



THE KLAPPER KAT



The *Klapper Kat* is too excited about attending the Area 1 Festival Conference (in June at the University of Hartford) to even *begin* to think about responding to your recent comments and concerns about serious handbell matters. So the question of the moment is: “What to do with my family and loved ones while I’m having fun attending the Festival? What are they supposed to do while I have a great time with my ringing friends? Do I leave them at home alone? Do they secretly want to become handbell ringers? Oh, if I could only bring them with me!”

That IS the solution! Bring them *with* you! Just think of the benefits: You get to see them every day; they might be conscripted to lend a hand hauling bell cases; you can share a list of all the interesting sites and activities Greater Hartford area. There is enough activity to keep them occupied for weeks!

A family member can share a room and meals with you by registering as a non-ringing chaperone (double occupancy), attend the evening mini-mini-concerts and the final concert on Sunday afternoon! What could be better? Be sure to share this partial list of things to do:

Golf <https://www.golfadvisor.com/destinations/33-hartford-ct/>

Basketball Hall of Fame 40 minutes away in Springfield MA <http://www.hoophall.com/>

Mark Twain House & Museum <https://marktwainhouse.org/>

Wadsworth Atheneum <https://www.thewadsworth.org>

Connecticut Science Center <https://ctsciencecenter.org>

Bushnell Park <http://www.bushnellpark.org>

Boat cruises and water parks <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g28928-Activities-c55-Connecticut.html>

Urban and Scenic Bike Trails <https://www.mapmyride.com/us/hartford-ct/>

Riverwalk/Riverfront <http://www.riverfront.org/assets/uploads/files/RiverwalkBroch2013map.pdf>

Many other historic sites and architectural gems <https://www.hartfordhistory.net/structures.html>

See you all in West Hartford or at a Spring Ring near you!

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All Area 1 handbell musicians and directors are invited to contribute handbell related questions or issues about techniques, repertoire selection, conducting and rehearsing, maintenance, choir management and assignments, or most anything else.

The Fundamental Tone editor and *The Klapper Kat* reserve the right to combine questions and edit submissions for content.

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