

Festival Frequently Asked Questions

When and where is the Festival? The Area 11 Festival is June 21-24, 2012 at The Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT.

This Festival 'looks' different from previous events. The 2012 Festival is a new concept for Area 11. Educational and ringing opportunities are offered for entire choirs, ensembles, and individuals - all with the intention that all registrants will return home a better ringer and musician.

When can I register? How much is the registration fee? What's included? Registration is OPEN NOW! Registration is \$420 per registrant (\$520 if postmarked after March 1, 2012). The Fee includes all festival activities, workshop handouts, two meals, and three nights' lodging (double occupancy) at The Little America.

There seems to be a LOT of paperwork for Registration. Why? I'm confused. HELP! All registrants must PRE-REGISTER for ALL CLASSES. This will help determine space and equipment needs. The following information will guide you through the registration packet:

1. Read all of the information thoroughly and carefully.
2. Print the Festival Schedule and CIRCLE the classes you plan to attend.
3. Study the Festival Schedule and Class Descriptions.
4. Use the REGISTRATION FORM GUIDE to answer question you might have as you complete the two-page REGISTRATION FORM.
5. Register as an INDIVIDUAL, not as a choir.

When will the repertoire list be ready? There is NO MUSIC to purchase for the 2012 Festival. Music packets are included in the registration fee as workshop handouts and will be available when you register in Salt Lake City. The music is yours to keep! Yes, everyone will be sight-reading on Day 1!!!

When can we make room reservations at the Little America? Three nights' lodging at the Little America is included in the Festival Registration Fee. Just tell us who your roommate is, and we'll take care of the rest! Prefer a single room? That's OK. However, a single supplement is added to the basic registration fee. Don't have a roommate? We will contact you.

What do I need to bring to Salt Lake City? BEEeee excited! BEEeee eager to learn! All equipment is provided! Bells, chimes, and foam will be waiting for you! Bring a black 'stand up' 3-ring binder, mallets needed for your ringing position, gloves and a plastic bag containing pencils with erasers and clips if you use them for page turns.

What if I forget something? Handbell vendors will be on site.

What do I do now? Review your registration documents to be sure that all information is complete. Don't forget to photo-copy any of the information that you want to have on hand for your personal records.

My Registration has been mailed. What happens next? Your registration will be confirmed via email as soon as possible. Ringing assignments will be posted at www.area11.handbellmusicians.org no later than May 15, 2012.

Where can I obtain current information about the Festival? BOOKMARK www.area11.handbellmusicians.org and visit the webpage OFTEN. Articles by The SWARM and new Festival information will appear monthly in the Area 11 eNewsletter.

We're interested in renting a car. Do you have any suggestions? Thrifty Car Rental has approached us with a deal for rental of any vehicle at 8% off the lowest rate available at time of booking. Find information at <http://www.thrifty.com/deals/regular/SLC8.aspx> When booking online at www.thrifty.com enter in Promo Code SLC8 in the promo field. Mention PC code SLC8 when calling 1-800-THRIFTY.

If I live in the local area do I receive a discounted fee for not staying in the hotel? This is an inclusive package. Discounts are not available. The unique format for this festival bundles all educational opportunities, concerts, 2 meals, a birthday bash, 3 nights accommodations and all meeting space.

I still have some questions. Who can help me? Please contact Area 11 Chair, Claudette Rothwell. Best way is by email: Claudette.Rothwell@gmail.com If you would like to call her, dial 801-698-2728. You will receive a response within 48 hours.