

Regional Convention Committee
Update
April 1, 2018

The Regional Supplement will be sent out 5 weeks before competition.

This year we will be using one riser configuration.

There will be buses running Friday and Saturday all day during contest, no breaks.

There is no Quartet Celebration room this year.

There will be one person stationed on the inside by the Handi-Cap door at the ESPCC. Please knock for entrance and they will let you in.

The chorus riser bags are too large and too heavy for those responsible for moving the bags while a chorus performs. Please use smaller chorus risers bags to eliminate this problem

All checks for registration, the banquet and breakfast buffets are made out to Greater NY/NJ Region 15. Your CCL will make sure checks go to the proper RCC team member.

There will be buffets at the Hilton on Thursday and Friday night, to make dining and waiting time easier. The cost will be \$23.95 each night. The Friday night buffet will run until 10 pm or so to accommodate those returning from Quartet Contest. You will also have the option of ordering off the menu.

There will be a few new food selections at the Concession Stand along with the standard fair that has been offered in past years. There will be hot meatball subs, chicken tenders with BBQ or honey mustard sauce and tortilla chips with nacho cheese and salsa. We encourage you to purchase food/snacks/water/wine, etc. from this vendor as it helps defray regional costs.

To celebrate our 5th year in Albany, there will be raffle tickets handed out to every participant of the Mass Sing, which is scheduled to be on the Capital Steps this year, weather permitting, and every member who is attending the Regional Banquet on Saturday night. We have 3 wonderful gifts to give away, but remember, you must be there and participate to receive a free raffle ticket.

There will be designated buses for both the Quartet and Chorus winners.

Breakfast this year will be \$27.00, and the Regional Banquet will be \$48.00. These prices are all inclusive, food, service charge and 23% gratuity.

This year, the entertainment at our Regional Banquet will be the top 3 overall Choruses and top 3 Quartets. It will alternate beginning with 3rd place quartet, 3rd place chorus, 2nd place Quartet, 2nd place Chorus, 1st place Quartet and 1st place Chorus, followed by THE BUZZ.

Immediately following the Banquet, the Sirens of Gotham will host a Tag Singing Party in the lobby of the Ball Room. We encourage everyone to attend. It is a lot of fun and a great chance to mingle and meet other members of our region.

Snacks and beverages may be brought into the hotel **for your own room or chorus hospitality room. No food, unless it is catered by the hotel, is allowed in public places including the rehearsal rooms.** When bringing snacks and beverages to your room or your chorus hospitality room, please be discrete (no coolers, large containers, obvious bottles)

Please make sure to check the Regional Website for all things Contest related.