



Tuesday, July 7, 2015

To: Teen MAJ Participants  
From: Amy Sauer, MAJ Director, 651-366-0886 cell, majdirectors@gmail.com  
Re: Teen MAJ Information  
Enclosures: MAJ Performances Invitation Flyer-Bulletin Insert  
Health Form (to bring to MAJ)

### **Welcome aboard!**

Congratulations on choosing to be a participant in this year's Teen MAJ! I am very excited to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Teen MAJ retreat. At MAJ, you will challenge yourself individually, grow in your faith, discover talents you may never knew you had, praise the Lord, develop and enhance Christian friendships, and I guarantee you will have fun!

Please read the following details carefully. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me (text, call or email).

### **Teen MAJ Retreat**

The Teen MAJ retreat will run Thursday night, July 16 (registration at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.) through Sunday, July 19, about 12:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Delano, MN. We will perform Saturday evening, July 18 and Sunday morning, July 19. Throughout the retreat, you will learn choreography to different songs, your lines, and different acting skills. We will also have activities, fun games and campfire throughout the days. All participants are expected to attend the entire Teen MAJ retreat and performances. If for some reason you will have to miss any of the retreat times PLEASE call me ASAP to have it approved ahead of time.

Thursday, July 16	<b>Arrival 5:30-6:00 p.m.;</b> Begin at 6:00 p.m. to overnight
Friday, July 17	All day & overnight
Saturday, July 18	All day & overnight; 7:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, July 19	Sing in Church at 9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Performance (Note Time Change from 10:30 to 10:45) 11:30 a.m. Potluck

During the retreat, the church phone # is 763-972-2442 – you will probably reach a volunteer/chaperone. To contact me directly during MAJ, text or call my cell.

### **Dress Rehearsal on Saturday for family and friends**

There will be a dress rehearsal performance on Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### **Sunday's Performance & Potluck for family & friends**

After 2 ½ days of rehearsal, you will be ready to perform the show for your family & friends! You will sing in church on Sunday morning – 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Delano, MN (same location as rehearsals). Following church, your performance will be at 10:45 a.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM 10:30 to 10:45), followed by a potluck at 11:30 a.m.

**Note to Families: For the potluck, please bring an entrée, salad and/or dessert to share!** Thank you!



## Invitation for family & friends & your church's bulletin

Enclosed/attached is an invitation flyer to share with your family and friends. Invite them for Saturday & Sunday's performances! Also, please share the invite with your church to use as a bulletin insert the Sunday before MAJ! (The "MAJ Performances Invitation Flyer/Bulletin Insert" is also available on the website under "Promote.")

## Costumes

Please bring the following for your costume ALONG WITH LOTS OF EXTRA COSTUME PIECES YOU HAVE TO SHARE. (I will not necessarily be providing a stash of costumes... so please bring extras to share!) I will take a look at your costumes and help decide on your final costume pieces. Please don't go out and buy anything brand new. Also, if you have a supply of stage makeup or old personal makeup, bring it along, too!

***Please label all your belongings clearly with masking tape.***

### Costume Pieces and Props for Everyone:

- Costumes should look like cowboys and cowgirls.
- Cowboy stuff – extra cowboy hats, extra boots, chaps, saddles, belt buckles, bolo ties, etc.
- Guitars, ukulele, guitar cases, harmonica, etc.
- Since you don't know what character you will be, yet, you should bring as many costume outfits and pieces as you have.
- Please also bring extras of costume pieces to share.
- Bring anything else you think goes with a country theme!

### Girls:

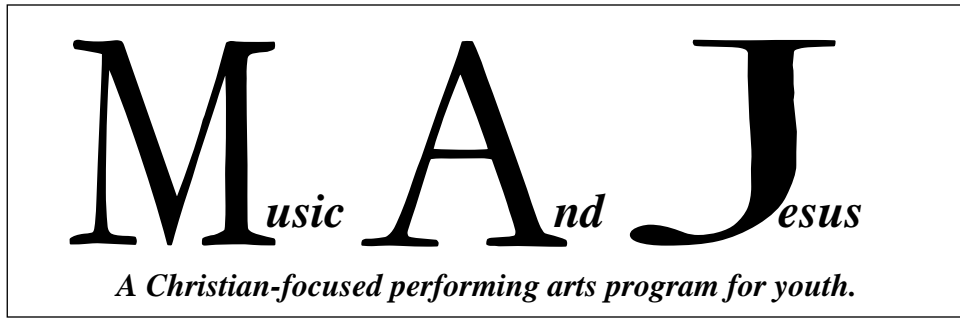
- Cowgirl-style jeans, jean skirts, ruffled skirts, plaid skirts, cowgirl-style skirts, etc.
- Cowgirl-style shirts, button-down shirts, plaid, flannel, ruffled, etc.
- Cowboy boots or dark shoes that go with cowgirl look
- Cowboy hat
- Belt buckle (if wearing a belt with jeans)
- Bloomers or spandex shorts for under skirts if you're wearing a skirt
- Nude-colored nylons if wearing a skirt

