

Hello All!

Registration for Big Sky Handbell Festival 2019 is now open! Attached you will find two registration forms: 1. Festival Registration, and 2. Challenge Piece Registration. You will have to print out, fill in, and send in your Festival Registration and Challenge Piece Registration. Here are the details for the festival:

**Location:** Rocky Mountain College Gymnasium  
1511 Poly Drive  
Billings, MT 59102

**Registration:** Registration is due by Friday, March 29. Challenge piece registration is due by Friday, March 1st. Please make out checks to **Big Sky Handbell Musicians**. Registration can be emailed to [bellgirlwendy@yahoo.com](mailto:bellgirlwendy@yahoo.com). If you are completing the registration by hand, please send to: **Wendy Goodheart, 1422 Lynn Ave. Apt 8, Billings, MT 59102.**

**Lunch:** Box lunches will be served for lunch on Saturday. Sandwich choices are on the registration sheet. Lunch will include sandwich, salad, chips, brownie, a can of soda, or a bottle of water. Cost is \$8 per meal.

**Hotels:** I've included a list of hotels. There is not much in the middle of town for hotels, so you will have to drive a little way from a hotel. The downtown hotels I listed have limited parking, so you will have to park in a parking garage. Included is a map from Exit 447 where the hotels are to Rocky Mountain College.

**Gym Access:** You can access the Gym off of 17<sup>th</sup> St. West between Poly Drive and Rimrock Road. There is a loading/unloading zone in front of the gym. Please unload and move your vehicle to the parking lot. I plan to have 4-H students to help with unloading Friday afternoon.

**Vendors:** We will have booths from Jeffers, Raleigh Ringers, and Heitz Music.

**Schedule:** A detailed schedule will be sent out before festival. Opening bell will be Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**Director's Seminar:** Director's Seminar will be held Friday, April 26 from 1-3 PM at Peace Lutheran Church; 1301 Avenue D. The church is a five-minute drive from Rocky. A separate fee of \$10 will be collected at the seminar. Please indicate on your registration sheet how many directors will be in attendance.

**T-shirts:** T-shirts will be a white, short sleeve T-shirt with the purple and gold logo from the Registration sheet. T-shirt prices will be \$10 for Small-XLarge, and \$13.00 for 2x and 3x.

**Things to remember at festival:**

-**PLEASE RESPECT THE COPYRIGHT!** Use only original copies of music! No photocopies!

-Other than official recordings made by event leaders, all other audio and video recordings constitute an infringement of the U.S. copyright laws.

-Each group is required to purchase and bring their own music.

-Each group is responsible for practicing and learning the music before arriving at festival.

-There is no requirement to play all pieces. Ringers may sit and listen.

**Performance Attire**

For the evening concert, please wear your usual performance or concert attire.

**Cancellation/Refund Policy:**

All cancellation requests must be in writing (email is acceptable). Refunds, less the association fee, will be made for cancellation requests received or postmarked by the registration closing date. A different ringer may be substituted, at no additional cost. If a participant cancels after the registration closing date due to a medical issue or a family emergency, a request may be made for a refund of the registration fee. This request must be in writing and be received no later than the opening of festival. The request will be honored if the festival profit is sufficient to cover all such requests. It excludes any amount paid for lunch, shirts, festival souvenirs, and the association fee. All refund checks will be mailed after the festival.

***This event is endorsed by Handbell Musicians of America, Inc., dedicated to uniting people through the musical art of handbell and handchime ringing.***  
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**Still In the Works:**

**I will be sending out a schedule when we get closer to festival time. This will include Director's Seminar info, Conductor's notes, and what time set up will be in the Gym. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!**

**Billings Hotels:**

Many Hotels are located off of Exit 447. There is gas and restaurants available near by.

Hampton Inn  
5110 Southgate Drive  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-248-4949

Comfort Suites  
4908 Southgate Drive  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-969-2300

Ledgestone Hotel  
4863 King Avenue East  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-259-9454

Best Western Plus  
Kelly Inn and Suites  
4915 Southgate Drive  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-256-9400

Super 8  
5400 Southgate Drive  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-248-8842

My Place Hotel  
4770 King Avenue East  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-259-9970

**Hotels in Downtown Billings:**

DoubleTree by Hilton  
27 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-252-7400

Northern Hotel  
19 N. 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-867-6767

Clocktower Inn  
2511 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-259-5511

Home2 Suites by Hilton  
2611 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-252-2255

Riversage Billings Inn  
880 N. 29<sup>th</sup> St.  
Billings, MT 59101  
1-800-231-7782