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QUARTET AND CHORUS COMPETITION INFORMATION PACKET #1

For Immediate Release – January, 2024!

Are you ready to catch some waves?

We have what you need to hang ten, ring some chords, and float away this year

in Springfield. Enclosed in this packet is information that you will need to prepare for this year's convention. Please read carefully, observe all deadlines, and contact us if you have any questions.

Contest Logistics/Information:

Patti Lavernoich
Chair of the Regional Convention
203-597-7237, PattiLavo@Gmail.com

Hotel Facilities/AE Tickets/Show of Champions:

Christine Bulgini
Events Coordinator
802-478-4801, cbulgini@gmail.com

Included in this packet are:



Competition Entry Deadlines and Information
Official Judging Panel
Tentative Schedule of Events
Hotel Room Booking Information
AE Ticket Purchase Information for BSC

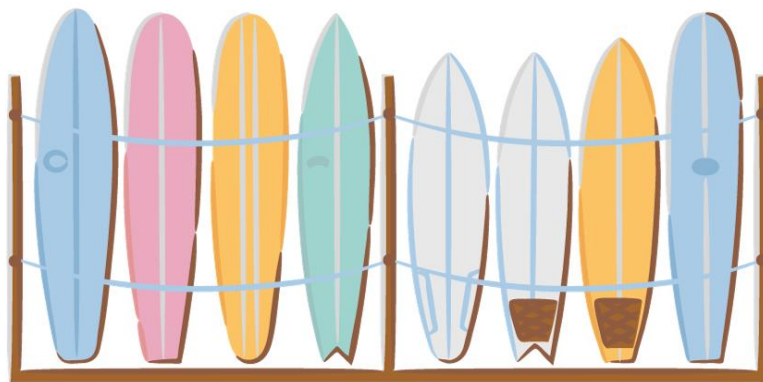


The next packet will include the order of appearance, photo and video order information, rehearsal schedule/room assignments, contest pattern, detailed schedule, and additional instructions.

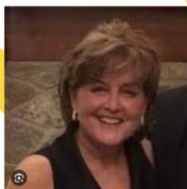


All chapter dues, SAI per capita and regional assessment fees for competing members must be up to date by **April 5, 2024**. Members not up to date will not be eligible to compete.

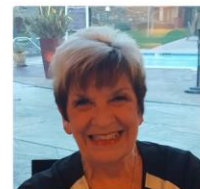
All Events and Hotel Reservation Deadlines: (see details on following pages)
BSC All Events Badge w/fee – Tuesday, March 12th
Hotel Reservations (via on-line link): April 5th (but suggest booking ASAP)



Please welcome our Judging Panel!



Donna Halley
Visual Communication



Sharon Carlson
Music



Beth Smith
Sound



Panel Chair
Vickie Maybury
Expression



Diane Brilz
Panel Secretary

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday

9:30 am - Official Inspection by Judging Panel

The judges will test the lighting and sound. They will use the Mic Testing Quartet, and they will also need a Mic Testing Chorus. All members are welcome to attend and participate in this process!

10:30 am – Joint Competitor Briefing

- Chorus Presidents/TCs and Directors please arrange to attend and bring your List of Competing Members.
- Quartets, you may bring Love Gifts for the other competitors. Last year's Champion Quartet, Saffron, will supply collection bags!
- Final confirmation of song information must be provided at this time. Other changes not communicated may result in disqualification.

3:00 pm - Quartet Contest

Doors will open at 2:00 pm

After Quartet Contest – (exact time TBD)

BSC rehearsal – location TBD

Saturday



8:00 am to 1:00 pm – Chorus Rehearsals

Choruses will have assigned rehearsal times and rooms (indicated in the second packet)

1:00 pm - Chorus Contest

Doors will open at Noon

TBD pm – BSC Dinner

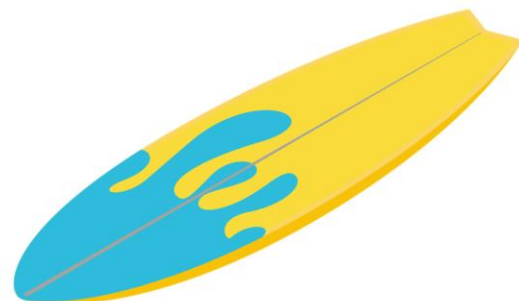
8:30 pm - Show of Champions

Doors will open at 7:30 pm

Sunday

9:30-10:30 am – Chat with the Judges

Open to Frontline Directors, Competing Quartets, RMT and Competition Committee



BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM

Deadline: April 5th **

Hotel Information:

Sheraton Hotel, One Monarch Place
Springfield, MA 01144 / Phone: 413-781-1010

Check-in/out: 3:00pm / 12pm

Hotel Rate: \$187.00 (includes taxes and fees.)

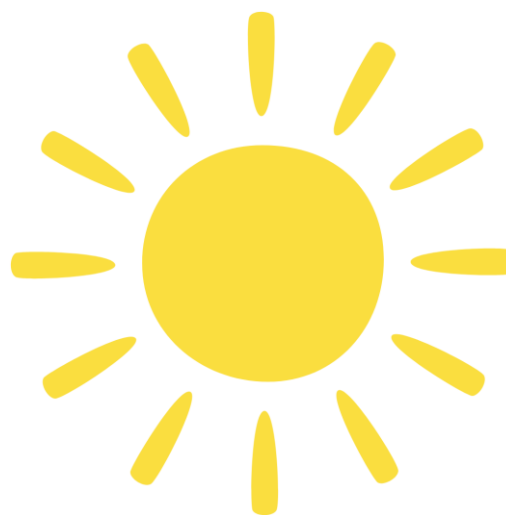
Rollaway: \$15.00

WiFi: Free

Refrigerator: All rooms have refrigerators!

