

*The  
Student's Handbook  
for  
Music Festival*

*March 3-5, 2011*



*Union Springs Academy  
Union Springs, New York*

# Welcome!

You have been invited to participate in an exciting music experience at Union Springs Academy and we hope you are looking forward to it. The event will take place from March 3-5, 2011. Hopefully by now you have seen and had some opportunity to practice the music which has been chosen to bring glory and honor to your Creator and Redeemer.

## What to Bring

Bedding: a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets; pillow

Clothing: warm, modest clothes for rehearsals (the wind gets strong and cold blowing off the lake!); pajamas; socks; underwear; jacket or coat; **black pants/skirt and white dress shirt/blouse for the Sabbath afternoon concert**, dress shoes and socks/nylons; plastic bag for dirty clothes. **Consider labeling each item with you name using a permanent marker!**

Toiletries: bath towel/washcloth; soap; shampoo; toothbrush and toothpaste; deodorant; comb/brush.

Other Important Items: Bible; notebook and pen; prayer journal or notebook; water bottle; a heart ready to praise God.

**Students may bring cell phones to communicate with their families at home. Cell phones should be given to a chaperone who will make them available when needed.**

# What NOT to Bring

Please **do not** bring the following items:

- Radios
- CD/DVD players, laptops
- IPODS/MP3 or other electronic devices including games
- Comic books
- Knives
- Matches or lighters
- Candy, gum or food
- Clothing which is immodest or which communicates values inconsistent with Christianity. If in doubt, don't bring it!

## Arrival

You should arrive with your school's chaperones between 8:00 and 10:00 on Thursday, March 5, and proceed to the music room (next to the gym) to register. You will then go to your respective dorms to drop things off in your room. If you arrive after this time, please go directly to your rehearsal location. The first rehearsal begins at 10:10 in the church.

## Rehearsals

Rehearsal schedules will be made available to students and chaperones and will be posted prominently in buildings. Students need to be present and on time at all rehearsals unless they are sick or injured and have received permission from their chaperone to miss a rehearsal. Students are expected to cooperate and do their personal best in preparing for the concert. Their actions should reflect respect and consideration for both adults and peers.

## Break Out Sessions

This year art break-out sessions have been planned for students' enjoyment between rehearsal sessions. Students have been given the opportunity to indicate their preferences prior to Music Festival and will be accommodated as far as possible. Students must be in attendance at the designated break-out session and must remain there for the entire period unless they have made other arrangements with a chaperone due to illness.

## Rules for Music Festival

The following rules will ensure that everyone has a positive and safe experience at Music Festival. While at Music Festival, all participants are expected to behave in a manner that respects the rights and needs of others and to abide by the following specific rules:

- Your chaperone must know where you are at all times. If leaving the group for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to get permission from the chaperone or activity supervisor.
- Boys are not permitted in the girls' dorm and girls are not permitted in the boys' dorm.
- A quiet atmosphere needs to be maintained between 9:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.
- Report any illness or injury to your chaperone immediately, day or night.
- Plan ahead so you can be at your rehearsals and break-out sessions on time.
- Possession or use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or pornography in any form will result in dismissal from Music Festival as

well as other consequences as deemed appropriate by your school.

- Music Festival is an extension of the regular school program and the usual school rules apply.

## Sabbath Lunch and Afternoon Concert

Students' efforts will culminate in a concert Sabbath afternoon at 3:30 in the Union Springs Church. Parents are invited and warmly welcomed to attend. Sabbath lunch will be provided to immediate family members of participants free of charge. Others who would like lunch should plan to make a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the time of the meal. Students will be dismissed to gather their belongings and return to their homes following the concert.