



TXST CHOIR CAMP

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP HANDBOOK

June 30 - July 3, 2024

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TYPICAL DAY

Each day begins early and ends late. Classes, which are 75-90 minutes in length, begin at 8:00am. These classes alternate between full rehearsals and sectional rehearsals, along with some diction and vocal technique sessions. In between some of these classes are “Camp Chats” – a fun time where the camp counselors and staff perform a host of crazy skits, songs, and activities.

Evenings include rehearsals and social time. Two of the events that have been popular are the annual Texas State Choir Camp Talent Show and the dance. Our meals will be prepared by the Chartwell’s catering service. **If your camper has dietary restrictions (vegan, gluten-free, vegetarian, etc.), please indicate on your registration and notify Chartwell’s catering service on campus at 512-245-9930.** Our first meal together will be **dinner** on Sunday, June 30th. Our final meal will be **breakfast** on Wednesday, July 3rd.

Please be sure to read this material carefully. Part of the success of the Texas State Choir Camp has been the good supervision and great activities. Campers who break the behavior rules or controlled substance policy will be punished by restriction of activity or by being expelled from camp. Your support of these discipline procedures is greatly appreciated.

WHAT TO DO THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP

Residential campers **AND** commuters should check-in at **Butler Hall** between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024. **Butler Hall** is located at **500 N. Edward Gary St. San Marcos, TX 78666**. Please read the parking information below.

Follow this link to view Campus Maps:

<https://map.concept3d.com/?id=308#!ct/60157,51362,49975,19956,19954,19314,18453?s/>

All campers should eat lunch before the opening ceremonies in the Performing Arts Center in the Harrison Theater at 12:45 PM. Opening ceremonies will start promptly at 1:00 PM

Parking - All parents should park in the Edward Gary Parking Garage and then walk to the dorm for registration. This parking information is for Registration AS WELL AS the final concert on July 3rd. Please note, there is a fee for this lot and may cost \$3-\$14 depending on the duration of your stay. You may be able to find street parking on the town square with no fee, but there is a 2 hour limit.

Commuters – Stop by Butler Hall to get your Campus Parking Permit, Counselors will then guide you to the proper parking lot. We ask that all commuters be at the Tower Parking Garage, ready to join camp, at 7:45 AM on all camp days AFTER the first day of camp. We will have a counselor there to greet you each morning. All commuters should walk as a group to the Performing Arts Center every morning, the walking group will leave at 7:55 AM. You are responsible for your own breakfast each day. The following meals are provided in your Commuter tuition: Dinner (6/30), Lunch and Dinner (7/1), and Lunch and Dinner (7/2). If you have any questions regarding Commuter meal plans you may email us at choircamp@txstate.edu.

Disclaimer: Texas State University and Texas State Choir Camp are not responsible for any traffic or parking fees.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- o Neat, casual, modest, hot-weather attire (*clothing should cover the midriff area and fit properly*)
- o Comfortable shoes (*this is a very walking heavy campus with a lot of stairs*)
- o RIVER DAY LIST
- o Commuters attending the pizza party should bring a suitable change of clothing and a small bag for their belongings.
- o Toiletries (*shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, etc.*)
- o Sunscreen
- o Towels, washcloths, shower caddy, **shower shoes** (*we will be staying in community baths*)
- o Dorm room bedding (*Twin bed: pillows, blankets, sheets, etc.*)
- o Cell phone (*Dorms do not have phones.*)
- o Hangers (*if you like to hang your clothes*)
- o Water bottle
- o Umbrella/Rain Jacket
- o Healthy snacks
- o Alarm clock
- o Pencil
- o All-State Music Packet (*Only if you did purchase your music on the registration website*)
- o Extra cash for incidental expenses such as vending machines, and supplemental snacks. The parent should decide the appropriate amount to send with the camper.
- o Optional recreational items such as cameras, playing cards, board games.

**NOTE: Dorms do not provide bedding or toiletries.

River Day List

- o Swimsuits UNDER clothing (shorts/t-shirt/tank top) when on regular university grounds
- o Rash guard, swim shirt or board shorts
- o Shorts or swim trunks, Rash Guard Swim Shirt (again not skin tight and LCS Dress Code Standards apply).
- o Hat/sun visor
- o Sunscreen
- o Extra towel or beach blanket
- o Sunglasses
- o Water shoes, flip flops (regular shoes can be worn, just be mindful to dry your feet before putting them back on if you plan on going in the river)

Please remember that the 3 finger rule for tank tops as well as the length rule applies to any/all clothing worn). Appropriate swimwear is required. Revealing or transparent clothing are not permitted. We reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of swimwear. If a question or concern arises, we will call the parent/guardian

THEMED DAYS: Read so you know what to pack!

