

Students should complete all forms, bring them with them, and turn them in, along with Teacher and Minister Forms, at the “Check-In” table at the time of audition.

2012

Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra Applicant's Commitment Form

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra seeks to assemble Christ-like young people and adult leaders to...

- *worship and lead in worship of Almighty God*
- *grow spiritually and musically*
- *experience and present different styles of Christian musical literature*
- *establish a statewide network of Christian peers and mentors*
- *acquaint participants with churches, educational institutions, conferences and other missions of the Southern Baptist Convention*
- *help bring Mississippi and the world to Jesus*

Rehearsal Camp and Tour Guidelines

1. The instructions of the director and counselors are to be respected and obeyed at all times. For example: quiet times required by the choral director; promptness in complying with all activities on the schedule including in-room, lights out, and bed times.
2. The plans that have been made by the MBASYC&O planning committee and host churches will be honored at all times.
3. Our conduct must be above reproach at all times—remembering that we represent not only our families, home churches, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, but the kingdom of God! **Therefore, any indication of an infringement of proper attitude or conduct may result in the offender being sent home at the family's expense.**
4. The possession or use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs is absolutely not allowed.
5. Eating and drinking will be allowed on the chartered bus, but it is YOUR responsibility to make sure that all trash is disposed of properly. There will be trash bags placed throughout the buses for your convenience. Any privilege abused will be lost.
6. Cell phones, MP3, CD players, etc. will be allowed with the following understandings.
 - When in use, they must be used only with earphones. Anyone playing them publicly will lose the privilege of listening.
 - Do not use any personal entertainment devices at any church or concert location.
 - Please respect your host family by not playing them in their homes. You only need to sleep, eat, and be friendly at those times.
7. Texting and cell phones may be used only during private free times. At other times they should be turned **off**.
8. Since each day will be packed full, it is imperative that we each get a good night's rest every night.

9. **General Dress for Rehearsal Camp and Travel.**

- Modest, conservative clothing is appropriate at all times – casual school types in good taste. **SHORTS NO SHORTER THAN YOUR FINGERTIPS** (standing). **No tank tops, no spandex shorts, or transparent clothing for boys or girls. No bare midriffs.**

Shirts must be worn under spaghetti straps.

- **Tattoos, and Piercing:** No tattoos or body piercing at any time during the tour other than one earring in each earlobe, if desired by the young ladies during rehearsal and travel time.

10. **Concert Dress:** The following dress requirements must be observed.

- **Boys:** Navy blue or black jacket, dress khaki slacks, white shirt, black or dark brown smooth leather *dress* shoes (no suede, Nubuck, or Wallabee type shoes), black, brown or navy socks, and **choir tie to be paid for by the student** and received at rehearsal camp.
- **Girls:** The designated choir dress **to be ordered by each female** choir member, dress shoes (black, not sandals- heel and toe in) and natural color hose. (if you have questions, have not ordered or need assistance ordering your dress, please call the CMD for more information)
- **Neat and trimmed hair for boys and girls:** above (cut to a length above, not touching the eyebrows) and out of the eyes. **This must be done prior to arrival at rehearsal camp.**
An open expressive face is important in communicating the message.
- **No jewelry (including watches or rings) may be worn with the specified concert attire.**

11. One of the important facets of this ministry is oneness of spirit and mission. Cliques or sub-groups of any kind (other than the organized Family Groups) are greatly discouraged. They do not contribute to the unity and ministry of the MBASYC&O.

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Catching the vision...

It has been observed that this is more of a mission field than a field trip. Clearly, this is much more than a “just for fun” experience. It is one of serious spiritual significance. Yes, it will be great fun – a never-to-be-forgotten experience, but it will mean work, commitment, dedication, and a real vision for the ministry that is the MBASYC&O. There will not only be musical preparation to make, but spiritual, as well. We must equip ourselves spiritually to meet the challenge of this responsibility. Prayer will be an important part of our daily preparation, both before and during the rehearsal camp and tour. Study of God’s Word will be necessary. Daily fellowship with God will be the key to our spiritual preparedness. Please do not neglect this vital area of your personal preparation.

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I have read and meditated on the Mission Statement, Guidelines, and “Catching the Vision...”

I believe that God is calling me to be a part of this significant ministry, thus, if selected, I agree to wholeheartedly support every facet of this ministry represented by these guidelines and the Mission Statement.

Print student’s name _____

Student Applicant’s Signature _____

Parental Support Signature _____

Date _____