



2016 FWD NE/NW Division Chorus Contest

Saturday, April 2, Castro Valley, CA

Devil Mountain Chorus again welcomes you to the contest. This document is one of 3 you should receive, the others being the Chorus Details schedule, and the MapsOfContestTheater. First, repeating some basic information from the last email:

- Location:** Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA
- Parking:** The theater is part of Castro Valley High School. Park for free at any of the high school lots.
- Food:** Sorry, there is no food on site. A variety of restaurants and fast food choices are less than a mile away, particularly along Castro Valley Blvd. The contest web site has an extensive list.
- Doors open:** Doors will open at 9AM for picking up pre-registration badges and on-site registration.
- Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express, 2419 Castro Valley Blvd, 510-889-9300 is the hotel where Judges Hospitality and quartet evaluations will take place. Another nearby option is Comfort Inn, 2532 Castro Valley Blvd, 855-849-1513.
- Afterglow:** We have reserved a nearby private venue with room for 180 singers and friends, from 8:30-11:30 PM, with beer, pizza, and more. There is no show of champions, so please plan on coming after the quartet contest!
FOE Eagle's Lodge, 21406 Foothill Drive, Castro Valley.

Two other documents attached:

- ChorusDetailsSchedule.pdf - schedule for the chorus contest
- MapsOfContestTheater.pdf - maps of the inside and outside

Chorus flow

The Chorus Details schedule (another document) starts with the dressing room and proceeds to a warm-up room, the ready room, and finally the stage. Chorus members are responsible for dressing and reaching their warm-up at the scheduled time. Host escorts assigned to each chorus will join the chorus at the warm-up room and lead them through the flow.

Dressing rooms. Two dressing rooms are in the back of the facility. Racks are available to hang clothes on. Please use the back entrance to the theater (southwest door) to reach the dressing rooms to avoid congestion with choruses moving to the stage. This entrance is near warm-up tent #1 and includes an ADA ramp for access.

Warm-up rooms. Two tents in the parking lot will serve as warm-up rooms. They have enclosed sides for sound insulation, but no risers. There will be a table and a few chairs. Host escorts will meet their chorus here and lead them through the rest of the flow until on stage.

Ready rooms. The two ready rooms are in the theater, very close to the stage. They each contain seven risers with 4-steps.

Back stage. Choruses will leave the ready room and line up in a hallway back stage five minutes before going on stage. They must stay quiet in this area for the benefit of performers on stage.

Registration

Hopefully, most contestants have preregistered online. They can pick up their badge when they enter the theater. Contestants that need to register can do so starting at 9AM, for \$65.

All contestants on stage must be registered and must have a badge.

All choruses are scheduled for evaluation by judges. Each chorus should have one representative pay a \$20 cash deposit to the registrar. The money will be returned during chorus evaluation. (I understand this is traditional at contests.)

Tickets will be sold at the door for non-contestants who want to watch. The price is \$30 for the chorus contest and \$30 for the evening quartet contest (half price for students under age 26).



Map of the theater and immediate area. Please note the front entrance and dressing room entrance. The parking lots have solar panel carports. (Ignore that Hollister, CA symbol that Google put in.)

Zoomed in maps of the outside and inside are attached with this email (see MapsOfContestTheater.pdf).