

## **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 students in Virginia for more than 50 years. Because we want you and your group to have the best experience possible, this letter is designed with tips and reminders for making the week cost effective as well as a pleasant, enriching, enjoyable, and productive one.

### ***Camp Concept***

MWAC is actually 3 camps in one. The Delta Track is a leadership track designed for 10th-12th grade students. The Omega Track is designed for 6th-9th grade students, and the Alpha track is designed for 4th-6th grade students. 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.

Each track is totally separate from the other. The tracks are together for 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 and worship arts 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, worship, and 2 different special interest classes. The Omega group also has 2 choir periods daily, worship, and 3 different special interest classes. 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 attend classes and at least one counselor from each church is expected to participate with their campers in worship and choir rehearsals.

## *Cost and Registration Info*

### **CAMP PRICING \*:**

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 **July 7**.

**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 registration cancellations, please contact Eagle Eyrie. There will be a 100% refund of paid program fees **if notified by June 10**; 50% refund of paid program fees **if notified by June 24**. There will be no refund of fees **if notified after June 24**. All refunds will be processed **following the conclusion of the camp**.

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, a Confirmation/Welcome Packet will be sent to the Primary Chaperone, including information about the camp and special interest classes.

## Background Checks

**Regarding all adults and students 18 years of age and older attending Music and Worship Arts Camp:** 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 require that each church complete a criminal background check through a reputable company for each adult or student 18 years or older planning to participate in MWAC. Any official background check your church has conducted within the past four years is acceptable. If any background check comes back with a felony or serious driving issue, please contact Eagle Eyrie to confidentially discuss the issue. Any person found to have criminal convictions related to sexual offenses or felonies related to children will not be permitted to attend. 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 Eagle Eyrie **by July 7.** [Background Check Documents](#)

## Registration and Class Info

**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/> 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/>. 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 and Omega campers give us 4 different choices for classes.** Classes vary from year to year based on the availability of teachers. This year we expect to offer:

Audio Tech (Omega)	Photography (Alpha, Omega)
Banners (Alpha, Omega)	Piano 1 (Alpha, Omega)
Drama (Alpha, Omega)	Piano 2 (Omega)
Drumming (Alpha, Omega)	Psalm 150:6 (Alpha, Omega)
Instrumental Ensemble (Alpha, Omega)	STOMP (Alpha, Omega)
Interpretive Movement (Alpha, Omega)	Ukulele (Alpha, Omega)
Make It/Give It (Alpha, Omega)	Watercolor Art (Alpha, Omega)

## *Additional Information*

- ❖ **The Talent Show will be on Wednesday night with auditions on Tuesday afternoon.** Each act should make arrangements for their own accompaniment. Groups are always especially welcome - skits, stunts, songs, etc.
- ❖ Camp **dress code policy:** *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 (***one-piece or modest two-piece suits, please!***).*
  - \* 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).