

SFASU ALL-STATE LARGE SCHOOL

CHOIR CAMP



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DESCRIPTION OF THE CAMP:

One of the first of its kind, Stephen F. Austin State University's annual All-State Choir Music camp is designed for ninth through twelfth-grade students preparing for the TMEA All-State choir auditions. We are committed to both the Large and Small School All-State processes. Our section leaders are a combination of SFASU faculty and esteemed high school directors from various parts of Texas (most of whom are SFA alumni!). Our camp will teach all the All-State repertoire, diction lessons, and provide International Phonetic Alphabet transliterations for directors. We are thrilled you chose SFA as your All-State Choir Camp destination!

STAFF:

Every activity of the camp experience is supervised and attended by a combination of the following:

- **Camp Faculty** - Faculty consisting of SFA professors and outstanding high school choral directors from across the state. We have upwards of 50 professional music educators present at our camp to impart their vast knowledge to our students.
- **Campus Assistants** - "CA" trained and certified by SFASU Housing and Student Life Personnel.
- **SFASU Choir Camp Counselors** - SFASU alumni who are music educators, graduate and undergraduate students, most of whom are studying to become music educators.
- **Recreation Center** - Campus recreation staff and lifeguards are on duty during all evening Rec night activities.

CAMP WAIVER FORMS:

Click on the links below to access and fill out the required waivers. Please email them to sfasuchoircamp@gmail.com by July 1st, 2025.

[Risk, Release and Indemnification Agreement](#)

[Photo Release Form](#)

REFUNDS & FEES:

We will assess a \$25 fee to refund requests before or by June 30. No refunds will be processed after July 1st.

All students staying in campus dorms will provide a refundable \$5 cash key deposit upon dorm check-in. Exact change is required.

SFASU safety policy states that in the event of a lost or broken dorm key, a \$75 charge is applied to the individual. The fee must be paid before leaving the camp.

ALL-STATE MUSIC SHOWCASE:

On the final day, campers will present a final performance of their newly learned literature in the Turner Auditorium from 11:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. We encourage family members to attend.

RECREATION NIGHTS:

On the evenings of July 14th and 15th, the Student Recreation Center will be available for swimming, indoor basketball, and outdoor volleyball. All students will travel to the recreation center.

Students who choose to swim will provide their own towel for the evening. Those choosing to play indoor basketball are required to wear closed-toe shoes. All students must wear proper cover-ups to and from the Recreation Center.

COMMUTERS

All commuter students will have a designated counselor that they will check in before the first morning rehearsal. Commuters are encouraged to participate in all evening activities. Before leaving for the evening, students will need to check in with their assigned counselor.

MEALS:

Meals are provided at the camp. Our "On Campus" and "Commuters with Meals" campers must eat in the cafeteria assigned for our camp. Leaving campus to sample the eateries near the music building is not allowed. SFA Dining Services offer a wide variety of foods available for our campers to accommodate everyone's tastes, allergies, and dietary needs. With this, we still encourage campers to keep snacks in their dorms for after evening activities.

Students will have the option to partake in a "pizza night" on the final night of the camp. Students choosing to order pizza will pay for it with their own spending money. Options include Cheese and Pepperoni, no substitutions. Students with allergies or other dietary needs are welcome to partake and will be provided with a suitable item that fits their needs.

Students are not allowed to Doordash, Uber Eats, or utilize other delivery services for meals.

STUDENT MEDICAL:

Students are required to administer their own prescription and over-the-counter medications. Parents and/or guardians should review all medication directions with their student prior to arrival at camp, ensuring proper understanding of medication procedures. Under no circumstance should campers share medications with other campers.

As signed in the Acknowledgement of Risk, Release, and Indemnification Agreement, parents consent to any medical treatment that may be required as a result of any injury or illness arising out of participation in camp activities. The university does not provide health or accident insurance for participants engaged in any activities.

**BE SURE TO SAFEGUARD ALL EXTRA MONEY AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS.
INITIAL OR LABEL ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY BROUGHT TO THE CAMP.
SFASU IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS LOST, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED.**

**THE SFA CHOIR CAMP WILL NOT TOLERATE CASES OF VANDALISM, FIGHTING,
BULLYING, SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR OTHER VIOLATIONS OF CAMPUS SAFETY
REGULATIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW CAMP AND CAMPUS RULES AND
REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN EARLY DISMISSAL FROM THE CAMP.**

STUDENT DRIVERS

Students driving themselves will need to secure a parking pass from the Choir Camp. Parking passes are only for areas designated as “Residential Parking.” You may not park in “Faculty/Staff Parking.” Students are not allowed to drive around Nacogdoches during the camp hours.

FIRST DAY OF CAMP - CHECK IN PROCEDURES

- Registration: Large School Camp Sunday, July 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Park at dorms – along Griffith Avenue, Nacogdoches, TX 75965
- Leave your luggage in the car
- Report to the Choir Room inside the School of Music (2210 Alumni Dr.) - there will be people there to direct you!
- Head to dorms to receive your room assignment after registering
- Have \$5 deposit ready to receive your key (mandatory with exact change)
- Move your luggage and other personals into your room after receiving your key

LAST DAY OF CAMP - CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

At the conclusion of the music showcase, the students will be released to check out of the dorms. There, the campers will turn in their key and receive their refunded \$5 deposit. The students may keep their lanyards and meal cards.

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US AT
SFASUCHOIRCAMP@GMAIL.COM**



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FOR PHOTOS THROUGHOUT CAMP!**

PACKING LIST



YOUR ALL-STATE MUSIC:

Our camp does NOT provide music. Please order your music before the camp. If your home choir is not providing the music, you may order music from the following stores:

- Penders 800.772.5918
- JW Pepper 800.345.6296

Don't forget several pencils and a binder to put your music in!

ITEMS FOR DORMS:

Campers stay in the SFA residence halls assigned by the housing department and will be there for the duration of the camp.

- Modest, hot-weather, casual dress for rehearsals and camp activities
- A light jacket or sweater - the dorms can get cold
- Comfortable shoes - you will do a great deal of walking
- Twin-size bed sheets, pillow with case, and a blanket(s)
- Toiletries (Deodorant, Shampoo, Soap)
- Feminine products
- Wash Cloths
- Towels (more than one if swimming)
- Appropriate Swimsuits
- Swimsuit coverups/shirts
- Standard swim trunks, please
- Sunscreen
- Umbrella - be prepared for the possibility of rain
- Chargers for technology
- Snacks and spending money for incidental costs

SPIRIT DAYS:

Monday, July 14

School Spirit Day
Wear your School Shirt!

Tuesday, July 15

Rep Your Section Day
Sopranos = Pink
Altos = Red
Tenors = Green
Basses = Blue

Wednesday, July 15

Camp T-Shirt Day
Wear your camp t-shirt!