

Fundamental Tones - August 2024 (see attached pictures below)

Dearest Gentle Ringer,

So much learning, so much ringing, so much fun! As we lean into August, we are now on the other side of the summer ringing fests. I have been reflecting on what has been an action-packed time! Mixed in between family vacations and binge-watching Netflix, I was fortunate enough to attend both the Handbell Friends and Family Camp from June 21-23 in Griswold, CT and the National Seminar from July 9-13 in Hartford, CT. It was my first time at both events, and I highly recommend these handbell activities.

My son, Mason, who is 10 years old, came with me to camp. He had a great time ringing in the Beginning Tins track with Jenn Stack (who promoted them to “Professional Tins” by the end of the camp), doing crafts (painting turtles on rocks was a highlight), and getting to know the other handbell kids (handbell families rock)! I had a great time stretching my technique in the Copper track with Dan Moore, relaxing by the pond, and tie-dyeing some gloves. I got to rub elbows (literally) with some really great ringers. Why don't you join us next time??

The National Seminar was impressive. There was so much to see, hear, and learn. I was amazed at all of the performing choirs, showcasing their immense talent and their incredible dedication to this artform. I got to ring under Griff Gall, and then watch him and his Back Bay Ringers perform at the highest level! Being able to chat with some seminal handbell composers and arrangers, meet people from all over the country, and catch up with some long-time friends were all highlights.

Even though August can feel like a “perpetual Sunday evening” (before school starts up again) for teachers, I reflect on a full and rich summer, and I look forward to a year ahead that's just as memorable!





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Chairs:





Jill and Mason Boday at Handbell Camp

Bronze track at camp:

