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June/July 2023

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 12th 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 13 (arrival at 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.) through Sunday, July 16, about 12:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Delano, MN. We will perform Saturday evening, July 15 and Sunday morning, July 16. 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 13	Arrival 2:45-3:00 p.m. ; Begin at 3:00 p.m. to overnight
Friday, July 14	All day & overnight
Saturday, July 15	All day & overnight; 7:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, July 16	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 masquerade (with masquerade masks!) and identity theme. The participants are invited to an Identity Masquerade party... with fashion (fancy dresses and suits!), music (big-band style!) and food. By the end of the night, they will discover their true identity!

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 – Fancy dresses, bridesmaid dresses, prom dresses, etc. The gaudier, the better! Look in the basements or attics of your aunts, mom, etc., costume departments, etc.! Vintage is fun! *Keep in mind you need to be able to do choreography in your dress – something with movement, or even shorter in front might be good.*
- Guys – Suits (matching suit coat and pants), dress pants/suit pants, sports coats, dress shirts, etc. The fancier, the better!
- Guys – Ties (bow tie or neck tie), suspenders, belt with pants (unless you have suspenders), cummerbunds, etc.
- Shoes:
 - Guys – dress 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.
- Masks – Everyone will be provided with a simple masquerade mask that will be worn on and off throughout the show.
- 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/1AATF6ekwdGrjFcxOZVuCBzuHZ2w4SN6y?usp=sharing>

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| 1. Larger Than Life | Denver & the Mile High Orchestra |
| 2. Solid Rock | Go Fish / Denver & the Mile High Orchestra |
| 3. See Me Through It | Brandon Heath |
| 4. Power | We Are Messengers |
| 5. Thank God I Do | Lauren Daigle |
| 6. Thank You Jesus for the Blood | Charity Gayle |
| 7. I Am a Promise | Denver & the Mile High Orchestra |
| 8. Good to Go | Denver & the Mile High Orchestra |

Post song:

That's Why We Praise Him refrain Integrity Kids

Band Members Needed – Guitar, Jazz, Percussion

We are still looking for more band members! Guitar (bass, electric, acoustic) and percussion. *New this year* because of the big-band style of music: Saxophone and brass instruments (trumpet, trombone) needed! At the time of writing this letter, we definitely still need guitar, sax and trumpet. If you know of someone who plays one of these, send them my way and/or have them register right away! The more the merrier!

Last-Minute Registrations

Do you know of someone who might still want to do MAJ? Encourage them to still participate and register! The more the merrier! (Keep in mind that anyone can register up to the first day of MAJ, but he/she may or may not get a t-shirt.)

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 each night) 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.

1	Arps	Nora	Pineapple
2	Bergstrom	Jacob	Cantaloupe
3	Buck	Ezekiel	Cantaloupe
4	Dzubay	Dennis	Pineapple
5	Edwards	Carrie	5# bag apples
6	Edwards	Grace	Bag of oranges
7	Enter	Lydia	Large seedless watermelon
8	Enter	Sophia	Large seedless watermelon
9	Enter	Violet	6 green peppers
10	Hansen	Lucy	1 -5# bag of apples
11	Jeseritz	Gavin	1 - cherry tomatoes
12	Jobes	Aaliyah	2 # Baby carrots
13	Jones	Svetlana	2# baby carrots
14	Kreuter	Niyah	2# strawberries
15	Kromschroeder	Elsie	2# strawberries
16	Paul	Nick	blueberries
17	Scherer	Jonah	Blueberries
18	Scherer	Kailtyn	1 dozMuffins
19	Scherer	Micah	1 dozMuffins
20	Schmid	Alex	4 heads broccoli or 3# bag cut up
21	Schumann	Nicole	2# grapes
22	Sorenson	Chloe	2# grapes
23	Stelljes	Jonah	Bananas 7#



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!