

SONSHINE TOUR 2017

BOSTON

Dear Sonshine Tour Participants and Parents,

I am so excited for ST17! This is going to be a great tour to Boston (thanks to planning done by our amazing parent team!), and we are already praying for the way God will move in our students and the people we sing for while we're gone.

Our theme for tour this year comes from Joshua 1:9, "This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." What a message to share with people to take heart and remember that they are coveted by God! I can't wait to see our students offer help and hope through this Good News. Through their work (concerts and interactions with audiences), worship, and play, God will use us in a very special way on choir tour and in our lives to come, and I can't wait to see his plans revealed this week!

To follow our tour on social media, here are a few outlets!

- Like and follow our Facebook page, where one of our chaperones will be posting pictures every day!
<https://www.facebook.com/SonshineChoir/>
- Instagram – follow these staff people to see updates, and check the hashtag to see posts from students and adults on the trip as well!
 - Zack - @Zackapotamusl
 - James - @jwellsbumc
 - BUMCSM - @bumcsm
 - Patsy - @patsybwood
 - Adam - @ACJones10
 - Lee - @lglfrench

As we prepare for tour, there are A LOT of details to cover so everyone is ready and knows what to expect before the first day of rehearsal week. Following, in this packet is a packing list, concert attire details, itineraries for rehearsal week and tour week, concerts, and accommodations, along with several other important bits of information. Please pay close attention to the details included.

The ST17 Choir family is going to spend 15 days together from July 9 through the 23rd. It is very important that we ALL give the same 100% effort and energy during rehearsals AND on tour. Any rehearsal time missed should have already been approved at this point and all choir members are expected to be fully accountable during rehearsal week and tour. Even though rehearsal week officially begins with the first "rehearsal", I ask that you be in attendance for the 8:15 service on July 10, if at all possible.

In this packet you'll find:

- Rehearsal week schedule
- Detailed packing list (see concert attire by gender breakdown especially!)
- A copy of the Conduct Covenant (no need to sign and bring in, we will go over it with the students during rehearsal week)
- And lots of other important info about tour, please read this WHOLE packet!

With great anticipation and excitement!

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Rehearsal Week Schedule

- If you're in **Sonshine** (but not in the band or in Ensemble)
 - Sunday, July 9 – Wednesday, July 12
 - 5:45pm-9:00pm
 - There is a snack break with snack provided, but please eat dinner before you come!
 - Thursday, July 13 (Performance at Nashville Rescue Mission)
 - 5:15pm - Meet at BUMC in khaki and red polo (provided if you don't have it already)
 - Eat dinner or heavy snack beforehand
 - 7:00pm – lead in chapel worship at Nashville Rescue Mission (parents welcome to travel separately to listen)
 - 8:40pm – approximate arrival back at BUMC
- If you're in **Sonshine Ensemble**
 - Sunday, July 9 – Wednesday July 12
 - 3:00pm – 5:00pm rehearsal in choir room
 - Dinner provided in Café (Ensemble and Band only) afterwards, please bring \$5 each day!
- If you're in the **Band**
 - Sunday, July 9 – Wednesday, July 12
 - 1:00pm – 3:00pm rehearsal in the pit (this time will get shorter as the week goes forward)
 - Dinner will be provided if you want it at 5:15 if you're not already in Ensemble (please bring \$5)
 - Thursday, stay after Sonshine rehearsal to pack and stage all band equipment to quick pack on Friday before Rescue Mission concert
 - Thursday, July 13
 - 4:45 pm – Arrive to pack band and sound equipment (eat a heavy snack or dinner beforehand, we won't have time to eat before we return to BUMC)
 - 5:15pm – Depart for setup
 - 7:00pm – Concert at Rescue Mission

