



November 23, 2024

Welcome to your first Regional Convention and Competition Mailing for the 2025 contest season!

Our Regional Convention and Contest will be held **Thursday, April 3 - Sunday April 6, 2025**, at the Lancaster Marriott Penn Square in Lancaster, PA. I know you are used to getting these mailings at the beginning of the new year but convention is significantly earlier this year, so the Regional Convention Steering Committee (RSCS) is now in full planning mode! There are only **92 days** between January 1, 2025 and April 3, 2025!

CONVENTION WEBPAGE:

Please review the [2025 Regional Convention website](#) – additional updates will be added over the next few months, so bookmark the page, and check it often.

2025 REGIONAL CONVENTION THEME AND LOGO:

Lehigh Valley, your 2025 Host Chorus, is in full preparation mode, and excited to have you take your harmony **“Up, Up, and Away!”** in Lancaster! When asked to come up with a theme and logo, the chorus embraced the task and had this to say about their logo and theme: *As Sweet Adelines, we gather every spring to compete among friends, but also to forget our troubles and burdens for a few days. Getting on that stage really sets us free ~ free to be who we are, and showcase everything we’ve worked so hard to accomplish. This year we want our fellow sisters in harmony to remember that the sky’s the limit this weekend! Go out there, relax, and enjoy the ride: **Up, Up and Away** we go!*

DEADLINES:

Please take time now to review the [deadlines](#) on the convention website – as our convention is earlier than the past few years, most deadlines begin in February 2025. This year if a payment is submitted past the deadline, a \$10 late fee will be assessed.

All competing quartets must be registered through SAI by January 15, 2025.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:

Once again the Joint Chorus and Quartet Briefing will be held on Thursday, April 3rd. The briefing **check-in time** will start at 6:00pm.

Following the Joint Chorus and Quartet briefing we will celebrate our members including new and Legacy 50/60 year members as well as other regional recognitions. It's a time to gather, relax and have a great time celebrating Region 19!

We are working with our Judging Panel once again to offer a regional class - more information coming soon! Additional educational classes will be held on Friday, as well as the Mass Sing. Again, watch for future emails about these opportunities.

CHORUS DIVISION CHANGES:

Effective for regional contests in 2025, Division A (small) choruses will now have 12-25 singing members on stage. Division AA (midsize) choruses will have 26-50 members on stage.

Choruses with 51 or more singers will be considered large choruses and will be eligible for only the international chorus semifinals contest. As always, one director from each chorus is not counted in the number of singing members.

RISER CONFIGURATION:

For your contest planning purposes, please note that only one riser configuration (large, inverted center) will be used this year.

ONLINE PAYMENTS:

New this year: the Region will now be accepting payments via Zelle! PayPal will also be expanded to accept payments, however, a convenience fee will apply. More information to follow regarding both types of online payments.

TICKET PRICES:

Member Type	Zelle or Check	PayPal <i>(with online convenience fee)</i>
Member AEB	\$100.00	\$105.00
Youth Member AEB	\$50.00	\$55.00
Guest AEB	\$110.00	\$115.00
Youth Guest AEB	\$60.00	\$65.00
Single Ticket Adult	\$40.00	\$45.00
Single Ticket Youth	\$20.00	\$25.00

HOUSING:

[Sally Kelly](#), Housing Coordinator, will once again be working with an individual housing coordinator from each chapter. Please refer to the [Deadlines](#) portion of the website for housing deadlines.

New this year - we will NOT be collecting any credit card information. The chapter housing coordinators need to provide roommates' names, arrival and departure dates. This should make the process easier for all; however, please note that if there are any last

minute cancellations resulting in a no-show fee being charged, the region will not be held responsible. Instead, the member's chorus will be responsible for reimbursing the region for the charge.

CAL members will contact Sally Kelly to secure rooms.

NAME THAT TROPHY:

We're looking for a name for the new First Place Mid-Size Chorus trophy! The deadline for your submission to honor the individual you feel who has made significant contributions to Region 19 choruses is December 31st. Click [here](#) for more information, and a link to the submission form.

2025 JUDGING PANEL:

Sound: Mary Rhea

Music: Kay Bromert

Expression: Joan Boutilier

Visual Communication: Renee Porzel [chair]

Panel Secretary: Heather Reimnitz

That is all for now!

In Harmony,

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Chair

Regional Competition and Convention Steering Committee (RCSC)