### Guys:

- Jeans – the more cowboy style, wranglers, etc., the better
- Cowboy-style button-down shirts - plaid, flannel, ruffled, dress shirts, etc.
- Sport coats, suit jackets, cowboy-style vests, etc. (to wear for last song, like your "dressed up")
- Cowboy boots or dark boots or shoes
- Cowboy hat
- Bolo ties, suspenders, belt buckles
- Dark socks if wearing shoes (if wearing boots, your socks won't show)

## Bring Your Guitar, Banjo, Ukulele, Harmonica, etc.

Do you play guitar, banjo, ukulele, harmonica, etc.? Bring them along! The more guitar players, the merrier! We may incorporate this into the show. Also bring your guitar cases, even if they are empty. ☺



## Song List

If you would like, you can begin becoming familiar with the songs in the show. All songs can be found on YouTube, and you can also google the lyrics as well (keep in mind we will not necessarily sing all the lyrics for each song).

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| 1. Greater                   | MercyMe               |
| 2. He Will Provide           | Jamie Owens Collins   |
| 3. My Lighthouse             | Rend Collective       |
| 4. New Lease on Life         | MercyMe               |
| 5. White Boots               | Jamie Grace           |
| 6. Long Way Home             | Steven Curtis Chapman |
| 7. We Believe                | Newsboys              |
| 8. Start a Fire              | Unspoken              |
| 9. This Little Light of Mine | Psalty Kid's Praise 6 |

## Health Form

Please complete the enclosed health form and bring to the first day of MAJ.

## All Parents Needed as Volunteers – please email, text or call re your availability ASAP

MAJ is an all-volunteer-run program, so volunteers are needed to help make MAJ a success! All parents and other adults are asked/encouraged to volunteer in some way during MAJ weekend or sometime before. There are many volunteer opportunities and time slots available.

**Please respond ASAP** regarding when you are available to help (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday and what time of day) **by emailing, texting or calling** Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Arps at [volunteerforMAJ@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerforMAJ@gmail.com) or 612-940-0483 cell.

**Please note: overnight volunteers (one male and one female) are needed Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday night.**

Thank you!

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# Music And Jesus

*A Christian-focused performing arts program for youth.*

## Food

All meals will be provided, but please bring your assigned food item, as listed below. You should also bring your own water bottle (a drinking fountain is available) and any other additional beverages. But please don't bring pop!

Benson	Serina	1# bacon
Dunnigan	Allysa	1#bacon
Edwards	Katelyn	1#bacon
Enter	Grace	1# bacon
Haberkorn	Josh	1# bacon
Haberkorn	Sam	1# bacon
Halfen	Jennifer	1# bacon
Halfen	Jeremy	1# bacon
Halfen	Kimberly	(2) 1# bags baby carrots
Hokanson	Isabelle	(2) 1# bags baby carrots
Huismann	Andrew	(2) 1# bags baby carrots
Joyal	Caleb	1 seedless watermelon
Joyal	Jared	1 seedless watermelon
Kuske	Jonah	Peanut Butter (large container)
Kutscher	Alex	1 stalk celery
Preus	Kari	Container of grape size tomatoes
Salzwedel	Alissa	1 large bag M&Ms (baking size)
Salzwedel	Tyler	1 jar peanuts
Saxton	Emily	2# grapes
Scott	Sam	2# grapes
Steinke	Hannah	2 cantaloupes
Trost	Dan	2 cantaloupes
Trost	Emilee	Jar of baby dill pickles
Trost	Karl	Pineapple
Wagenknecht	Nick	Pineapple
Weber	Cole	4 cucumbers
Weissleim	Paul	Jar of jelly-any flavor

← Please remember to reply on email to confirm that you are bringing your food assignment! You are being relied on to bring your item! Thank you!

## What to Bring

- Health Form (enclosed)
- Water bottle with water
- Your assigned food item
- Sleeping bag, pillow and air mattress if desired (you will be sleeping on the floor).
- Toiletries and towel (don't forget your deodorant!)
- Comfortable clothes and tennis shoes for dancing around in.
- Casual clothes that may get wet during an activity
- Costume items
- Makeup (could be stage makeup or old regular makeup)
- Brown paper bag with your name on it (for putting your costume in)
- Your \$50 registration fee, if not yet paid
- If you bring your cell phone, please use only when absolutely necessary.
- Your parent during his/her chaperone time
- *Your enthusiasm and energy!*

**See you at Teen MAJ!**