Parking: \$19.95 per night

Cancellation policy - hotel requires 48 hours notice



Region 1 Housing Coordinator:

Barbara Bengtson - 860-944-1597 rbbengtson@comcast.net

PROCESS FOR BOOKING ROOMS - ALL ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED ONLINE -

**** Suggest that you book your room ASAP; last year they ran out of rooms****

Assign a Room Captain

The Room Captain should book the room with her credit card either [through this secure link](#) OR by calling the hotel directly. If you reserve over the phone, call 800-325-3535 or 413-781-1010 and tell them you are with the Sweet Adelines May 2024 event. PLEASE BE AWARE IF YOU CALL, YOU MAY BE DIRECTED TO A REMOTE CALL CENTER. IT IS BEST TO BOOK YOUR ROOM ONLINE.

Here are basic steps for secure, online reservations:

- **[Click here to book your room.](#)**
- **Do not click more than 2 guests per room**, as it will add a fee that does not apply to Sweet Adelines. You are still allowed 4 guests in a room! Click on check-in date and on check-out date for # of nights staying.
- **Rollaways must be requested in advance!** If needed, please request it in your online booking!
- **Make a note of your Confirmation number.**
- **Each Room Captain should then email Marian McDermott (marmarmcd@hotmail.com) for BSC, and Barbara Bengtson (rbbengtson@comcast.net) for the Region, your Confirmation number along with each name of the roommate(s).** This way we can ensure that the hotel has the proper room groupings and make for a smoother check-in process.
- **Special requests:** If you have a special request, most can be requested through the [online reservation portal](#). If you have something additional, please provide your confirmation number(s) to Barbara and email her your request. *No guarantees, but every effort will be made!*
- **COMPETING QUARTETS ONLY:** Connecting rooms may be requested. If none are available, we will try to assign you side-by-side rooms. Provide Barbara Bengtson w/each confirmation number and Quartet name.

Upon check-in, each person in the room will need to present a credit card and will be responsible for their own incidentals, such as room service.

DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY expecting that your room will be ready. **Check in is not until 3:00PM!** If you must arrive early, you may store your luggage in the luggage room in the lobby.

DUE TO ROOM CONFIGURATION AND AVAILABILITY, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT CHORUSES WILL BE GROUPED ON THE SAME FLOOR

ALL EVENTS BADGES

All Events Badges are required for each competitor.

All Events Badge Order Deadline for Boston Skyline Chorus is Tuesday, March 12th in order to prepare the final list and submit it to the Region by the March 15th deadline.

Chorus members MUST purchase an All Events Badge through the chorus. In most cases the fee is \$70 (see below). Checks for \$70, as applicable, should be payable to BSC and given to Marian McDermott or by Zelle at bostonskylinesai@outlook.com; if Venmo, pay \$71.40 @[bostonskylinechorus](https://www.venmo.com/bostonskylinechorus). Please do not combine this payment with other payments to the chorus.

Badge delivery and timing:

- All Events badges will be mailed to choruses 3-4 weeks prior to competition.
- **BADGE HANDLING** – After the chorus Event Coordinator checks the badges, they should be handed individually to registrants. Registrants are to put their badge in their wallet so they will not forget it.
- **ALL EVENT BADGE CORRECTIONS** – If a badge is incorrect, please notify the chorus Event Coordinator immediately and the Regional coordinator will be notified. If she is notified up to two weeks prior to contest, she will mail the correct badge AFTER receiving the incorrect badge in the mail. Within two weeks of contest, Marcella will bring the corrected badge to contest, and it may be picked up at the ticket table. The incorrect badge **MUST BE** surrendered in order to pick up the new badge.
- Members should be reminded to pack their All-Event ticket (badge). For anyone not in costume, tickets will be checked before entering the contest venue to watch all events. Forgotten or lost tickets may be replaced at the ticket table for a late fee of \$75.00.
- Plastic badge holders will be available at the ticket table.

Single Event tickets are available only to non-competing Sweet Adelines and non-members, and are available only at the door for each event. **No single event tickets are being sold in advance.**

Pricing for 2024 Contest

<u>Pre-contest Registration</u>		<u>Ticket Prices at the door</u>	<u>AE</u>	<u>Single Event</u>
Members: Adult	\$70	Adults, Non-competing, members and non-members	\$75	\$40
Members: Youth (age 6-25)	\$30	Non-members, Youth age 6-25	\$35	\$15
Members: Adult late registration	\$75	Late registration or lost badge	\$75	N/A
Members: 50+ years	\$35	Non-competing members, 50+ years	\$40	\$20
Members celebrating 50 years in 2024	FREE	Non-competing members celebrating 50 years in 2024, and youth under age 6	FREE	FREE

All Events Badges are TRANSFERABLE for the event only, but not for competitors
(Please refer back to competition registration page!)

All Events Badges are NON-REFUNDABLE.

