery
Berwick, NS B0P 1E0
902-538-9380 (voice mail)
902-538-7258 (kitchen)

THINGS TO BE DONE NOW

1. Read the enclosed information and enjoy.
2. Balance of fees is due so please forward any outstanding payment.
3. Contact the Nova Scotia Choral Federation office if you have any questions. We can be reached at 423-4688 or toll free in NS and PE at 1-888-672-3969 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 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 mean time, don't hesitate to give us a call at the numbers above.

Sincerely,

Heather Fraser
Program Director, NSCF