PACKING LIST

- Concert Attire **(See next page for gender-specific info)**
- Casual clothing for 8 days that is appropriate and within dress code. We do not want our clothing to be a distraction. The dress code will be discussed fully during rehearsal week. In summary:
 - GIRLS:
 - All pants and blue jeans must have no rips or tears
 - All shirts must have at least a 1" strap. No halter tops, strapless shirts, strapless dresses, spaghetti straps, tank tops with bra straps showing, or bras showing with cutout sleeves.
 - Shorts must be of a modest length with at least a 3" inseam. (Fingertip length)
 - No T-Shirts with inappropriate language or print.
 - GUYS:
 - All pants and blue jeans must have no rips or tears
 - Shorts must be of modest length.
 - No T-Shirts with inappropriate language or print.
- A small carry on bag for a change of clothes.
- Personal toiletry items.
- Personal medications. Please discuss any questions or concerns with the medical team before departure. Our physician, Dr. Steve Johnson, will be happy to help while we are on tour.
- Pillow/blanket for the bus, if desired. The buses can be cold, so a light jacket is suggested.
- A light jacket or sweatshirt and a raincoat would be advisable.
- A photo ID. (Driver's License, Permit, School ID).
- Spending money for meals not covered by tour cost (approx. \$80-\$120) **Please see details on page 5**
- Spending money for free time to shop on a couple occasions.

A note about our air travel: I'm asking that **all students and adults check their bags** when we depart and return. We are 103 seats out of 157 available seats on our 2 Southwest flights, so I think it will be most helpful for us to only carry on our carry-on luggage and check our larger baggage to make it a pleasant and easy experience for the other passengers we are traveling with. We will have a system for checking in and going through security with our bus groups and assigned adults both times we go through the airport. I know many may have Pre-check or similar things that make your travel through security shorter, but we will ask that you forgo that benefit to keep the group together. Details about the schedule for departure and arrival are later in the packet.

CONCERT ATTIRE NEEDED - GIRLS

We will have different types of venues for our concerts, from homeless shelters to church worship services. What we wear will vary. Be prepared with the following:

- Red BUMC Polo and Khaki Uniform
 - Red BUMC polo shirt. If you don't have one from a previous tour, one will be issued to you during rehearsal week. If you already have one, please make sure it still fits!
 - Khaki skirt or pants
 - Dress shoes or sandals with back straps. **No flip-flops**
 - Belts must be worn if there are belt loops.
- White Blouse/Top and Khaki Uniform
 - White blouse/top with khaki skirt or pants; A short sleeve shirt is fine. **No T-shirts or sleeveless shirts.**
 - Dress shoes or sandals with back straps. **No flip-flops***
 - Belts must be worn if there are belt loops.
- Casual T-Shirt Uniform. (These T-shirts will be handed out during rehearsal week to students who do not already have them)
 - Sonshine Tour 17 Shirt – *You will receive it during rehearsal week.*
 - Blue 2017 Share the Spirit – *You will have it if you participated in the STS17 in March*
 - Bring the following to wear with the T-Shirts
 - Blue jeans
 - Khaki pants or skirt
 - Shoes
 - Any shoes are acceptable as long as they have a back strap. **No flip-flops**

CONCERT ATTIRE NEEDED - GUYS

We will have different types of venues for our concerts, from homeless shelters to church worship services. What we wear will vary. Be prepared with the following:

- Red BUMC Polo and Khaki Uniform
 - Red BUMC polo shirt. If you don't have one from a previous tour, one will be issued to you during rehearsal week. If you already have one, please make sure it still fits!
 - When wearing the polo, please remember to keep it tucked in.
 - Dress shoes, dark tennis shoes or Toms are fine. **No flip-flops***
 - Belts must be worn if there are belt loops.
- White Long Sleeved Button Down Shirt and Khaki Uniform
 - White long sleeved button down shirt with khaki pants
 - Dark socks and dark dress shoes (Brown or Black) **No flip-flops***
 - Belts must be worn if there are belt loops.
 - Uniform tie will be provided.
- Casual T-Shirt Uniform. (These T-shirts will be handed out during rehearsal week to students who do not have them already)
 - Sonshine Tour 17 Shirt – *You will receive it during rehearsal week.*
 - Blue 2017 Share the Spirit – *You will have it if you participated in the STS17 in March*
 - Bring the following to wear with the T-Shirts
 - Blue jeans
 - Khaki pants
 - Shoes
 - Dress shoes, Toms (or something similar) or tennis shoes are all acceptable.

