

## Virginia Baptist Music and Worship Arts Camp

Notes and Suggestions for First-Timers

And Reminders for Returning Leaders!

Summer Music & Worship Arts Camp has been a wonderful experience for thousands of children and youth in Virginia over the past 40 years. We are thrilled that you and your group have expressed an interest in finding out more information about our camp. Because we want you and your group to have the best experience possible, this letter is designed just for you with tips and reminders for making the week cost effective as well as a pleasant, enriching, enjoyable and productive one.

As the camp has “aged” and gone through several transitions, it has become quite a confusing process for someone who is coming for the very first time. Summer at Eagle Eyrie had two music weeks for many years: one week for children and another for youth. Because today’s attendance at many camps began to wane, we are now offering a combined camp for older children, middle school teens and a select group of senior high teens.

### *Camp Concept*

The camp is actually 3 camps in one. One camp, (Delta Track) is designed for senior high teens and is more oriented toward those interested in music and worship leadership. The second track (Omega track) is designed for middle schoolers and high school freshmen, and the other track (Alpha track) is designed with older children in mind. The grade levels for each camp are based on the school grade which has been completed. Directors may choose which camp their 6<sup>th</sup> graders attend. Because we have churches and localities that group 6<sup>th</sup> graders differently, there is no mention of grade levels at all by the leadership. The Alpha Track is primarily made of those who have completed Grades 4-5, with a few churches adding their 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the group. The Omega Track is primarily made of those who have completed Grades 6-9. A recent addition is the Delta Track. Campers in grades 10 – 12 may apply to be included in this track. Applications are available through the website.

Each track is totally separate from the other. The tracks are together only for the Monday evening worship, Morning Celebrations, Evening Features and the Thursday evening/Friday morning final program. A camper may not attend classes in two tracks because the daily schedule for each track is slightly different. Each camper is expected to fully participate in the mass choir and attend their special interest classes every day. The camp is designed as a music camp, and those who do not enjoy musical activities should find a camp that is more geared to their interests. The Alpha group has 2 choir periods daily, a period in the 2019 camp for special musical “challenges” plus worship and 2 different special interest classes. The Omega group also has 2 choir periods daily, along with worship, and 3 different special interest classes. The special interest classes include ones for those who play a musical instrument. We encourage campers to bring their instruments and join in! Please see the information below regarding additional special interest classes and their selection. Churches have found that it is best to have at least one counselor that supervises children in each track. Counselors need to make sure their campers are in class during each period and at least one counselor from each church is expected to sit and participate with their campers in worship and to attend the mass choir rehearsals with their campers.

## *Cost*

The cost for the camp is composed of several fees. Each attendee must pay:

**\$90 program fee** – (for registrations received **through June 30**)

**\$100 program fee** – (for registrations received **July 1 and after**) - includes choir music, camp T-shirt, and basic camp costs

**\$39 Eagle Eyrie Services & Facilities fee** (double check this amount with Eagle Eyrie)

Cost of meals and lodging to be determined by each church, in consultation with Eagle Eyrie – see below.

Chaperones are asked to pay the same camp fee as the campers. They will receive their choice of choir music from one of the tracks as well as a T-shirt. Music from the other track may be purchased separately if you wish. The remainder of the camp fee for both campers and counselors is used to offset a portion of the cost for putting on the camp. The total cost for last summer's camp was well over \$10,000. Costs include monies for transportation of our choir directors, and honorariums and/or reimbursements for directors and teachers and camp supplies.

In the event of cancellations, please contact Eagle Eyrie AND the Office of Worship and Church Music Ministries. There will be a 100% refund of paid program fees *if notified by June 14*; 50% refund of paid program fees *if notified by June 28*.

No refund of fees *if notified after July 1*. All refunds will be processed *following the conclusion of the camp*.

Also, because of the current economic times we face today, we are offering discounted chaperone program fees, *to be reimbursed after camp*, to chaperones who specify the following criteria when submitting their registration:

**\$10 discount – no music**

**\$8 discount – no t-shirt**

## *Other Costs*

### *Meals*

You may choose to fix your own meals if you stay in a lodge (most economical way) or you may eat in the Dining Hall for 1, 2, or 3 meals a day. Many churches opt for fixing 1 or 2 meals a day and eating the other meal(s) in the Dining Hall.

Dining Hall Rates:

Breakfast      \$ 9.00

Lunch            \$10.00

Dinner           \$11.00

Churches who are members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia receive a 10% discount on meal rates which are reflected in the rates above.

