

ANGELICA CANTANTI – 2010 SNOW DAYS CAMP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where exactly are the singers going?

We are traveling to Oseola, Wisconsin to the Association Retreat Center corporate retreat center. They hold events for a wide variety of school, church, and craft groups. You can visit their website at <http://www.arc-aflc.com/> to find the location and more info on the facility. The bus ride is about 1 hour away. We will be traveling on Bloomington School District school buses.

2. What is the program or activities planned?

Mrs. Docter, with staff input, schedules the program of events for the weekend. Generally all of the singers will rehearse together and will also rehearse in their choirs. There are lots of non-music activities, too. On Friday night, the Cantanti Singers lead indoor, teambuilding games, and on Saturday afternoon they lead outdoor games and indoor games (the camp has an indoor gym with ping pong tables, a basketball court, etc.). We offer craft projects on Saturday afternoon, too. Saturday night is the Talent Show. The agenda is full and the hours go by fast. We sing together, learn new skills, get some exercise, and eat together. There is scheduled down time/free time, too. There is an opportunity for tubing, so singers are welcome to bring snow pants and boots if they want to go tubing.

3. What are the sleeping quarters like?

There are pictures on the website of the different dorms and sleeping rooms at <http://www.arc-aflc.com/Facilities/new%20facilities.htm>. This year we will all be housed in the Good News Lodge. Most beds are bunk-beds. You are welcome to send along a twin sheet to put on the mattress along with a sleeping bag and/or blanket and pillow. The singers will be grouped by choirs in different parts of the building. Please talk to your singer about NOT switching room assignments. That seems to cause lots of problems and feelings get hurt. We ask you in advance on the registration form to note which friend they want to room with. Singers will be told by the chaperone to stay in the sleeping room that they were assigned.

4. What time is “lights out” and how many hours of sleep can I expect my singer to get?

We have a pizza party scheduled for 10:00 PM on Friday, and breakfast on Saturday is served at 8:00 AM. We encourage “lights out” by 11:00 PM. Saturday night at 7:00 PM is the talent show and again we will encourage an 11:00 PM “lights out” rule. Breakfast will be at 8:00 AM on Sunday. Your singer will come home tired!

5. Is there a lot of walking outdoors?

The singers will be walking outside from building to building everyday. Please send along appropriate outdoor wear.

6. What sort of menu is planned?

Meal times are at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 5:00 PM. In the past the menu has been kid friendly with a large variety of options. Meals are cafeteria-style, and there is a lot of food. Singers can go through the line as many times as they wish.

On the Friday that we leave, **please feed your singer dinner before they board the bus.** We will be having a late evening pizza party around 10:00 PM.

7. Should we send along water bottles or snacks?

Yes, your singer is encouraged to bring along a couple of filled water bottles. You can send along some healthy snacks that will stay in their dorm/sleeping area only.

8. Can you tell me about the talent show on Saturday?

All singers are welcome to participate in the Saturday evening talent show. It is a fun, non-competitive event, with lots of our singers performing in skits, telling jokes, juggling, playing instruments, etc. A form, with more specific information, will be given to all singers a week or two before camp. These forms should be returned at camp to the adult in charge of the talent show.

9. If there is an emergency, how can I reach my singer?

The phone number at the retreat center is: 800-294-2877 or 715-294-2877. You will also have the cell phone numbers of your child's chaperone.

10. What happens if my child becomes ill while at camp?

We have two nurses on duty for the entire Snow Days weekend if a child becomes ill while at camp. A nurse or the choir manager will contact you if your child becomes ill. If necessary, you will be asked to pick up your child from camp.

11. Will you cancel the trip because of bad weather?

Safety for everyone is our first concern. We will make a decision and post it on the Angelica website about canceling our weekend trip by 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 22. If bad weather should occur while the singers are at the retreat or if the weather would delay the bus trip return on Sunday, **please check the website for immediate updates.**

12. What is the policy on cell phones and other electronic devices?

Snow Days Electronic Device and Cell Phone Policy

Parents please understand that we want everyone to have a great time over this Snow Days retreat weekend. Please do not send along any hand held video games. iPods are okay to use on the bus and in the sleeping rooms only, but we would rather that the kids use the opportunity to socialize and get to know each other.

We would prefer that no cell phones come along on this trip – but we recognize that this may be a difficult request. Please help us enforce the policy that cell phones will be allowed to be used **ONLY on the bus and in the sleeping rooms.** There will be NO CELL PHONE USE or TEXTING allowed during any of our activities outside of the sleeping rooms, including meal times. In fairness to the others following the rules, if a cell phone is seen or if this rule is violated, the phone may be taken away and returned when the singer returns to his/her room.

If there is a special circumstance, please let your singer's chaperone know.

All singers understand that they bring these items under their own risk. Angelica cannot be responsible for the lost or theft of any of these items. Thank you for your understanding.