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June 2021

To: Teen MAJ Participants & Parents
From: Amy Sauer, MAJ Director, 651-366-0886 cell, majdirectors@gmail.com
Re: Teen MAJ Information

Welcome aboard!

Congratulations on choosing to be a participant in this year's Teen MAJ! I am very excited to hold the 10th 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 afternoon, July 8 (arrival at 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.) through Sunday, July 11, about 12:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Delano, MN. We will perform Saturday evening, July 10 and Sunday morning, July 11. 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 8	Arrival 2:45-3:00 p.m.; Begin at 3:00 p.m. to overnight
Friday, July 9	All day & overnight
Saturday, July 10	All day & overnight; 7:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, July 11	Sing in Church at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Performance 12:00 p.m. Meal Provided

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 & Meal for family & friends – DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

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. Following church, your performance will be at 11:00 a.m., with a Meal to follow at 12:00 p.m.!

DIFFERENT THIS YEAR – Meal to be served: This year, following the performance, the meal for everyone (family, friends, participants) will be provided, including pulled pork, sides, veggies, fruits, etc. – all prepared and served by a volunteer crew. NO POTLUCK THIS YEAR – and therefore **no need to bring any food to share.** Please note **there will be a free-will donation basket available** for anyone to help pay for the meal. Your donations towards the meal (of ANY amount!) are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Invitation for family & friends & your church's bulletin

Attached is an invitation flyer/bulletin insert to share with your family and friends and/or church. Invite them for Saturday & Sunday's performances! The "MAJ Performances Invitation Flyer/Bulletin Insert" is also available on the website www.musicandjesus.org under "See the Show" at <http://www.musicandjesus.org/see-the-show.html> OR just forward the email invite (when you receive it) to your family and friends!



Theme

This year's show has a '50s theme and is called, "Sweet Anna Banana's Diner." The participants work at a local diner and are excited to learn their diner will be featured on the infamous show, "Divin' Diners." Amidst lots of excitement, along the way, they profess that our joy is in Him.

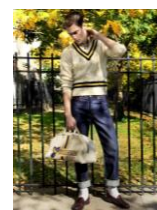
Costumes for Performers

Please bring the following for your costume ALONG WITH EXTRA COSTUME PIECES YOU HAVE TO SHARE. I will take a look at your costumes and help decide on your final costume pieces. Please try not to buy anything brand new... however you could go to the thrift store!

Please label all your belongings clearly with masking tape.

Costume Pieces for Everyone:

- **'50s-style costumes. Google '50s-style costumes for ideas.**
- Girls – '50s-style skirts, capris, poodle skirts!!, '50s-style tops, cardigans, ladies' jackets (i.e. pink ladies-style jacket), scarfs, '50s-style eye glasses, etc.
- Guys – '50s-style outfits, jeans, white crew-neck t-shirts, black leather jackets, cardigan sweaters, Letterman's jackets, plaid sport-coat jackets, '50s-style polos or button-downs
- Shoes:
 - Guys – '50s-style shoes, black dress shoes, converse shoes, etc.
 - Girls – '50s-style shoes, white keds, saddle shoes, bobby socks, etc. Otherwise, you should wear black "character shoes" (pictured at right), or an alternative would be black heels (that you can dance in) or black flat dress shoes. You should wear no-show liner socks or nude nylons.
- Hair – Google '50s hairstyles! Guys – slicked back '50s style! Big hair is fun, too! Girls – Lots of styles if you want to have fun with it, bandanas, pony tails, etc. (It's okay to wear your hair normal, too!)
- Girls: be sure your outfit is modest – no cleavage-style tops
- Girls: Bloomers or spandex shorts for under skirts if you're wearing a skirt
- **Girls – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN bold-color lipstick** (red, berry, etc.) this year to wear for the performance. (Blush will be provided.)
- FYI – Everyone will receive a MAJ t-shirt, but it will NOT be part of your costume (you can wear it at the potluck after the show).





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).

If you would like to view the Google Drive containing the music and mp3 files, this is the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1L_7AgcuX0ZyQbvl94fnYDbJn3WWSZo6v?usp=sharing

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| 1. Gotta Move | Go Fish |
| 2. Bible Book Bop | Go Fish |
| 3. Run Devil Run | Crowder |
| 4. Changed | Jordan Feliz |
| 5. Medley | |
| a. My God | Sister Act |
| b. I Will Follow Him | Sister Act |
| c. Oh Happy Day | Sister Act |
| 6. Faith | Group Publishing |
| 7. Blessings | Laura Story |
| 8. Praise His Holy Name | Keith Hampton |
| 9. Celebrate | Jason Gray |
| 1/10.Gotta Move | Go Fish |

All Parents Needed as Volunteers – Link for an online volunteer signup service will be emailed to you soon

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. A list of volunteer needs, utilizing an online volunteer signup service will be available soon and emailed to you. If you have questions, you can contact Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Arps at volunteerforMAJ@gmail.com or 612-940-0483 cell. Thank you!

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

Adjustments re Covid

Adjustments re covid will be made under current circumstances, and may include spreading out, doing activities outside, serving snacks in individualized cups, etc. If you have specific questions re intended practices at MAJ, please contact me directly.

Re masks – At the time of writing this letter, masks will not be required at MAJ, and it is intended that masks won't be worn for the performance. However, if a participant prefers to wear a mask during camp, he/she certainly can do so, and if he/she prefers to wear a mask during the performance, he/she will likely be encouraged to lower one's mask to speak his/her line(s) and/or solo.



Food

All meals will be provided, but **we ask that you also please bring a food item as assigned to you**, 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! We will have coffee. ☺

If you have a dietary need or request or just want to touch base about food, please connect with me or Jennifer Arps. Jennifer Arps can be reached at volunteerforMAJ@gmail.com or 612-940-0483 cell

1	Arps	Elise	Pineapple
2	Arps	Evan	Cantaloupe
3	Bursch	Lydia	Cantaloupe
4	Charlson	Corrin	Pineapple
5	Charlson	Jenna	5# bag apples
6	Contento	Gabe	Bag of oranges
7	Emo	Grace	Large seedless watermelon
8	Enter	Sophia	Large seedless watermelon
9	Flunker	Braedon	6 green peppers
10	Gergen	Aiden	1 -5# bag of apples
11	Halfen	Kimberly	1 - cherry tomatoes
12	Hansen	Lucy	2 # Baby carrots
13	Hollander	Lilly	2# baby carrots
14	Jonas	Helena	2# strawberries
15	Kriesch	Hannah	2# strawberries
16	Lemke	Henry	blueberries
17	Miller	Kolten	Blueberries
18	Morrison	Raedun	1 dozMuffins
19	Mukanda	Joseph	1 dozMuffins
20	Niebuhr	Emma	4 heads broccoli or 3# bag cut up
21	Niska	Jaiden	2# grapes
22	Olson	Brooke	2# grapes
23	Olson	Will	Bananas 7#
24	Scherer	Jonah	1 jar peanuts
25	Scherer	Kaitlyn	Large bag M&M
26	Scherer	Micah	Large box of Kiwi (approx 3#)
27	Schumann	Nicole	Sugar snap peas - 30 oz bag
28	Sorenson	Chloe	Cherry tomatoes
29	Stellick	Jacob	2# grapes
30	Valleau	Wyatt	Milk x2
31	Wicht	Jack	2# strawberries



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

- 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
- Bold-colored lipstick (for girls)
- Brown paper bag with your name on it (for putting your costume in)
- Your \$65 registration fee, if not yet paid (but it is preferred that you mail your check to Amy beforehand)
- Re 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!