



March 9, 2024

Greetings Region 19!

It's March, and the Chorus and Quartet entry deadlines are fast approaching! We hope your preparations and chorus or quartet retreats are exciting and invigorating! We can't wait to see you showcase your hard work in May!

Remember to check the [2024 Regional Convention website](#) often for any changes or updates! **IMPORTANT DEADLINE**

#### REMINDERS:

- **March 17: Quartet Entry (through Sweet Adelines International)**
- **March 18: Chorus Entry (through Sweet Adelines International)** March 25: Draw for Order of Appearance
- April 3: Housing
- April 5: Regional Contest Registration/All Events Badge
  - Please note: in addition to the Quartet/Chorus Entry Fee, **each performer must purchase an All Events Badge** ([Regional Convention Fee](#))
  - To save time, we've pre-filled your chorus registration form with the information submitted in 2023 - please just make the necessary additions/deletions.

Remember: to help you keep up with **ALL the deadlines**, a "To Do List" has been created for you and it has recently been updated to include the deadline for photography orders (see below for more information) -- click [here](#) to download your own copy.

#### NEW THIS YEAR:

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Photography orders are being collected in advance, and the deadline is April 17th. The order form may be found [here](#) -- please see the second page of the order form for recommended sizes for quartets and choruses.

Chorus photography will be taken on stage again this year, and the photographer will be shooting from the video platform toward the back of the auditorium. Please click [here](#) for further instructions regarding chorus photography.

**CONVENTION SWAG:** Convention Charms and T-Shirts are now available for pre-order -- click [here](#) to order yours!

- **CHARMS:** You may pre-order your convention charms for pickup at the boutique. Additionally, if you are missing a charm from a past convention you might find it in the swag store! All charm orders can be picked up at the convention boutique. 2024 charms are expected to sell out, so be sure to order your souvenir charm online! Can't attend in person? Send a friend with your order confirmation to pick up your items. Charm sale proceeds benefit Region 19.
- **SHIRTS:** Order your very own wearable memento featuring 2024's colorful Paint the Town logo, shipped right to your door! Inclusive sizing, and many styles and colors available. Online sales will remain open through convention, but if you want to wear your shirt at Regional, we suggest ordering by April 20. Please note that shirts will not be available for purchase onsite. Shirt sale proceeds benefit your 2024 Host Chorus, Valley Forge Chorus.

Region 19 and Valley Forge Chorus thank you for your support!

#### OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

**CONVENTION PROGRAM:** The digital Convention program will be available online for download or printing prior to the contest.

- **Regional Program Shout-Outs!** For \$6.00 per shout-out, you can spread some love, accolades or high fives to your favorite quartet, chorus, section, coach - anyone you want! Shout-Outs, limited to 50 characters each, will also be read on air during the webcast. Click [here](#) to submit your Shout-Out.

**VIDEO BILLBOARD ADS:** Choruses, quartets, and individuals: Get your message out to a captive audience as it scrolls by on two jumbo screens in front of over 900 attendees and 1000's of webcast viewers. Big screen ads are shown on the screens during contest between competitors. These ads are a GREAT way to promote, support, and acknowledge your chorus, quartet, upcoming event, favorite coach, director, or business! Are you selling costumes, looking for a director, in need of a tenor? A video ad is a great way to advertise, and your \$50 ad will run the entire weekend! Click [here](#) to submit your video billboard ad.

**WEBCAST:** Region 19 will again be hosting a Webcast! Your webcast hosts for the Quartet Contest will be Lori Crouter and Lori Dreyer (both of 2018 International Champion Quartet *Lustre*), and Sarah Nainan-Newhard and Maggie Ryan for the Chorus Contest. The webcast remains free to watch, but donations are greatly appreciated to offset our costs! **Suggested Minimum Donation: \$20 per contest session.**

**SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOMS:** If your chapter is interested in hosting a Hospitality Room, please contact [Sally Kelly](#), Region 19 Events Coordinator. Room rental fees will be \$100 for the evening. Once Sally has confirmed that your chorus has a Hospitality Room reserved, you will then work with the hotel regarding food and beverage options.

That is all for now! And, as always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out!

In Harmony,

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Chair - Regional Competition and Convention Steering Committee

