



Dear GNOYO Members,

To kick off our 18th season, I am delighted to announce the second annual GNOYO fall retreat! The retreat will include an introduction to the fall repertoire, ice-breakers, outdoor and indoor activities, and sectionals featuring prominent musician educators from the region. It will be a time for musicians to get to know and interact with their peers and respective conductors. Students will be chaperoned by GNOYO staff counselors and the Music Director. The retreat is a mandatory element in the program that will enrich and nurture our GNOYO community.

The Tentative Retreat Schedule:

1. Friday September 16, 2011 night - **Symphony members only arrive**-Dinner-activities, sectional rehearsals and introduction to the repertoire for the fall season (Sectionals are focused section rehearsals for strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion etc., run by local professional musicians)
2. Saturday September 17, 2011 morning - sectional and orchestra rehearsals. Lunch is provided. (Allergies and food requirements are respected.) **Symphony Members depart/Sinfonia arrives.**
3. Saturday afternoon –Sinfonia members-sectional-orchestra rehearsals-activity
4. Saturday evening – Dinner and activities. **Sinfonia departs/ Philharmonia arrives**
5. Sunday September 18, 2011 morning sectional and orchestra rehearsals. Lunch is provided and activities will finish around mid-day. **Philharmonia depart.**

Location:

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center A Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana 54296 Hwy 445, Loranger, LA 70446 (1 hour and 20 minutes from New Orleans/ 40 minutes from Mandeville) Please contact the GNOYO office if you need assistance arranging a carpool.

Cost:

\$70.00- paid by Friday August 19th, 2011.

We are looking forward to a great 2011-2012 Season at GNOYO!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jean Montès
Music Director



2011 GNOYO Retreat Schedule
Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

Dr. Jean Montès, Music Director
September 16-18, 2011

Symphony: Friday September 16 – Saturday September 17

6:30pm Registration
7:00pm Dinner
7:30pm Orientation
8:00pm Ice Breaker
9:00pm Music Activity
9:45pm Prep for bed
10:30pm Lights out

Saturday 17th

6:30am Up
7:30am Breakfast
8:00am Music Activity (Sectional / Orchestra Rehearsal)
9:15am Break
9:30am Team building activity
11:00am Wrap up
11:30am Lunch
12noon Check Out

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Sinfonias (North & South Shore): Saturday September 17

11:00am Registration
11:30am Lunch
12:15pm Orientation
12:30pm Ice Breaker
1:30pm break
1:45pm Music Activity (Sectional/Orchestra Rehearsal)
3:45pm Break
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4:00pm Team building activity
5:00pm Wrap up
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Check Out

Philharmonias (North & South Shore):
Saturday September 17 – Sunday September 18

5:30pm Registration
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Orientation
7:00pm Ice Breaker
8:00pm Music Activity (Sectional / Orchestra Rehearsal)
9:45pm Prep for bed
10:30pm Lights out

Sunday 18th

6:30am up
7:30am Breakfast
8:00am Music Activity (Sectional/Orchestra Rehearsal)
9:15am Break
9:30am Team building activity
11:00am Wrap up
11:30am Lunch
12:00pm Check Out

Contact: Dr. Jean Montès - 504-616-1652 (Cell)

Welcome to GNOYO's 2011 retreat at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center!

This is going to be a memorable experience for all of us.

Every effort has been made to make this retreat to run smoothly, but we may need to make adjustments when we get there. Please remain flexible and keep a positive attitude.

Let's have a great retreat!



2011 GNOYO Retreat
Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

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September 16-18, 2011

GNOYO Orchestras

Guidelines and Waiver Form
(Fill it out and return ASAP)

I, _____, agree to represent the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras during the 2011 GNOYO Retreat with integrity and respect.

I, _____, also understand and agree that the GNOYO retreat of which I am a member involves certain risks regardless of the precautions taken by the GNOYO.

In addition, I understand and agree that GNOYO may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required during my participation with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility.

I have read the above and fully agree to its content. Participant represents that he/she is eighteen years of age or older and is otherwise competent to execute this agreement, or that his/her legal guardian is also signing.

Date: _____

Print Name _____ Address _____ Cell
Phone# _____

Signature _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____

In case of emergency, contact _____ Relationship to
Student: _____

At the following number _____ Additional contact person/number

Insurance Information will be available in your personal belongings if needed (Initials)

List any medications you are currently
taking _____

Please list any special services you may require due to an existing medical condition,
physical disability, food allergies, or If you are a vegetarian or vegan:

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General Info

- 1) All males and all females will be sleeping in large separate rooms with a chaperone.
- 2) All are required to bring sleeping bags, sheets, pillows & towels.
- 3) Separate boys and girls bathrooms and showers are located underneath the sleeping quarters with easy and private access.
- 4) Menu will vary. Please let us know if you have any food allergies, or are a vegetarian or vegan (see bottom of first page).
- 5) Students will be served all meals corresponding to their arrival time (dinner, breakfast and lunch) .
- 6) Dr. Montès will be attending the retreat and staying over night to coordinate all facets of the retreat.
- 7) All adults who will be attending the retreat as staff or chaperones have been or will be subjected to background checks.

8) See schedule for a list of specific activities.

9) There will be limited free time; the rest of the time at the retreat will be structured.

10) The retreat is mandatory for all GNOYO members. If a student does not attend the retreat without prior notification, they will forfeit their participation in the Orchestra for the rest of the year.

11) Please visit our website for a link to the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center website.

12) If you have to bring your own meal, limited refrigerators, microwave ovens, toasters or kitchen facilities will be available.

Please contact the GNOYO office for any additional information.

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