***Note about flip flops: we require that concert footwear have a back strap so they won't come off during a concert and become a distraction. Flip flops are fine for any other time that's not a concert.**

SNACK DONATIONS FOR REHEARSAL WEEK

For rehearsal week snack, please bring a **large box (24 packs or more) of individually wrapped cookies, chips, or crackers OR 24 pieces of fresh fruit to the Youth Café on Sunday or Monday of Rehearsal Week**

ESTIMATED MEAL COST

Below are the meals which will be purchased by students while on Tour, along with an estimated cost. There are usually a variety of restaurants at these locations, so the exact cost is determined by the student's choice. There is 1 meal per day that is the student's responsibility.

1. \$10-\$15 for Saturday, July 15, for lunch at the airport
2. \$10-\$12 for Sunday, July 16, for lunch around Boston Common/Boston Public Garden
3. \$10-\$12 for Monday, July 17, for dinner at restaurants near Simmons College
4. \$10-\$15 for Tuesday, July 18, for dinner near Harvard/Cambridge
5. \$15-\$20 for Wednesday, July 19, for dinner at Fenway Park
6. \$10-\$15 for Thursday, July 20, for lunch near the Prudential Center
7. \$10-\$15 for Friday, July 21, for lunch (location TBD)
8. \$10-\$15 for Saturday, July 22, for lunch at airport

All other meals are covered by the tour.

BUS REMINDERS:

- Bottled drinks only with screw-on top.
- Coffee in spill proof containers only (**no disposable snap-on lid drink cups**).
- A "trash on the floor" problem will result in a no food or drink policy ***JUST PICK IT UP***
- Most days you will need to have a change of clothes in a carry-on
- You will change buses every day, so everything has to come off at the end of the day.
- Treat the drivers with great respect, courtesy, and let them know how much you appreciate them!

Sonshine Tour 2017

CONDUCT COVENANT

Sonshine Choir Tour has the potential to be one awesome week, and we need *everyone's* help in making that happen! The Tour planning team and youth and music staffs have been praying for you and this Tour, and we hope that you'll prayerfully consider your behavior and attitude in return. Please take some time to review the below items before signing this covenant.

Attitude & Expectations

- We hope you'll meet new people this week - this includes: don't change your rooming assignment or other assigned groups. We've worked very hard to make sure you're with the people you've requested to be with *and* to make sure no one gets left out!
- Respect and listen to the chaperones - if a chaperone asks you to do something or asks you not to do something, listen to them the first time.)
- HAVE FUN PRAISING GOD! - We hope you'll experience God in many ways on Tour this week: through the performances, talking to people in the audience, through worship at night, fellowship on the bus, and being away from your normal routine. Be open to what God might do in your life this week and undoubtedly, you'll have a good time!

Dress Code (These guidelines are meant to help us stay focused on our mission and to not draw attention to ourselves. These are *summarized* from the entire tour packet)

- Clothes must be worn that are sized to fit appropriately. No excessively tight or baggy "low-riding" clothing. Sleeveless shirts must be at least shoulder width. No low cut shirts revealing cleavage.
- Bathing suits when applicable: one piece or modest tankini for girls (or two-piece with a cover up or t-shirt), no speedos for guys.
- Length of dresses, skorts and skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Shorts must have at least a three inch inseam. No shorts are to be worn for performances.
- Clothing with offensive or suggestive messages, profanity or that make reference to drugs, alcohol or tobacco in any way will not be worn at any time.

Rules of Conduct

- No roaming in areas that are not designated rehearsal or performance areas. This includes rehearsal week at BUMC and in performance locations on Tour.
- Be where you are supposed to be when asked to be there.
- Be in your rooms at curfew and lights out when asked.
- No possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
- No fighting, weapons, fireworks, lighters, or explosives.
- Participation with the group is expected. This includes all performances, group activities and worship services.
- Remain with a group of students from BUMC at all times. No one should go anywhere alone or with strangers.
- No excessive public or private displays of affection.
- Respect the property of all facilities, their staff and residents.
- Respect one another, staff, and adult leaders.
- Respect and comply with event, program, and activity schedules.
- No use of cell phones or any other electronic device at performance locations or during

worship times. Several locations where we are singing this year do not allow pictures to be taken or posted on social media.

