

Aberdeen Family Meeting 6/7/18, Covenant Presbyterian 5-6pm

Reminders about why we're going

1. How this is different (performance wise) from our regular season
2. How this is different from a family vacation (your time is not your own, working as a group)
3. What we hope will happen on this tour (for each boy, for MYC)

Reminders about why we're rehearsing this way in July, our goals (be on time/early)

Reminder about summer schedule (check locations), our send-off concert, our final required meeting

- Everything is on website
- Read every email

When will you get the detailed schedule? (When it's set; likely right before we leave)

We'll put up our general performance schedule on our website soon--it's still in draft form (happy to talk individually if you're heading to Scotland and need more details to plan your trip)

5:04-5:06 WE NEED SOME INFO FROM YOU, REMEMBER?

Wardrobe orders are due by tomorrow morning.

- Fill out Google form tonight (try on stuff if needed), need info or we'll guess for you.
- No refunds or exchanges on wardrobe items so please get it right the first time!
- Additional items available to purchase: polos, t-shirt, track jacket and soft-shell jacket. (separate order form).

All other forms are also due tomorrow.

- Need all forms back: write "N/A" on form if no information is needed and return so we know we haven't missed anything
- If you're having trouble with parental consent or other forms, let us know NOW so we can help you work through those issues
- After this meeting: notaries

5:06-5:10 PACKING

Highlight from packing list:

Luggage: size, dimensions, weight (what if it's overweight?)

Laundry

Toiletries

Packing \$\$

electronics

Water bottle

5:10-5:15 TRAVEL DAYS

Keeping your own passport, consent form, prescription drugs on all travel days

Adults in family groups will help

Preparing for travel if it's a first for your son:: Airport, security, etc... How exciting and awesome!

tsa.gov has GREAT info for kids (and parents)

Why we aren't asking for health insurance information

5:15-5:20 COMMUNICATION

We'll keep in touch via Facebook (closed group) and possibly via Remind app as the trip approaches. We'll contact you only in case of emergency or really, really homesick child; PLEASE don't expect regular contact or kids calling home on Lynn's cell phone; we are busy, the kids are busy and are completely immersed (which is a GOOD thing!)

We're there as a group--we'll plan our days together as one big group. If you're also in Scotland, AWESOME! We'll look forward to your attendance at concerts when you can, but that's about it.

No, you can't take John out to lunch or to sight-see. Until the tour is over.

As we continue to plan, we'll share what we know about the schedule

5:20-5:23 ONE QUICK THING ABOUT THOSE DEVIATING

Pick up will be from Hillhead after our final concert on Saturday evening (because we leave before dawn on Sunday morning) not sure the timing, likely 10pm. We'll know more before we leave, but plan to be able to be in touch with us when you are in Scotland.

If there's another plan that does not involve your singer being picked up on Saturday night, please email us (ie, they are traveling on their own Sunday morning), but singers need to be with us through the final performance.

5:23-5:30 MONEY

Spending \$\$ for incidentals (souvenirs, snacks) is all that is needed, everything else (entrance fees, etc.) is included Yay!

Cash (British Pounds Sterling) or a preloaded debit/credit card works great

Check with your bank--you can also get preloaded cards with multiple currencies available on one card.

We recommend not waiting until the last minute as local banks will run out of foreign currency during high demand. (US Bank on the square is a good place to start)

5:30-5:35 FOOD

Thank you for giving us your food information

Cafeteria style for lunch and dinner with many options (including vegetarian). But kids will need to be flexible even if they are picky eaters...this is the chance to grow. :)

Breakfast: buffet, mix of cereal, bread/toast, fruit

Lunch/Dinner: meat/chicken/pasta or vegetarian, with veggies, chips/potatoes/rice. Salad bar. Dessert

OR box lunch/dinner if we're at an out-of-town venue (these are always EXCITING surprises!)

5:35-5:40 ACCOMMODATIONS

Look up Hillhead at Aberdeen University to see pictures

Single dorm rooms with a sink, wardrobe, window, desk and bed. All linens, including towels are provided. No need to pack your own.

Showers and bathrooms/toilets are shared but are completely private, European-style with a door, anteroom and shower stall. Shower shoes (flip flops) recommended.

Yes, there is (free) WiFi in dorms.

5:40-5:45 FAMILY GROUPS

[Explain what the sheet means: Flight groups, deviations, etc.]

This is how we stay organized and keep everyone accounted for

Family groups will have rooms adjacent to one another in the dorms

Groups have 3-5 boys plus a chaperone. Please be comprehensive and specific on your Supplemental Health forms so we can be pro-active this summer in strategizing with your child's chaperone if you have specific concerns

Introduce chaperones (the heroes of the day!)

Singers will have lots of ways to get to know the people in their family groups

There will be a way to contact your child's chaperone, but please include the office on any emails as well so we're "in the loop".

5:45 TAKE QUESTIONS

Do not hesitate to call or email--we're working hard to get things right and have systems in place, but we are happy to talk to you. But please read the emails first.

5:50 NOW...

Boys--rehearsal begins at 6:00pm down the hallway in Fellowship Hall

Parents--Drop off documents, get things notarized, etc...

Thank you, Notaries!

Rehearsal is done at 8:30pm