>Day 1= *Rep your school!* Wear your school choir shirt & REP YOUR CHOIR!

>Day 2=*Section Wars!* Wear the color of your section.

Sopranos=Pink Altos=Yellow Tenors= Green Basses=Blue

>Day 3= *Barbie and Ken!* Dress as your favorite Barbie or Ken.

>Day 4= *CAMP SHIRT!* It's concert day, so wear your camp shirt!

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

The High School camp culminates with a final concert in Patti Strickel Harrison Theatre in the Performing Arts Center on the final morning of camp. All campers must participate in the final performance. If for some reason your camper needs to leave early, you may email us to coordinate a check out time.

Tentative starting time for the Concert Schedule for Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024 is 11:00 am for Small School and 12: 30 p.m. for Large School.

DORM CHECKOUT SCHEDULE

*Wednesday, July 3rd 2024 at **Butler Hall** before breakfast.*

All campers must check out of their rooms Wednesday morning (with a counselor inspection) prior to the final concerts. Parents may pick up their camper (and collect their belongings) at the conclusion of the performance at Butler Hall. Campers may store their luggage in a secured area at the **dorm (Butler Hall)** until the end of the concert. Luggage must be removed from the storage area within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the final concert of the day.

DORMITORIES AND MEALS

Camp participants will be housed in dormitories on the Texas State campus. For all youth camps, roommates will be assigned unless a participant designates a roommate on the registration form. We cannot guarantee all campers will be roomed with the individual they request; however, we do our best to honor all requests. Our Dorm Rooms accommodate TWO campers. Staff will oversee students while in the dormitories, and participants will be required to be in rooms at designated times.

Meals are provided and offer a wide array of food choices for each meal of the day. All meals will be scheduled at regular times throughout the day. On occasion, students will participate in extra meals such as pizza parties or cookouts. Vending machines are available in most buildings outside of scheduled meals, though we recommend bringing your own snacks.

Please schedule your arrivals and departures to coordinate with camp start and end times. We are unable to host students prior to and following the scheduled camp dates.

For more information about dormitory housing during Texas State Choir Camp 2024, contact our Camp Administrators at choircamp@txstate.edu

STAFF

Assembled for their talent, teaching ability, dedication, and enthusiasm for music, distinguished music professionals participate in Texas State Choir Camp each summer. They include Texas State professors, middle school and high school teachers, master class, elective and lesson teachers, administrators, and undergraduate and graduate students who serve as counselors and mentors. Together, their knowledge and experience support an extraordinary educational opportunity where campers build confidence and develop good habits and attitudes that shape their future. Dr. Thomas Rinn is the Director of the High School/All-State Prep. Camp.

DIRECTIONS TO SAN MARCOS

FROM I-35 NORTH OR SOUTH:

1. Proceed to San Marcos via IH-35. Take the Aquarena Springs Drive exit (exit 206).
2. Drive west toward downtown San Marcos. You will pass the football stadium and Strahan Coliseum.
3. Immediately after the coliseum, you will cross the bridge and come to a stop light. At that light, continue through this light and merge to the right lane. (**Aquarena Springs becomes University Drive**)
4. Follow University Drive as it forks to the right. (A red circular building will be on your right.)
5. At the first light, turn right onto **Edward Gary**, and U-turn to the left to access the Edward Gary Parking Garage.
6. Once you have parked in the Parking Garage, proceed toward the assigned dormitory.

FROM I-10 NORTH OR SOUTH:

1. Take I-10 to the Rt. 80 Luling exit.
2. Follow Rt. 80 to San Marcos (about 20 miles).
3. Once in San Marcos, turn right at the light that is after the HEB, **Charles Austin Drive**.
4. Proceed to the next light and turn left onto **Aquarena Springs (University Drive)**.
5. Follow steps 3-6 from previous instructions at this point.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION **HIGH SCHOOL/ALL-STATE PREP CAMP**

CAMP DATES AND PRICES

High School Choir Camp

June 30-July 3, 2024

Registration deadline for TSCC '24 is June 23, 2024.

