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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 11th 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 7 (arrival at 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.) through Sunday, July 10, about 12:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Delano, MN. We will perform Saturday evening, July 9 and Sunday morning, July 10. 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 7	Arrival 2:45-3:00 p.m.; Begin at 3:00 p.m. to overnight
Friday, July 8	All day & overnight
Saturday, July 9	All day & overnight; 7:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, July 10	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 at 651-366-0886.

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 to attend!

Sunday's Performance & Potluck for family & friends

After two full 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. and Potluck to follow at 11:45 a.m.!

Please bring an entrée, salad or dessert to share!

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 Minnesota influence, as the "church ladies" plan their annual potluck, with appearances by Minnesotan farmers, fishermen, hunters and even a lumberjack. The show features Minnesotan accents, popular phrases, typical pronunciations and more. Amidst the fun, along the way, they conclude that we all part of the Body of Christ, bringing our own gifts and strengths to His ministry.

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:

- Girls – Shirt-waist dresses especially, a-line skirts, blouses, colored capris, cardigan sweaters, no denim
- Girls – aprons (hopefully everyone can have an apron), pearls, hats, eye glasses
- Guys – Dress pants/suit pants, docker-style pants, dress shorts (no sports shorts or cargo shorts), button-down short-sleeved dress shirts (white, striped, plaid, solid, etc.)
- Guys – Ties, suspenders, belt with pants (unless you have suspenders), eye glasses
- Shoes:
 - Guys – dress shoes
 - Girls – shoes that fit the outfit, or 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.
- Additional costume pieces (Everyone: please bring anything you have!) (Who exactly will wear these items will be determined by casting, mostly guys):
 - Fisherman vests, other fishing clothing items
 - Button-down shirts, possibly plaid
 - Bucket hats (for a fishing look)
 - Fishing poles, tackle box
 - Farmer-like overalls (men's)
 - Carhart overalls (men's), jacket, hat
 - White crew-neck t-shirt (men's)
 - Suspenders
 - Work boots
 - Trucker hats (coop or seed company hats would be great!)
 - Lumberjack clothes (bring a pretend ax if you have a good one!) (no real ax)
 - Buffalo plaid button-down shirt (men's, maybe a women's size as well – bring what you have!)
 - Fur trapper hat with ear flaps
 - Denim button-down shirt (men's)
 - Hunter clothes (men's), camo, blaze orange, boots (no guns)
- Hair – You could dress up your hair to fit the style of the show OR wear it normal
- 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/1taRn6J8EFZbrHmnyhGL1nNgbW_vkE7Og?usp=sharing

1. Medley
 - a. God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
 - b. Church Ladies Rap
 - c. My Feet Are On the Rock
 2. Kickin' It Old School
 3. All Joy No Stress
 4. The River
 5. Everything
 6. My Jesus
 7. Build Your Kingdom
 8. Good God Almighty
- I Am They
Go Fish
Rhett Walker
Jordan Feliz
Lauren Daigle
Anne Wilson
Rend Collective
Crowder

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 if you are trying to connect with Jennifer – she will be unavailable June 17-22.)

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



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 (Please note if you are trying to connect with Jennifer – she will be unavailable June 17-22.)

1	Arps	Elise	Pineapple
2	Arps	Evan	Cantaloupe
3	Bowman	Hunter	Cantaloupe
4	Buck	Zeke	Pineapple
5	Charlson	Corrin	5# bag apples
6	Charlson	Jenna	Bag of oranges
7	Edwards	Grace	Large seedless watermelon
8	Enter	Sophia	Large seedless watermelon
9	Enter	Violet	6 green peppers
10	Gergen	Aiden	1 -5# bag of apples
11	Hamilton	Luke	1 - cherry tomatoes
12	Hansen	Lucy	2 # Baby carrots
13	Jonas	Helena	2# baby carrots
14	Lemke	Henry	2# strawberries
15	Morrison	Raedun	2# strawberries
16	Niebuhr	Emma	blueberries
17	Paul	Nick	Blueberries
18	Pone	Ingrid	1 dozMuffins
19	Scherer	Jonah	1 dozMuffins
20	Scherer	Kailtyn	4 heads broccoli or 3# bag cut up
21	Scherer	Micah	2# grapes
22	Schumann	Natalie	2# grapes
23	Schumann	Nicole	Bananas 7#
24	Sorenson	Chloe	1 jar peanuts
25	Stelljes	Jonah	Large bag M&M
26	Vik	Elise	Large box of Kiwi (approx 3#)
27	Wicht	Jack	Sugar snap peas - 30 oz bag



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!