

Berkeley Youth Orchestra 2008-2009 Cazadero Retreat Information and Reservation Checklist

The Berkeley Youth Orchestra starts every season with a weekend retreat held at the Cazadero Performing Arts Camp, northeast of Guerneville along Austin Creek, an offshoot of the Russian River. The objective of this retreat is to provide a relaxed environment in which the orchestra members can begin to come together to build the musical community that is BYO. During this weekend, the musicians will have opportunities to immerse themselves in the first session's music, be exposed to a range of musical styles and techniques, get to know each other through directed and free play, and start to build their individual and group relationships with our music faculty.

Although this retreat is optional, we strongly encourage all members to attend this musical weekend, for which the Orchestra pays members' room, board, staff and bus transportation costs.

When: Friday, September 19 – Sunday, September 21, 2008

Where: Cazadero Performing Arts Camp

How: Charter buses for members & chaperones from Northbrae Church, Berkeley

Drop Off: Friday, September 19, 2 p.m. sharp!

Pick Up: Sunday, September 21, 3:30 p.m. (to 4:30 depending on traffic).

Reserving Your Spot at Camp

In order to reserve your place at camp, you must complete the following forms, found on our web site at www.byoweb.org, and return them to BYO at or before our first rehearsal and mandatory Parents' Meeting on September 6, 2008, at the Laney College Theater in Oakland, held from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **PRIOR TO August 25, 2008**, forms may be mailed to: Berkeley Youth Orchestra, P.O. Box 1294, Berkeley, CA 94701. **If you have questions about any of the Cazadero Reservation forms, you may contact the Orchestra Administrator at 510-663-3296, or via e-mail at byoorchestra@gmail.com.**

MANDATORY CAZADERO RETREAT RESERVATION FORMS – Due at Parents' Meeting on 9/6/08:

- Cazadero Liability Waiver
- Cazadero Medical History Form
- Peralta District Field Trip Permission Form
- Cazadero Transportation Plans Form

IMPORTANT: For our members' safety, no child will be allowed on the bus without a signed Cazadero Medical History form and Peralta District field trip form.

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IMPORTANT RETREAT INFORMATION

Contact Information

Cazadero Performing Arts Camp

5385 Cazadero Highway, Sonoma County

Camp Phone: **(707) 632-5159** (for emergencies during retreat only)

www.cazadero.org: For driving map to Caz, pictures and video of site

Directions to Cazadero from Berkeley: Take 580 West over the San Rafael Bridge and continue on 101 North through Santa Rosa. Immediately past Santa Rosa, take the River Road/Guerneville turnoff. Turn left at end of exit. Follow River Road through the resort towns of Rio Nido, Guerneville and Monte Rio. At Monte Rio, the road splits. Stay right on Route 116. Approx. 2.5 miles down the road, turn right onto Cazadero Highway. Approx. 5 miles down the road, turn left into Camp parking lot. A bakery is just beyond the camp on the right.

To advise of change in plans **on day of departure only:**

Julie Arca 510-305-5552 (personal cell phone)

This is a personal cell phone number; please limit its use to retreat departure day only.

Pick Up/Drop Off Point and Times

Northbrae Church

941 The Alameda, Berkeley

Parking lot located behind church, registration on front church lawn, buses parked on The Alameda in front of church.

Drop Off: Friday, September 19, no later than 2:00 p.m. BYO staff will be available at 1:30 p.m. to begin check in. Buses leave promptly at 2:30 p.m., so please be on time!

Pick Up: Sunday, September 21: 3:30 p.m. Traffic may delay bus return, but please arrive at 3:30 so that your children and staff don't need to wait for your arrival. After 2:00 PM, the BYO phone number will be updated with estimated arrival time: 510-663-3296.

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WHAT TO BRING TO CAZ

Musical Needs

- **Your instrument.**
- **Your BYO music** (provided at the first rehearsal on September 8)
- Extra strings, reeds, oil, and other needed equipment for your instrument (smaller string instruments, be sure to bring extra strings)
- Cellos and basses bring donuts
- 2 pencils (soft #2)
- “Recreational” instruments (alternative orchestra instrument or guitar, etc., for our Saturday evening jam session)
- Cazadero has music stands, so you do not need to bring one

Personal needs:

- **A snack to eat on the bus**; Dinner is not served until 6:30 p.m. on Friday night
- Sleeping bag and pillow; carry the pillow in a closed/fastened plastic bag with name on outside as well as inside (Campers sleep on cots on an open-air deck.)
- Towel and toiletries (There are showers.)
- Clothes for warm days and cold nights; hoodies work well for cold nights
- Pajamas (and some like a knit cap for sleeping)
- **Flashlight and extra batteries**
- Book to read on bus or before going to sleep
- Swimsuit – we may be allowed to open the camp lap pool
- Waterproof sandals for showering
- Bug spray or lotion
- Sunscreen
- Pre-paid calling card (for emergency calls while at camp). Cell phones do not work at Cazadero although they will work once buses reach Santa Rosa on the return trip.
- Limited spending money (\$5-\$10) if desired, camp snack bar open on Saturday
- *Electronic games discouraged.*

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Besides the pool (which may be open), Caz has basketball and volleyball courts and balls, a ping-pong table, paddles and balls (though bringing extras may not be a bad idea), and a field for soccer, baseball, and football. Soft footballs, balls for throwing, and Frisbees are always fun to have along.

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Proposed Retreat Schedule

September 19, Friday

- 2:00 p.m. Arrive at Northbrae Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley
- 2:30 p.m. Bus departs Berkeley
- ~5:30/6 p.m. Arrive Cazadero
- ~6:30 p.m. Have dinner, unpack, social evening, games
- 10:00 p.m. Camper-led Taps and lights out!

September 20, Saturday

- 7:30 a.m. Camper-led wake up music
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Orchestra set-up
- 9:00 a.m. Full rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Recreation
- 3:00 p.m. Full rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. BYO Jam Session!
- 10:00 p.m. Camper-led Taps and lights out!

September 21, Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Camper-led wake up music
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Orchestra set-up
- 9:00 a.m. Full rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, pack up
- 1:00 p.m. Leave Cazadero
- ~3:30-4:00 p.m. Arrive Northbrae Church parking lot