

ANGELICA CANTANTI – SNOW DAYS CAMP FAQ

1. Where exactly are the singers going?

We are traveling to Oseola, Wisconsin to the Associated 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 and 15 minutes 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 may offer a craft project on Saturday afternoon, too. There is also the Saturday night 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 be housed in Bethany, and Shunem. Our meals at the Manna Inn, and we will rehearse together in the Tabernacle. 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 buildings. 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 with good traction. It can be slippery.

6. What sort of menu is planned?

Meal times are generally 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 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. Audrey Riddle's cell phone is 612-272-4568.

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

Safety for everyone is our first concern. We will consult with the Bloomington bus company and will make a decision and post it on the Angelica website about canceling or making changes for our trip by 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 14. 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.**

11. 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! iPods are okay to use on the bus and in the sleeping rooms only, but we would rather you use this opportunity to socialize and get to know each other. Cell phones will be allowed **ONLY** on the bus and in the sleeping rooms. If there is a special circumstance regarding the use of the cell phone, please just let your singer's chaperone know. There will be no cell phone use or texting allowed during any of our activities outside of the sleeping rooms, including meal times. If a cell phone is seen or if this rule is violated, the phone may be taken by a chaperone and returned when the singer returns to his/her room. All singers understand that they bring these items under their own risk. All areas may not be secure. Angelica or the camp is not responsible for the lost or theft of any of these items. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter. **Thank you.**