- \$375 for residential campers
- \$275 for day-campers (commuters)

Discounts (all discounts will be applied to the final payment)

- School groups of 10+ : \$50
- '23 All-State Choir Members : \$50

Parents are financially responsible for any and all damages caused by the camper on Texas State University property, including, but not limited to Texas State School of Music facilities and dormitory facilities.

- Lost room key fee (to be collected at time of loss) **\$50**
- Property damage (where applicable) Case-by-case Determination

REGISTRATION

Camp registration will take place on Sunday, June 30th, 2024 from 8:00am until 12:00pm in **Butler Hall**. You may want to visit the University website for a map of the campus, www.maps.txstate.edu. The amount of time you will spend in the registration line depends upon your prompt attention to the camp registration checklist. **Please be sure to complete ALL ONLINE FORMS, if it has not already been done. The link to these forms were emailed to you following the online registration of your camper. You can also expedite your registration process by printing, completing, and bringing the physical medical and liability forms required by the university to your in-person registration.** If you have any questions, you can email us at choircamp@txstate.edu.

Immediately after your in-person registration, you will be asked to move into your room. After you have registered, and checked into your room, you will be on your own for lunch. Please be sure to either pack a lunch or bring money to buy lunch locally. The first session begins promptly at 1:00PM in the Performing Arts Center. If you must register late on Sunday, June 30th or leave camp earlier than noon on Wednesday, July 3rd, please contact the Choir Camp Office to make the required arrangements.

REGISTRATION CHECK-LIST

1. Complete and return camp registration form and make payments by the registration deadline. **All payments should be made online via the registration website. If for some reason you are unable to use the online portal, you may email us at choircamp@txstate.edu.**
2. Read through the information in the camp handbook.
3. Fill out, sign, and return the online forms at least two weeks before camp begins.
4. Print and prepare both physical forms required by the University (Authorization for Medical Treatment for Minors & Minor's Participation Release) Make sure the required parent signature is present on the back of all physical forms.
5. If you plan to audition for the talent show, have your materials ready and be prepared to sign up for an audition time at registration.

REFUND POLICY

Requests for refunds will be accepted in written form, via email, until 1:00pm, June 30, 2024. Beyond this date, we are unable to process refund requests. Please note that the \$100 deposit is non-refundable. Written refund requests received between June 24, 2024 and July 30, 2024 will also incur any fees associated with room and board. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the processing of refund requests following the completion of the camp.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

Camp Office: (512) 387-1235. This phone will be transferred to the staff administrator on call from 11:00pm to 7:00am.

Your child will be active from 7:30am until 11:00pm. During this time, the camp office phone will be answered by a member of our camp staff. Please note that there are some activities that involve all of our staff. During these times, leave a message on our answering machine. In most cases, finding your child

may take a few minutes because we rehearse in various locations during camp. We will do everything we can to get your message to your camper as soon as possible.

Please discuss with your child how they can best contact you. Cell phones are allowed but must be silent during rehearsals. Also, please be sure arrangements are made in advance for your child's transportation home at the conclusion of camp.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

For both Registration and the final concert, Parents/Guardians should park in the Edward Gary Parking Garage. Please note, there is a fee for this lot and may cost \$3-\$14 depending on the duration of your stay. You may be able to find street parking on the town square with no fee, but there is a 2 hour limit.

Additional Information

EMERGENCY DEPARTURES

Campers may not leave camp for any reason (including visiting the home of relatives or friends).

If a camper must leave camp early due to medical or family emergency, the parent or legal guardian must contact the camp administrator or coordinator to sign the camper out.

INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE

Parents should provide health insurance for campers. Campers who require medical attention will be accompanied to the Student Health Center by a camp administrator or counselor. Medical costs incurred for treatment at the Student Health Center will be the responsibility of the parents or guardian of the individual treated. Please note that other medical facilities may be involved if injury or illness occurs outside of Student Health Center hours of operation. The Student Health Center only operates during the day, not overnight or on weekends. Hours of operation include Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m and Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

If any camper is seriously ill or injured, it is the policy of the Health Center that the doctor on the case will contact the parents. Individuals with potentially serious or life-threatening conditions will be taken directly to a hospital emergency room. Parental notification of minor injuries and illnesses is left to the discretion of the camper. Please discuss with your child your expectations regarding communication of such information. Texas State University cannot be responsible for or held liable for the administration of medication to campers. The camper must be able to self-administer his/her own medication.

