

*Promoting musical excellence
through the medium of handbells*

BellFest 2012: A Joyous Sound!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the schedule for BellFest on Saturday March 10th, 2012?

- 7:30 am to 8:30 am ~ Arrival, check-in, & setup
- 8:30 am to 8:45 am ~ Welcome and warm up
- 8:45 am to 10:00 am ~ Rehearsal
- 10:00 am to 10:20 am ~ Break & Solo Rehearsals
- 10:20 am to 11:45 am ~ Rehearsal
- 11:45 am to 1:00 pm ~ Lunch, Shops, & Solo Rehearsals
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ~ Rehearsal
- 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm ~ concert prep & audience seating
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm ~ Concert

2. Where is BellFest?

It's in the gym at:

North Heights Lutheran Church
1700 Hwy 96 West
Arden Hills, MN 55112.

<http://www.nhlc.org/>

3. What should I wear to BellFest?

Besides matching t-shirts for your ensemble, you should dress in layers for greater comfort in the gym no matter the temperature. You're sure to get warm during rehearsal. (You don't have to wear matching t-shirts, but it sure sounds fun. Right?)

4. What about on my feet?

Wear comfortable shoes. I like my tennis shoes. Remember, you will be on your feet most of the day. Consider bringing a carpet square to stand on.

5. Do I have to wear gloves?

The choice to wear gloves is entirely up to each ringer. You don't have to even wear gloves for the concert. Just remember, it is going to be a long day; and, we don't want your hands worn raw and sore before we even get to the concert. So care for your hands and they will care for you.

6. Can I bring something to snack on in the gym while we rehearse?

No. No food is allowed in the gym. NHLHC policy. It is also a distraction to other participants while we rehearse (this includes gum too!). However, you are more than welcome to have a water bottle as long as it has a lid. It is important to get

plenty of fluids throughout the day.

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7. Will bottled water be available?

Yes, it will be for sale at the registration check in desk. \$1.00 per bottle.

8. Is it okay to bring my cell phone or pager?

Yes, but please make sure they are completely off during rehearsal and the concert. You can check and reply to messages during the breaks and lunch.

9. Where is the first aid kit?

The first aid kit is available at the registration check in desk.

10. Should I bring the singing batons we bought last year?

Yes, we'll be using them again this year for the closing fanfare.

11. If I don't have singing batons, can we still participate in the closing fanfare?

Of course you can. There is a ringing part. Singing batons are also available for purchase at the shops throughout the day. Copies of the fanfare music are free and will be available at the Bells of the Lakes shop by the singing batons.

12. Do I have to buy the lunch catered by North Heights Lutheran Church?

No, you can bring a sack lunch. But with already having to be there by around 8:00am, having a lunch made for you is one last thing to remember that morning on your way out the door.

13. Can I eat my sack lunch with those who decide to eat the catered lunch?

Beverages (i.e. soda, coffee, tea, etc...) and desserts at lunch are for those who purchase the catered lunch, but you are welcome to eat with your friends. North Heights Events & Catering have graciously agreed to set up extra seating at lunch to accommodate those who bring a sack lunch, but would like us to remind you of the convince that catering brings.

14. If I don't get the catered lunch, can I still partake in the snacks and beverages available at the mid morning break?

Yes, this is one of the many things your required registration fees help payfor. Please enjoy a cookie and some hot coffee to help you make it through the morning.

15. If there is a balance due on my registration, to whom do I make a check out to?

Checks can be made to Bells of the Lakes. Please postmark it by February 27th to
PO BOX 3907,
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or bring them in hand the morning of BellFest 2012: A Joyous Sound!