

# Virginia Baptist Music and Worship Arts Camp

## Notes and Suggestions for First-Timers

## And Reminders for Returning Leaders!

*Music and Worship Arts Camp is a powerful opportunity to explore and expand our expressions of worship and to grow closer as a family of faith – joining together to praise God Who created us for relationship!*

Music & Worship Arts Camp has been a wonderful experience for thousands of children and youth in Virginia for more than 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.

### ***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 limited enrollment track. Applications for the Delta Track 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 time for special musical “challenges,” worship, and 2 different special interest classes. The Omega group also has 2 choir periods daily, 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:

**\$99 Program fee** — includes choir music, camp T-shirt, and basic camp costs

**\$52 Eagle Eyrie Services & Facilities fee**

### CAMP PRICING \*:

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| Full Package (Lodging & All Meals) | \$345 per person |
| Lodging Only, No Meals             | \$250 per person |
| Lodge Owner, All Meals             | \$259 per person |
| Lodge Owner, No Meals              | \$155 per person |

\*Additional cost of \$20 per person for bed & bath linens.

Additional cost of \$10 per person for reservations received after June 15.

**Note:** The camp program fee is included in the above pricing\*. **Please contact Eagle Eyrie at 434-384-2211** for information regarding their package rates for lodging and meals, need additional pricing options, or have any questions.

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. 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. There will be a 100% refund of paid program fees *if notified by June 1*; 50% refund of paid program fees *if notified by June 15*.

There will be no refund of fees *if notified after June 15*. All refunds will be processed *following the conclusion of the camp*.

We do offer 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**

Reservations for Music & Worship Arts Camp will be accepted by Eagle Eyrie on a first come, first served basis, beginning on **April 1**. Eagle Eyrie requires that reservations be accompanied by a deposit of \$151.00 per person and a completed reservation form. The Services & Facilities fee (\$52 of this deposit) may be transferred to another individual, even though it is not refundable. Once you have made reservations, you will receive information for chaperones and special interest classes. Eagle Eyrie will send a confirmation to each group for the camp registration. Then, Debbie Cobb will send a Confirmation/Welcome Packet to the Primary Chaperone, including information about the camp and 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 at least three (3) weeks prior**

**to the event (no later than June 15).** Background check forms are available on the website registration page or can be downloaded here: [Background Check Form](#).

### ***Special Interest Classes***

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Primary Chaperone (not individual campers and chaperones) from each church should complete the online registration of ALL campers and chaperones! Printable registration worksheets are available at <https://eagleeyrie.org/mwac-registration/> to duplicate and distribute for campers and chaperones to fill out manually. After they have been collected, the Primary Chaperone should submit the registrations on-line at <https://eagleeyrie.org/mwac-registration/>. Classes are determined by order of receipt. There is a limit on the number of campers per church in each class, and some classes are limited in size. Depending on availability, campers may be able to switch classes on the first day of class. **Please make sure all pertinent blanks are filled in for each camper and that all Alpha campers give us 4 different choices for classes, and all Omega campers give us 4 different choices for Music classes, AND Worship Arts classes.** 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.)*

Audio Tech (Omega)  
Banners (Alpha, Omega)  
Chimes (Alpha)  
Christmas Around the World (Alpha, Omega)  
Drama (Alpha, Omega)  
Drumming (Alpha, Omega)  
Guitar (Omega)  
Instrumental Ensemble (Alpha, Omega)

Interpretive Movement (Alpha)  
Make It/Give It (Alpha, Omega)  
Photography (Alpha, Omega)  
Piano 1 (Alpha, Omega)  
Piano 2 (Omega)  
Voice (Omega)  
Watercolor Art (Omega)

### ***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 Bryant Moxley, Program Director, at [bryantmoxley@wakeforestbaptistchurch.org](mailto:bryantmoxley@wakeforestbaptistchurch.org) or Curtis Doyle, Program Assistant, at [mwac@eagleeyrie.org](mailto:mwac@eagleeyrie.org).