- Chaperones have been given instructions to take up and hold these items for the remainder of the Tour, if necessary.
- Bond with people of your own gender in your rooms. (This means no guys in girls rooms and no girls in guys rooms EVER.)

Students who fail to comply with these expectations will be required to call home and, at the discretion of the Director, could be sent home at the parents' expense.

I understand these rules and requests and I want to do everything I can to make Sunshine Choir Tour 2017 the best it can be for me and for everybody else who is there.

Student Signature

Date

Tour Events/Schedule

Thursday, 7/13/2017

- Nashville Rescue Mission
 - 7:00pm – 8:00pm
 - 5:15pm arrive @ BUMC
 - 639 Lafayette St, Nashville, TN 37203

Saturday, 7/15/2017

- 9:00am arrive at BNA (note, we are not meeting at BUMC!)
- Southwest flight 5322
 - 11:30am-2:55pm
- Dinner at Simmons College (housing for duration of trip)

Sunday, 7/16/2017

- Concert - Park Street Church
 - 1 Park St, Boston, MA 02108
 - 8:30 am, 11:00am, and 4:00pm
- Lunch on own at Boston Common
- Dinner at Simmons College

Monday, 7/17/2017

- Boston Duck Tour – 10:30am
- Concert - Atria Marina Place
 - 2:00pm - 3:00pm
 - 4 Seaport Dr, Quincy, MA 02171
- Dinner at Simmons College

Tuesday, 7/18/2017

- Concert - Hattie B Cooper Community Center
 - 10:00am – 11:00am
 - 1891 Washington St, Boston, MA 02118
- Lunch at Elizabeth Seton Residence
- Concert - Elizabeth Seton Residence
 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm
 - 125 Oakland St, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
- Dinner around Harvard/Cambridge

Wednesday, 7/19/2017

- Concert - Department of Youth Services
 - Juvenile Detention
 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm
 - Lunch provided before by DYS
- Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays
 - Dinner on own at Fenway

Thursday, 7/20/2017

- Lunch on own at Prudential Center
- Concert - The Boston Home
 - 2:00pm-3:00pm
 - 2049 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester Center, MA 02124
- Senior Night in worship

Friday, 7/21/2017

- Concert - Vine Street Community Center
 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 - 339 Dudley St, Roxbury, MA 02119
- Concert - Marion Manor
 - 2:30pm-3:30pm
 - 130 Dorchester St, South Boston, MA 02127

Saturday, 7/22/2017

- Depart Southwest Flight 1531
 - 1:50pm – 3:35pm
 - Pickup at BNA 3:35

Sunday, 7/23/2017

- BUMC
- Worship Services 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:05am
- Pre-record for CD at 4:45
- Dinner at 6:00pm (provided)
- Home Concert 7:00 p.m.

Home Concert

Sunday, 7/24/2016

Sonshine Choir sings for the 8:15am and 9:45am worship services, as well as the opening at the 11:05 service.

12:05 Immediately following luncheon, band members get equipment set up in Sanctuary before leaving church.

4:00 Solo, Band, Ensemble pre-recording

4:45 Sonshine rehearsal/pre-record

6:00 Sonshine dinner in the Gym

7:00 Home Concert

Chaperones and Staff

Church Staff

Zack Liston (469) 271-4732
James Wells (615) 587-0676
Patsy Wade
Adam Jones
Lee French
Shelby Wallace
Stephen English (sound)

College Interns/Staff

Mason Burgin
Juan Pablo Munoz
Elizabeth Schenck
Ashley Williams

Chaperones

Cynthia Armstrong
Dwight Armstrong
Mayte Casella
Betsy Christie
Dr. Steve Johnson
Chris Keffer
Stephanie Keffer
Amy Macy
Lisa McAllister
Rick McAllister
Dana Orange
Katherine Orr
Bob Shockley
Lori Vines
Glen Wingerd