

Notes from MAINE



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Dear Handbell Friends,

When we notified you that the Maine Spring Ring would not go forward on March 28th due to the Coronavirus, we also indicated that we would continue to have conversations about the possibility of rescheduling to the Fall. We asked that you be patient for a short wait as we explored alternatives and we thank you for honoring that request. We addressed the issues associated with this potential change as promised and are happy to let you know that **October 24th** is available to us at the same location as our Spring plans, The Auburn Middle School. In addition, one of the details we resolved was the availability of our conductors and clinicians. As it turns out, all of our staff are free on that date and willing to attend. We are also working on retaining the on-line hotel rate at the Hilton Riverwatch and will update everyone once that information becomes available.

Therefore, **the Maine Spring Ring 2020 will proceed on October 24th as the Maine Fall Ring 2020.**

We will transfer all registrations, including boxed lunch fees, to the rescheduled event unless a refund is requested.

We hope that all of you who were planning to attend in March will still be able to ring with us in October and perhaps some folks who were not able to attend on the March date, will now be available to join the 140 ringers already registered.

If you are unable to attend on this new date, you may secure a refund by contacting Susan Schultz: registrar.area1@handbellmusicians.org. All requests for refunds must be made by the person who originally registered.

Stay safe and hopefully we will be well and able to ring together in the Fall.

Sincerely yours,
Maine Fall Ring 2020 Committee

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