***Check with Eagle Eyrie for information regarding their new package rates for churches staying in Eagle Eyrie facilities and eating all meals in the Dining Hall.***

### *Lodging*

You may choose to stay in the Eagle Eyrie Hotel or in a Lodge. The least costly approach to lodging is renting an entire lodge either for your own group, or combining with other groups and renting a lodge together. The rental cost can then be divided among those who participate). Lodge rent varies with the size of the lodge. Most of the lodges have bunk beds with bath and showers. Lodges may be rented with linens included or without linens. Lodge sizes and rates may be requested from Eagle Eyrie.

Churches who are members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia receive a 10% discount on the lodging costs.

Check with Eagle Eyrie for Voight Center rates.

### *Reservation Guidelines*

Lodging and meal reservations, as well as all program fees are paid through Eagle Eyrie:

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center  
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive  
Lynchburg, VA 24503-6380  
(434)384-2211  
FAX: (434)384-1891  
Web: [www.eagleeyrie.org](http://www.eagleeyrie.org)

Reservations for Summer Music & Worship Arts Camp are now being accepted by Eagle Eyrie on a first come, first served basis according to postmark, beginning on **Jan. 1**. Eagle Eyrie requires that reservations be accompanied by a deposit of \$129.00 per person and a completed reservations form. The Services & Facilities fee (\$39 of this deposit) may be transferred to another individual, even though it is not refundable. The reservation form is available from Eagle Eyrie or from our office. Please note that the reservations made with Eagle Eyrie are for lodging and meals only. You will also need to contact our office, or our website for a Leader and Chaperone packet, which has more specific camp information and pre-registration forms for Special Interest Classes.

### *Chaperones and Criminal Background Checks*

As a Kingdom partner, we want to do all that we can do to ensure that we are providing a safe and secure environment for the minors and the intellectually or physically disabled with whom we work and minister to. To help us achieve this goal, ***we now require that each church complete a criminal background check through a reputable company for each youth or adult 18 years or older planning to participate in a BGAV-sponsored event or mission trip.*** Any official background check your church has conducted within the past four years is acceptable.

This process is not intended to question the character of the individual or their value to BGAV. Our sole concern is that we have done all that we can do to assure all involved that we are providing a safe and secure environment for our minors.

Once background checks have been completed for each person, ensuring that all of the requirements have been met, please have a ministerial staff member or church officer complete and sign the certification statement and **return to us three (3) weeks prior to the event (June 27)**. Forms are available on the web site mentioned above. For more information, you may contact Tom Ingram at 804-921-4112.

### *Special Interest Classes*

The campers pre-register for the special interest classes through the Office of Worship and Church Music Ministries. **Registration packets are available online. Campers may register for classes online beginning on May 15. Those who register early have a better opportunity of getting their first choice class preferences. Enrollments in some classes are limited, so early registrations will receive priority.** However, there is a limit on the number of campers from each church who may sign up for a particular class in a specific time period. Classes vary from year to year based on the availability of teachers. This year we expect to offer: ***(This is a TENTATIVE list of classes. An updated list will be available soon on the web site and is subject to enrollment and/or teacher availability.)***

Auditioned Handbells (Omega Only)  
Auditioned Vocal Ensemble (Omega Only)  
Drama  
Drumming  
Guitar  
Handbells  
Instrumental Ensemble (Alpha Only)  
Intermediate Piano  
Interpretive Movement (Alpha Only)  
Introduction to Piano  
Lots of Lyrics

Make It/Give It  
Orchestra/Band (Omega Only)  
Photography  
Puppets  
Sketching  
Stomp  
Travelocity (Alpha Only)  
Ukulele  
Voice  
Watercolor art  
Worship Leading (Omega Only)

### *Talent Show*

There is a combined talent show on Wednesday night for both groups. Those who wish to participate should bring their own costumes, music, accompaniment tapes, etc. ***Those who participate are reminded that this is a Christian camp and that all music and lyrics, movements to songs, etc. should reflect that fact.***

***PLEASE NOTE!*** We have a **camp dress code policy**, so **please review this policy and share it with your campers:**

*Eagle Eyrie is a church- related assembly and everyone attending camp should dress accordingly. We ask that all present adhere to a public school dress code.*

- \* *Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than the fingertips when arms are fully extended down to the sides.*
- \* *Width of straps on tops should be at least one inch, and please avoid halter tops, spaghetti straps, and tube tops.*
- \* *No offensive logos or slogans.*
- \* *Swimsuits should be modest in design.*
- \* *Hats are not to be worn during worship.*

More questions??? Contact Debbie Cobb at [debbie.cobb@bgav.org](mailto:debbie.cobb@bgav.org), Catherine White at [catherine.white.mhbc@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.white.mhbc@gmail.com), or Tom Ingram at (804) 921-4112, or [tom.ingram@bgav.org](mailto:tom.ingram@bgav.org).