



BULLETIN # 1

REGION 21 GOLDEN WEST REGIONAL CONVENTION AND COMPETITION

April 11-14, 2024

<https://www.region21.org/2024-spring-convention>

Convention Hotel - Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach

3635 Fashion Way Torrance, CA 90503

(310) 316-3636

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/laxtr-torrance-marriott-redondo-beach/overview/>

Competition Venue - The Marsee Auditorium

At El Camino Community College

16007 Crenshaw Boulevard Torrance, CA 90506

<https://www.elcamino.edu/campus-life/arts/visitors/marsee-auditorium.aspx>

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Welcome Back Region 21!

Your [Regional Convention Steering Committee \(RCSC\)](#) would like to welcome everyone to sunny California for the 2024 Regional Convention and Competition. We are ready to do some Singin' in the Sun!

This year the Convention Hotel is the Marriott Torrance Redondo Beach, and the contest venue will be the nearby Marsee Auditorium at El Camino Community College! Because of the approximate 4.5 mile distance from the hotel to the Marsee Auditorium, there will be transportation considerations, and we advise everyone to plan accordingly. See the Convention Transportation section below for more detailed information.

Please go through this bulletin and the provided links thoroughly so you can be fully informed of all the convention weekend and contest details. Additional bulletins will be sent in late February, and Monday the week of contest.

The bulletins this year will be considerably shorter than those you are used to. All content will be made available on the Region 21 Convention website <https://www.region21.org/2024-spring-convention>, and direct links to specific topics are provided throughout this document. Please bookmark the website and check back frequently for new information. All members need to create an account in order to register for contest, if you haven't done so already.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Regional Competition Information - when and how to register for competition - is distributed by Sweet Adelines International (SAI) Headquarters electronically via email to all registered quartet contacts and Chapter Presidents/Team Coordinators 105 days prior to contest. This information has also been provided in the [Important Dates and Deadlines](#) section of the website.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Convention registration/AET purchase opens on the [Region 21 Convention website](#) on **January 16, 2024**. Each individual must complete their registration online by **March 13, 2024** to avoid a \$30 late fee. All competing members and all Assistance Chapter chorus members must purchase an AET. **All registration fees (AETs) are transferable, but not refundable.** More details are in the "Purchasing All-Event Tickets" section below.

CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION

The Region will be providing transportation from the convention hotel to the Marsee Auditorium for **competitors only**. Return transport during competition is not provided. This is similar to how transportation has worked in the past, though with the greater distance between the hotel and the Marsee Auditorium, we realize this will present challenges we've not faced before. In order to keep the competitor pattern on schedule, and to stay within our budget, this is the option we've chosen at this time. There are a number of regions who have done away with busing altogether; we are opting to continue to bus competitors this year because of the distance involved. There is a **possibility** of limited busing from the Marsee Auditorium back to the hotel AFTER competition ends on both Friday and Saturday. More information will be provided as we get closer.

We would encourage all California and Arizona members to drive to Regional Convention and have their cars available. Hotel self parking will be \$15 per day, and parking at the Marsee Auditorium is free and plentiful as the college is on spring break the week we are there.

PURCHASING ALL-EVENTS TICKETS (AETs)

AET Costs: **\$135.00** (Adult), and **\$67.50** (Youth-25 years or under).

Registration/AET purchase opens on **January 16, 2024** and will be done online by each individual member. Make sure you can login to the [Region 21 Convention website](#) and that all your profile information is complete and current before trying to Register. Your AET/Name badge is your ticket to all events. Your AET MUST be worn throughout the weekend.

REGISTRATIONS AND AETs

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- Registrations will be done online by **each individual member.***
- Make sure you can login to the [Region 21 Convention website](#) and that all your profile information is complete and current before trying to Register.
- Your AET/Name badge is your ticket to all events and MUST be worn throughout the weekend.
 - Badges (AETs) may be picked up at the Registration table by each individual member.
 - You will not be allowed to pick up someone else's AET.
 - See the [Proposed Schedule of Events](#) for Registration location and hours of operation.
 - Badge holders will not be provided this year. Instead, we ask that everyone **Bring Your Own Badge Holder!** To help with ongoing cost savings and to use best practices of reducing, reusing, and recycling, we ask everyone to bring your own badge holder. Most of us have many badge holders collecting dust at home - bring one with you to hold your AET. And bring extras to share! Decorate the edges of your badge holders to show your personality!

***Note to Choruses who pay for their member's AETs:** Registration instructions will be sent to your Competition Coordinator, Finance Coordinator and President/Team Manager. Chorus members be sure to check with your chorus for your special registration instructions.

There will be a separate link for Chapter-at-Large members and for guests of Region 21 who wish to purchase AETs. This link does not require creating an account.

PURCHASING SINGLE EVENT TICKETS (SETs)

SET Costs: **\$70.00** (Adult) and **\$35.00** (Youth-25 years or under).

SINGLE EVENT TICKETS (SETs): SETs for the quartet or chorus contests will be available for purchase online through the website or on site at the Convention Registration desk within the hotel. **Tickets can NOT be sold at the Marsee Auditorium so if buying in person, you must buy your ticket at the Convention Registration table at the hotel.** Any NON-COMPETING chorus member (except for the Assistance Chapter), Chapter-At-Large member, or non-competing guests who are attending only one event may purchase a Single Event Ticket (SET) in lieu of an AET.