Required submission of health status and medical release forms are addressed in the enrollment process. Consent for Treatment of a Minor is required by Student Health Services to render medical treatment except in life-threatening situations.

ACCESSIBILITY

If a camper requires special accommodations, please contact the camp office before registering and we will work to verify that we will be able to adequately meet your expectations.

TALENT SHOW

The Annual Texas State Choir Camp Talent Show will be on the second evening of camp. Do you have a talent you would like to share with others at the Talent Show? Singing? Dancing? Duet? Trios? SIGN UP TO AUDITION! Be sure to bring whatever music, props, costumes, etc. you need for your performance. *If you plan to use a karaoke track be sure to BRING THE EXACT mp3 or online link you plan to use.* Auditions for the show will be held on the first day of camp, and you can ***sign up at registration.***

TEXAS STATE CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to provide a fun and safe environment, all campers are required to abide by the following rules and expectations while participating in the Texas State Choir Camp.

During your stay at Choir Camp, we want you to have the best experience possible. The coordinators have developed the following dress code to assure that no one will feel offended or uncomfortable during his or her stay.

If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change. By planning ahead and packing appropriately, you will save yourself the inconvenience of having to change and you will be contributing to a pleasant camp atmosphere.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending the camp, including staff, counselors, and chaperones.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending the camp, including staff, counselors, and chaperones.

- Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate to choral music events
- Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
- Excessively baggy or tight clothing, and clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
- Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube-tops are prohibited.
- Air conditioners keep the classrooms at Texas State University quite chilly in the summer, so you may want to bring a lighter sweater or sweatshirt.

- Students are expected and required to follow all directions given by any faculty or staff member.
- We care about your safety and about our facilities. With this in mind, no horseplay, bullying, hazing or participation in dangerous games or activities will be allowed.
- In the unlikely event that there is an incident that represents inappropriate behavior, it should be immediately reported to a counselor or staff member.
- Students may not leave campus without authorization from a staff member. Residential campers must stay in the dormitory once evening activities have concluded.
- Students are expected to show consideration for others. Voices, music, and other noises should be kept at a reasonable volume.
- The use of alcohol and other controlled substances is not permitted. All medications must be given to the camp medical coordinator upon check-in.
- Weapons of any kind are not allowed. These include, but are not limited to: guns, pocket knives, razor blades, etc.
- Students are responsible for keeping their rooms clean and for keeping all the fixtures and furniture in their room and bathroom in good condition. Charges will be assessed for:
 - damages to room equipment or the building
 - unauthorized use of rooms, equipment or building
 - alterations of any room equipment and/or building facilities
 - special cleaning necessitated by improper or unreasonable care of room
 - lost key/lock charge is \$202.50 each
- Practicing any musical instruments is not allowed in the dorm after 10pm.
- Dormitory floors will be separated by gender. Members of the opposite sex are not allowed on each other's floors or in each other's rooms at any time.
- No one will be allowed in the dorms during the day unless accompanied by a counselor.
- Students may bring personal electronics, including a phone, television, or game system for their rooms. However, students may not bring any cooking devices for use in their rooms. Texas State Choir Camp cannot be responsible for any loss of personal property. Violation of any of these rules may result in immediate dismissal from camp without possibility of a refund. This will be left to the discretion of the Camp Director.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, the Texas State Choir Camp Staff is committed to keeping everyone safe. Please read the following procedures that detail steps outlined by the University.

Fire

- Activate the nearest fire alarm.
- Call 911.
- Notify occupants and help those in the immediate area who may need assistance.
- If the fire is small and you have the training, use a proper fire extinguisher to combat the fire.
- Do not endanger yourself or others by trying to extinguish a large, well-developed fire.
- Evacuate the building by the nearest exit.
- Confine the fire by closing, but not locking, as many doors as possible behind you as you exit.
- Do not re-enter the building until permitted to do so by emergency personnel.
- If you are above the ground floor and fire or smoke has restricted the exit routes, remain in the room; place something at the base of the door to prevent the entrance of smoke; call 911 and let them know your location.

