

## **RIISING TO NEW HEIGHTS!**

### *Last Minute Information*

The AGEHR-Area XI Board, Jason Wells, and workshop faculty are ready for you! Here is some last minute information.

**HELP!** The Area XI Board will wear "CRIMSON RED" POLO SHIRTS for the entire weekend. If you need help, ask! We'll be glad to do whatever we can to be sure that you "Rise to New Heights" in Albuquerque!

**FESTIVAL CHECK-IN** begins at 1:00pm in the Festival Registration area located in the Embassy Suites Conference Center Lobby. Use the entrance on the west side of the hotel. **EACH "Rising to New Heights" REGISTRANT** will receive an individual Festival Packet. Pick up *ONLY YOUR PACKET!*

**HOTEL CHECK-IN** -The front desk of the hotel (**room check-in**) is located inside the west entrance – under the hotel portico.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!** Wear your name badge at all times. You must show the name badge at meals and at each concert.

It's June – and this may sound strange. But, **bring a sweater** along. Sometimes hotels and concert halls can be very cool.

About the **Festival Concerts** - Seating is "open" for the concerts. Admission to the Friday and Saturday concerts is included in the festival registration. The public is invited to attend the Friday and Saturday concerts by paying an admission fee of \$10. There will be a public free-will offering for the Sunday Closing Concert.

A **water bottle** ALWAYS comes in handy! There will be water stations around the hotel so that you can re-fill your individual bottle. Remember, Albuquerque is a "mile high" city. Some of the festival participants spend most of their time in the desert or at sea level. **DRINK WATER! LOTS OF WATER!** In fact, physicians and athletic trainers suggest that increasing your personal water intake a couple of days before you arrive at high altitude is a good idea. And keep drinking water!

Don't forget to bring **comfortable walking/standing shoes**. Most of the activities at the Embassy Suites are located in close proximity to each other. However, your feet and your back ALWAYS appreciate comfortable walking/standing shoes. Some ringers have discovered that a piece of carpet or other cushioned item is also good to stand on during the ringing rehearsals.

**WORKSHOPS** – Workshop descriptions, faculty bios, and a schedule are available at [www.area11.org](http://www.area11.org) Some workshops are "BYOB" – Bring Your Own Bells. Please discuss how to "travel" with bells from the massed ringing area to workshops. Directors sometimes have different ideas about how to best "travel" with bells.

**Be sure to bring** gloves, mallets, a music binder (and bells if it's a BYOB workshop!) to each workshop. The bell sets that will be used in some of the workshops are "loaners." Please pack some **polishing cloths** and take them with you to the workshops so that you can **wipe down the bells** that you have used.

If you plan to attend the **Schulmerich Maintenance session**, DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SCHULMERICH TOOL KIT! Don't leave it at home!

**SHOP THE VENDORS!** "From the Top Music," "MusicMart, Inc.," "Handbell Services, Inc.," and "Schulmerich" will have booths in the vending area. It's unusual to have "only" four vendors registered for an Area XI Festival. But they have MUCH to offer. **Visit** with each of them. **Learn** about what they have to offer. **Shop** for gifts and supplies. Please **support** these vendors!

**A note about Malmark** - Malmark is pleased to sponsor the Saturday evening concert - Kathie Fink, handbell soloist and The Legacy Concert. Malmark will have some literature and price lists available in the vending area. There will be no Malmark maintenance class.

**And for your dining pleasure** - the following meals are included in the festival registration fees - Friday Supper, Saturday lunch and the Sunday "Ring of Fame" luncheon. **Saturday and Sunday breakfasts** are included, too! It's an AWESOME cooked-to-order FULL breakfast! Be sure to rise early and enjoy breakfast with fellow ringers!

**Friday Supper** - Italian buffet - Lasagne and Vegetarian Lasagne, salad/dressings, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert.

**Saturday Lunch** - Deli buffet - assorted meats, cheeses, breads, salads, condiments, desserts (cookies/brownies), and beverages.

**Sunday Luncheon** - Chicken breast (it will have a fancier name soon!), salad, chef's starch and veggie choice, rolls and butter, and beverage. Dessert=Cheesecake!

**SPECIAL DIET?** Please let Festival Registrar Sharon Sparlin ([ssparlin@dakotacom.net](mailto:ssparlin@dakotacom.net)) know of special dietary needs no later than June 9, 2008.

**RING-A-HOLICS!** - There are two "ring-a-holic" sessions planned. The first is Friday night - presented by "Music Mart, Inc." Another one is scheduled for Saturday - presented by "From the Top Music." This is TRUE late-night ringing - beginning at 10:00pm! Drop in - stay as long as you like - enjoy ringing new music and possibly some "old war-horses" too.

It's "**SUPPER ON YOU OWN!**" Saturday evening. There are many, many restaurants in the area! Check out the link for maps and recommendations at [www.area11.org](http://www.area11.org) Plan to be back at the Hotel for the Saturday evening concert beginning promptly at 7:30pm.

**HOTEL CHECK-OUT** - The Embassy Suites provides Express Check-out. The morning of check-out, a guest room "folio" will be slipped under each occupied room door. The occupant has two options -

**Option #1** - Pay for room charges using the method of payment provided to the front desk staff at the time of check-in and exit the hotel. There is no need to visit the front desk.

**Option #2** - Go to the front desk and pay a different way. The Hotel Check-out time has been extended for our festival until 12:00 noon.

**A final note about rehearsals** -

- *Be prepared.* Bring all of the equipment that you need. If you forget something, visit the VENDORS. Be ready for "Jason Surprises!!!!!!!"

- During the massed rehearsals, please *limit conversation on the ringing floor.* Jason will guide you through the music that your choir has prepared. *Listen to him! Watch him!* You will be amazed at the music that you will create!

- It is recommended that *music binders be arranged in alphabetical order.* Fifteen minutes - **yes, 15 minutes only** - is included in the Sunday afternoon schedule to re-arrange the binders in "concert order."

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