CONTEST SEATING is general admission/open seating, except for VIP seating, and available on a first-come, first-served basis. VIP seating eligibility is detailed within the Registration process. VIPs will be entitled to one VIP seat for themselves, and one for a pre-designated guest. The guest must be named as a VIP GUEST on the registration forms. VIPs will not be able to add a guest on site. **A VIP is only eligible for one seat and one guest seat regardless of the number of areas in which they are eligible.**

HOTEL ROOM RATES, RESERVATIONS, AND FACILITY USAGE FEE

Hotel reservations open on **January 16, 2024**. The deadline for competing members to complete their reservations is **March 13, 2023**.

The room reservation process has changed! Room reservations will be done online directly with the hotel. **BE SURE AND READ THE DETAILED [HOTEL RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS](#) BEFORE MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS!** **The room reservation link will be made available on January 16, 2024. An announcement will be sent.**

HOTEL ROOM RATES (Approximate): Special requests will be filled in the order that they are submitted.

King/Two Queens	\$179.00 + State & Local Taxes, Tourism Fee = \$200 (Single/Double/Triple/Quad)
Executive Suites	\$229.00 + State & Local Taxes, Tourism Fee = \$256
King Suites	\$279.00 + State & Local Taxes, Tourism Fee = \$312

Suites are **extremely** limited. Please send suite requests to Patrica Glasser, Convention Event Coordinator (convenevents@region21.org). Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis.

The room reservation link will be made available on January 16, 2024. An announcement will be sent.

NON-COMPETITOR ROOM RESERVATIONS: Chapter-at-large members, members outside of Region 21, and all guests who wish to stay at the hotel may make your reservations using the direct link as well. Simply put "Non-competitor" in the Company name field.

PARKING: Self Parking is available for \$15.00 per day. Valet parking is available for \$38.00 per day.

TRANSPORTATION from nearby airports to the Marriott: The Marriott Torrance/Redondo Beach is 10 miles from LAX and 16 miles from the Long Beach airport. Check each airport for ground transportation options and instructions. We still encourage all members who can to drive this year.

FACILITY USAGE FEE: All competing chorus and quartet members, and all Assistance Chapter members, must stay a minimum of one night in the convention hotel, or they must pay a Facility Usage Fee of \$100. Region 21 has contracted with the convention hotel for a minimum number of rooms, and could incur attrition costs if room block commitments are not met. Hotel guest lists will be verified against each list of competing members (chorus and quartet) and Assistance Chapter members. Please complete the [Facility Usage Fee Form](#) online if you are not staying a minimum of one night at the convention hotel. **This fee must be prepaid by March 13, 2024.**

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check the [Proposed Schedule of Events](#) for the dates, times, and locations of:

- Registration, Boutique, Quartet and Chorus Briefing, various meetings and education classes, Club 21 Jamboree, Quartet and Chorus competitions, Harmony Showcase, and Saturday Night Afterglow.
Please limit your afterglow gatherings to the designated hotel Hospitality Suites

NOTE: The Steering Committee will be doing a site visit in mid-January, and many of the "TBD" details and room names will be solidified at that time. Keep checking the website for the most current [Schedule of Events](#).

CHORUS EXTRA REHEARSAL REQUESTS

A limited number of rooms are available for extra rehearsals on **Friday, April 12th** from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm for a fee of **\$250.00**. Choruses may opt to share the time with another chorus and split the cost of the room. Choruses need to make their own arrangements if costs are to be split. To secure a room for your chorus function, be sure to complete the **Function Request Form and make payment online by March 13, 2024**. Requests will be filled in the order they are received. Rehearsal room schedules will be sent only to those requesting an extra rehearsal. Function Request Forms will be available starting January 16th on the [Region 21 Convention website](#).

COMPETITION DETAILS & LOGISTICS

For full competition details go to the [Region 21 Convention website](#) under Docs and Communications. Competition details include information on the Traffic Pattern, where competitors will meet the buses, stage details and use of props, where to pick up score sheets, and more. **All competition details may not be available right away. Check the website regularly; chorus leaders and quartet contacts will also have access to the SAI Regional Competition Portals for the most up to date information.**

WITHDRAWALS: Please note: If a chorus or quartet has to withdraw, a written withdrawal notice must be received by International Headquarters. This notification may come by email, but a phone call is not sufficient. Should you need to withdraw on competition weekend, please notify the Competition Coordinator, Lou Gordon, at 480-375-8362.

PHOTOS, DIGITAL RECORDINGS, YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM

PHOTOS: Official competition photos will be taken by Freeze-Frame Photography. All of the forms and instructions will be made available on the [Region 21 Convention website](#). Order forms and payments should be brought to the competition briefing on Thursday. Quartet photos will be taken in a photo room prior to competing, chorus photos will be taken on the stage immediately after competing.

COMPETITION DIGITAL RECORDING:

Following the contest, competing quartets and choruses will be emailed a login to download their edited competition recording. Emails will be sent to the competitor contact person.

CONTEST LIVE STREAM

This year we will be hosting a Live Stream of the contest via You Tube. There will be a \$25 fee to access the Live Stream. Payment and instructions will be available soon.

A reminder that NO photographs or videos are allowed from any audience member during the competition, unless authorized by Sweet Adelines International. There is also a very strict “no photography” policy in the quartet photo room - no photos are to be taken by anyone other than Freeze Frame Photography.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon! - your [RCSC](#)