Building evacuation procedure:

- Evacuation is mandatory when a fire alarm has been activated.
- Do not use elevators.
- Take personal belongings, such as keys, wallets and purses.
- Close doors as you exit.
- Move people to a safe area away from the building.

Flood

- Wait for instructions from the University Police Department.
- Secure vital equipment, records and hazardous materials.
- Shut off nonessential electrical equipment.
- Move to a safe area.
- Do not return to the building until instructed to do so by the University Police Department.
- Never drive a vehicle through a low water crossing.
- Call Facilities for assistance with flood clean-up.
- If you need emergency shelter, contact the University Police Department for information

Tornado

- Move to interior of structure.
- Stay away from windows.
- Shelter in smaller rooms if able.
- Sit or kneel next to walls.
- Do not leave shelter unless instructed to do so.

Medical Emergencies

- If the injury or illness is severe or life-threatening, call 911.
- Avoid leaving the injured or ill person, except to get help.
- Follow instructions from the 911 dispatcher.
- Do not move the person unless in danger.
- Give first aid or CPR if trained.
- If you are exposed to another person's bodily fluids, inform the medical personnel or police when they arrive.

More information on Texas State University Emergency Procedures can be found at <https://www.police.txst.edu/campus-safety/emergency-procedures.html>

Viral Infection Protocol for 2024 Summer Camps

Respiratory or gastrointestinal viral illnesses include COVID-19, influenza, RSV, Norovirus, and other viruses. These illnesses continue to circulate in our communities and positive cases may be reported during a university sponsored summer camp. The following guidelines are provided to assist summer camp operators in addressing viral illnesses during their camp:

A. WHEN A CAMP PARTICIPANT OR STAFF DEVELOP SYMPTOMS SUSPICIOUS FOR VIRAL ILLNESS such as sore throat, runny nose, cough, headache, body aches, fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$), vomiting, or diarrhea, the person should be isolated and asked to wear a face mask. Arrangements should be made for medical evaluation if written consent is available. For minors with no existing consent for medical treatment, camp personnel should contact their parent/guardian for consent or to arrange for the participant's return home. An appointment can be scheduled at the Student Health Center for medical evaluation and testing of participants 12 or older by calling 512-245-2161.

B: When ONE POSITIVE CASE OF VIRAL ILLNESS is reported during a summer camp, the following actions are recommended:

Isolate the infected person and ask them to wear a face mask (if there is fever or respiratory symptoms) when around others.

Infected persons should wash hands frequently and follow the CDC guidelines for respiratory viruses (About Preventing Spread of Respiratory Viruses When You're Sick | Respiratory Illnesses | CDC).

Program staff must implement a plan for monitoring the health status of a minor while waiting for their parent/guardian to pick them up. Written consent should be obtained via text or email for administering Advil or Tylenol for fever, headache, or muscle aches if there is no written consent already in place; a medication log documenting any medication administered, dose, date, time, and person administering must be kept.

The program operator should notify program participants that a viral illness has been reported and advise them to monitor for symptoms of illness; anyone who develops symptoms of illness should immediately notify camp personnel.

Programs with minors should also notify parents/guardians of the positive case report and plans to monitor for additional cases.

Program operators are reminded that face masks and testing cannot be required—only strongly recommended. Program operators with questions not addressed by the guidelines may contact Dr. Doss at University Health Services to discuss. The Student Health Center has surgical masks and COVID-19 rapid antigen tests in stock should a program need

CONTACT US

****NOTE:** Our Camp Office phone number will only be active June 30-July 3, 2024**

Before & After Camp: You are welcome to contact us with any questions, comments, and/or concerns via email.

During Camp: Our regular hours for the Camp Office will be 7am-11pm each day. You may email or call us any time. Please consider our busy schedule when calling the office. If we do not answer your call immediately, leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Emergency Contact: Our emergency office hours will be 11pm-7am each night. If you must contact us or your students within these hours, you may call the office phone number. Keep in mind, our administrators will treat every phone call within these hours as an emergency and must document them properly. If it is not emergent, you may email us and we will get back to you as soon as possible the next morning.

Lost and Found: At the conclusion of camp all lost items are taken to the Texas State School of Music front office. Please call 512.245.3377 or email me cg09@txstate.edu to claim item(s) and arrange a pickup date. We do not send back lost items via usps.

Email: choircamp@txstate.edu

Camp Office Phone #: (512) 387-1235