

SHALLOWFORD CHAPEL CHOIR TOUR

CHICAGO 2010

ITINERARY

May 30	rehearsal 3:00 – 6:00 pm
May 31, June 1, 2	rehearsal 9:00am-3:00 pm
June 2 & 3	local evening concerts
June 4	8:00 am family communion service/loading of bus evening concert at Brentwood United Methodist in Nashville, TN exchange with their 100 voice choir, party afterward
June 5	concert in Louisville, KY at Highland Presbyterian
June 6	concert in Crystal Lake, IL at Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian
June 7	spend the day in Chicago – shopping Michigan Ave. lunchtime tour of Chicago Evening concert at Fourth Presbyterian Downtown Chicago
June 8	sightseeing in Chicago for the day/ hotel stay Navy Pier (senior night – no evening concert)
June 9	concert in Auburn, IN or Toledo, OH
June 10	Cedar Point amusement park / hotel stay
June 11	concert at Kanawha United Methodist Church in Charleston, WV
June 12	concert at Providence Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC
June 13	homecoming concert at 4:00 pm SPC banquet following the concert

COST - \$200 per person

\$50 - due March 14

\$150 - due April 25 (with medical form)

Church funds + fundraising efforts cover: bus, accompanist, chaperone hotel rooms

Participant fees cover: hotel (2-3 nights), t-shirt, sightseeing, banquet

How much money should my student bring? \$120 for 10 lunches and 2 dinners, plus more for shopping

TRANSPORTATION

We are using the same charter bus company as has been used in the past. We have avoided long driving times, helping to eliminate driver fatigue. Movies watched on the trip will be approved by all parents.

HOUSING

The low cost of this trip is dependent on churches providing host families for us to stay with. In most cases, we are visiting in churches where we know someone who attends there. The singers are never permitted to stay by themselves in a host home...they are always paired. 2-3 nights will be spent in a hotel, providing a little break from being "on" every minute when staying at host homes.

SAFETY

All singers are required to carry a "Where's Emily" card at all times, so that our youth can reach me at any time. If singers feel uncomfortable at any time, they are to immediately call Emily. Singers will be removed from a host home and attended to.

We require a notarized medical form for all participants, so that we can provide medical care through a doctor or hospital should that become necessary. Parents would be contacted immediately in an emergency situation.

Singers are required to stay in groups of 3 or more. Youth should never be isolated.

If a singer makes poor choices in behavior, resulting in a lack of trust between director and youth, then the youth will have to stay with a chaperone /Emily until trust is gained again. If at any time Emily feels that a singer needs to be sent home, the parent(s) will be contacted and arrangements will be made. Use of alcohol, cigarettes, or drugs will not be tolerated, and will result in the singer being sent home immediately without question. The director and chaperones must keep focus their attention on the group as a whole to ensure the safety of each individual. We anticipate that all of our singers will make us proud and help to keep the group dynamic healthy and strong!

TOUR THEME – LIVING WATERS

There are so many images of water in the bible: baptism, hope, quenching our thirst, cleansing our sins, crossing the river Jordan – heaven, water – as a symbol for trouble, let justice roll down like a mighty stream, peace like a river, etc. We will use all of these water images as a theme in the texts of our songs. This theme was inspired by the work that Shallowford does with the Living Waters project.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Emily Floyd with any questions you might have. We'll have one more meeting to discuss what to wear, what to pack, etc. Singers will then sign a trip agreement, promising to abide by our trip rules.

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