

MUSIC EDUCATORS OF BERKS COUNTY
2008 JR. COUNTY FESTIVAL GENERAL INFORMATION
(DIRECTORS: COPY THIS FORM FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS AS NECESSARY)
Weekday Rehearsals: Twin Valley HS / Saturday Rehearsals: Fleetwood HS
CONCERT: SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Fleetwood HS

The weekday rehearsal schedule for the Senior County Festival is as follows:

Junior County **BAND** at Twin Valley High School - Tuesday, April 22, 2008 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Junior County **CHORUS** at Twin Valley High School - Wednesday, April 23, 2008 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Junior County **ORCHESTRA** at Twin Valley High School - Friday, April 25, 2008 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The rehearsal schedule for the day of the festival concert (Sat. 4/26/08) is as follows:

Band: Report time 7:45 a.m.; rehearsal runs 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at Fleetwood High School

Chorus: Report time 10:15 a.m.; rehearsal runs 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Fleetwood High School

Orchestra: Report time 12:45 p.m.; rehearsal runs 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Fleetwood High School

PLEASE NOTE: Students must attend all rehearsals for their performing group(s) **IN THEIR ENTIRETY**. Students who cannot/do not attend the rehearsals in their entirety **INCLUDING BEING LATE FOR REHEARSAL(S)** (for any reason, including illness) will not be permitted to participate in the concert and will be replaced by an alternate. This rule applies to both the weekday and Saturday rehearsals and is strictly enforced.

DRESS FOR THE CONCERT:

Girls: Performance-appropriate length dress or skirt and blouse combination, dress shoes. (NO mini skirts/dresses.)

Boys: Suit or sport coat with dress pants, dress shirt, long tie (no bow ties), dress shoes.

Students who are not dressed in accordance with these guidelines will not be permitted to perform.

TICKETS: All seats are one price: **\$6.00 each**. Please see your director or the MEBC website for a ticket order form and procedure for ordering tickets through your director in advance at the weekday rehearsal. Each participant is allowed a maximum of **TWO** (2) pre-sale tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the concert beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of Fleetwood HS. **THESE ADDITIONAL SALES WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TICKET PER PURCHASER/PER PARTICIPANT. EACH PURCHASER WILL BE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY THE PARTICIPANT FOR WHICH THEY ARE PURCHASING THE TICKET AND THEN THAT PARTICIPANT'S THIRD TICKET PURCHASE WILL BE RECORDED. (IF AND WHEN EVERYONE IN LINE HAS A CHANCE TO PURCHASE A SINGLE ADDITIONAL TICKET AND TICKETS REMAIN AVAILABLE, ANOTHER ROUND OF SINGLE TICKET SALES WILL BE STARTED, OFFERING THE POTENTIAL FOR A 4th TICKET FOR SALE PER PARTICIPANT.)** If a student fails to take advantage of the pre-sale ticket procedure for the first 2 tickets during their weekday rehearsal, they will be limited to the single ticket purchase procedure on Saturday morning. All seats require a ticket.

RECORDINGS: A professional recording (CD's only) of the concert will be made by AMP Recording Services. Orders will be taken at the concert. The cost per CD will be approximately \$18.00. **NO OTHER AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE CONCERT!**

LUNCH: You may pack a lunch or purchase a lunch at Twin Valley High School during the weekday rehearsals. The menu information will be emailed by the Twin Valley hosts to all directors for distribution to students.

MUSIC RETURN: Please return all music for each performing group the night of the concert immediately following the group's performance. Students in multiple groups must make arrangements to have music turned in from group(s) earlier in the concert order. It is the responsibility of each home director to see that all music is returned.

TENTATIVE REPORTING TIMES FOR THE CONCERT (Subject to change): Orchestra by 6:45 p.m.; Chorus by 7:00 p.m.; Band by 7:15 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Prior to your group's rehearsal day, all participants must complete and submit to their home director(s) a copy of the "Emergency Form" in order to participate. Copies of this form may be secured from your home director or on the www.berksmusic.com website. Your director **MUST** bring your form to the rehearsal day and present it to the Vice-President in charge of the rehearsal. (You will need a copy for each group you are in. Students in multiple groups should photo-copy the completed form prepared for their first rehearsing group and give copies to their home director for the second and/or third rehearsing group.)

ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO YOUR HOME DIRECTOR!
ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THEIR MUSIC PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL.
HAVE A GREAT EXPERIENCE!