

Serenity 2012

NCYM'S Youth Choir for 7th grade - college

Practice week at
Marlboro Friends:

June 17 - 23

Tour week in NC:

June 24 - July 1



COST: \$225

Register by May 14

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness."

- Psalm 29:2



For 30 years now, Young Friends have been gathering in the summer for 2 weeks to go on Serenity, one of the longest running ministries of NCYM Young Friends. We focus on worship as we experience it together and lead worship through singing across our Yearly Meeting.



Serenity gathers to practice at one of our local Meetings on Sunday, June 17th through Friday, June 23rd. This year we will practice at Marlboro Friends in Sophia, NC. During practice week, meals will be provided at Marlboro and you will stay in homes of some of their members. If you live locally, you are allowed to stay at your home. Each participant **MUST** be present for the entire practice week. Not only do we learn the music during practice, but we form a bond with each other; we become like family. It is a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun as well!

After a break to go home, recharge, and wash clothes, we meet back on Saturday, June 24th and load up for our tour week (this year across NC Yearly Meeting). We travel to many churches and present our program, leading them in worship through singing, drama, and scripture. We spend the nights in host homes from the members of the churches, or sleep lock-in style at the church. On the night of our "day off"- fun activities, we stay in a hotel.

Serenity can be a life changing experience that will challenge and strengthen your relationship with Christ! Being part of this worship team gives you an opportunity to serve God in a fun way, as it connects you with a group of people that could become life-long friends. You don't have to be the best singer, just be someone who enjoys singing... there are no musical try-outs. We would love for you to become a part of the 2012 Serenity Team!

Steps to go on Serenity:

May 14th

- ✓ Complete and postmark the Registration Form & Guidelines or register online at www.ncym-fum.org by May 14th.
- ✓ Include a short, written response (2-3 paragraphs) on one of the following questions:
"Why do I want to be a part of Serenity?" or
"What do I expect to share and/or receive from this experience on Serenity?"

May 21st

- ✓ You will receive confirmation of your acceptance and be sent a Housing/Driving Form.

May 29th

- ✓ Housing/Driving Form, etc are due back.

June 4th

- ✓ \$225.00 is due (some scholarship assistance is available) This includes housing, activities, & most meals.
- ✓ You will also receive a copy of the music and a CD to help you learn your music before practice begins.

SERENITY APPLICATION - 2012

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____ Preferred Name _____
Circle Your Part: Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Instruments you are willing to play: _____
Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail: _____ Full Birthdate _____ Age _____
Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
School Grade/College Year Now _____ Meeting or Church you regularly attend _____
T-shirt size: ___YM ___YL ___Small ___Medium ___Large ___X-large ___XX-large ___Other

I COMMIT to be at ALL of practice week and the ENTIRE tour. THIS MEANS SERENITY COMES BEFORE WORK, SPORTS, ETC...for these two weeks! (We will hold you to this commitment.) If you cannot agree to this fully, please explain here: _____

Signature of Applicant

MEDICAL INFORMATION

MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY _____ PHONE _____
POLICY HOLDER _____ POLICY NUMBER _____
DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____
MEDICINE APPLICANT IS USING UNDER DOCTOR'S ORDERS _____
ALLERGIES OR OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS _____
EMERGENCY CONTACTS & TELEPHONE NUMBERS _____

IN THE EVENT IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO SECURE MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR _____ DURING THE PERIOD SHE/H/HE IS A PARTICIPANT IN THIS ACTIVITY, ADULT LEADERS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH'S PARENT/GUARDIAN THE PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE SENT TO: **NCYM, 4811 Hilltop Road, Greensboro, NC 27407**
BY May 14th, 2012 IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE CONSIDERED AS A PARTICIPANT!

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Visa MasterCard Account Number: _____ Amount: _____
Cardholder's Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT) Expiration Date: _____

(SIGNATURE)

Young Friends Guidelines

Everyone is expected to follow all guidelines, and failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

If you need to be gone at any time during the event, to work or other obligations, you need to arrange your schedule in advance with the directors at registration.

I realize that photographs, video, articles, statements, names, music or art by my child will be used in promoting other North Carolina Yearly Meeting activities.

Respect all other participants and their property, as well as, the property of the facilities.

At lights out everyone is expected to be in their own room/cabin.

Attendance is expected at ALL scheduled activities.

Everyone is expected to clean up their own room/cabin and leave furniture arranged as it was found.

If you are taking prescription drugs of any kind you must report this to the directors in charge of the event.

It is not acceptable during events to perform bodily alterations such as piercing, tattooing, hair coloring/cutting, or any other major variation.

Cell phone usage for calls, texts, or internet is not permitted during any scheduled activities.

Recognizing the way that I portray this event affects myself and others, all information (status updates, tweets, pictures, videos, etc.) related to this event that I post on the internet (Facebook, Myspace, etc.) will be positive, of good taste and reflect Christian character.

ABSOLUTES

(Disciplinary action will be sending you home at your expense!)

No possession or use of tobacco products (cigs, dip, chew, etc.), alcohol, or non-prescription drugs, knives, firearms, or fireworks.

Sleeping areas are off limits to members of the opposite sex.

Serenity 2012 Expectations

- During practice week, it is expected that you give your energy, effort and time to the entire ministry preparation. Therefore, your evenings are for resting! It is most common that those Serenity folks who do not get extra rest and sleep become sick.
- You should not be going to ballgames, movies, midnight runs to Wal-Mart, staying up all night, etc... (This applies whether you are at your home or at a host home.)
- Remember to be considerate in using your cell phone. We need your full attention.
- As you may visit with families "as their guest", we expect you to be clean and considerate. Tidy your belongings daily, and make your bed. Make sure you say "Thank You" a lot.

***** I have read the above guidelines and agree to follow them at the event.*****

Printed name of Participant

Signed name of Participant

Date

Printed name of Parent / Guardian

Signed name of Parent / Guardian

Date

Don't forget to attach your written response to this application!