



A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony



2024 Contest Entry Deadline - April 5th

This year's contests will be among the largest in the last several years! We have 18 quartets and 7 choruses currently registered, and I know there are a few more planning to enter. We're going to have an additional two choruses singing in the Chorus Showcase immediately following the chorus contest. We still have room for a few more contestants, so get your entries in before Friday, April 5th. Contest entries are completed through BHS' Member Center.

For documents containing the rules and details on entering either the Chorus or Quartet Contests, click here for our Google Drive folder.

Contact **Steve Curulla** if you have any questions.

2024 NSC Convention Info and Links

The Convention plans continue to excite! We have Quartet and Chorus Contests, a Chorus Showcase, a Woodshedding/Tag Room, Hospitality Suites, the incredible Show of Champions, infamous Afterglow, and plenty of singing in the corners! Keep up to date on our **NSC website page.**

Remember, you now only need nine (9!) members including the Director to qualify for the chorus contest, instead of the previous 12. This is one more reason for a smaller chorus to join us on stage in April!

For Convention Registration and for Hotel information, Click Here.

For all the rules and details on entering either the Chorus or Quartet Contests, click here for our Google Drive folder.

We'll be publishing the draw after the registration closes..<u>watch our</u> Facebook page for the info!

Convention Program Advertising Deadline March 31!

Quartets, and ANY interested parties...March 31 is the deadline for advertising in our Spring Convention Program. Registrations are pouring in, we'd love you to advertise to us all!

Email Bob Boone or call Bob at910.695.3263.

Calling all Volunteers!

We know you love a great staff at conventions...come join us! We need your help to make this District Convention and Contest the best ever. If you are interested in helping out for part of your weekend, please <u>click this link and</u> <u>fill out a volunteer interest form</u>. A member of the Convention Team will be in touch during March to match your talents with a needed job and time slot. Volunteer opportunities range from helping at registration, monitoring doors during the contests, helping ensure that the judges get here from the airport (and back), set up and teardown before and after the contests, assisting with the Showcase and District Hospitality Room, plus many others! Thanks in advance for your consideration!

~ Email Bob Boone (or text 910.695.3263)

Deadline <u>March 31</u>! HU: Two Harmony University Scholarships Available

Our District is sponsoring two scholarships to the **Society's Harmony University, which is July 28–August 4 at the University of Denver.** Each scholarship recipient will need to spend only \$50 for tuition; the District will pay the remaining tuition cost. Each recipient is responsible for transportation to and from the event as well as for housing. Scholarships are available to frontline and assistant directors as well as other chapter musical leaders. Preference will be given to first-time attendees. <u>Click here for detailed information about the unforgetable experience that</u> is Harmony University,

Scholarships are available to front-line and assistant directors as well as other chapter musical leaders. Preference will be given to first-time attendees. Applications will be accepted up to and including March 31, 2024. **Apply here:** <u>https://form.jotform.com/230985906686069</u>

Harmony University is a life-changing experience. The faculty is fabulous and attendees will have a great time. The various colleges dealing with music are Arranger, Coaching, Directors, Performance, and Voice. More details are available online at https://www.barbershop.org/events/harmony-university-2024/colleges_tracks

Please make sure this opportunity is shared with your membership. **Remember, the application deadline is March 31**. Decisions will be announced in the week after.

~Rob Hopkins, NSC VP for Music and Performance

HoD 2024 Meeting April 6, 10am - 12 pm

Calling all Chapter Leaders! The Carolinas District will hold the Spring 2024 House of Delegates (HoD) meeting on Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM virtually through this **Zoom link**.

The HOD meeting is a great opportunity for all chapter leadership to learn about the exciting things going on in the district! <u>Check the agenda on our webpage.</u>

Chapter Presidents normally serve as delegate, but if the Chapter President is unable to attend, please **<u>email me</u>**, **Justin Slack**</u>, the name of your alternate.

Deadline <u>April 15</u>! HU: Four 1/2 Tuition Educator HU Scholarships

NSC Youth in Harmony & Outreach is pleased to announce four (4) 1/2 Tuition Educator Scholarships for this summer's <u>Harmony University</u>, 2024. If awarded, the scholarship will be paid directly to HU in the name of the applicant.

<u>Click here to download the application</u>, and submit to <u>vp-</u> <u>youth@carolinasdistrict.org</u> by April 15th, 2024. Priority will be given to first time attendees.

Additionally, applicants are encouraged to apply for the **educator scholarship from BHS**. BHS is also providing a 1/2 tuition scholarship for 2024.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. NSC looks forward to once again sending educators to HU to experience this amazing event, and spread the impact of Barbershop.

Take Advantage of NSC Coaching Opportunities

Take note: Our District's 2024 Music and Performance budget includes money for coaching. In particular, I encourage choruses to take advantage of this opportunity. The cost will be only \$50 toward the expense of bringing a coach to you. We want to make this program available to a lot of groups, so we will expect that the coach will be willing to accept a modest stipend and be able to drive to your location.

Also note, a prime opportunity for quartet and chorus **coaching** is available to all groups that attend this summer's **Lakeside Harmony Weekend**, **July 26-28 at Clemson University**. More information will be forthcoming about the many talented coaches we will have available, and registration.

Please contact **<u>Rob Hopkins</u>** with your indication of interest in setting up such a coaching session.

~Rob Hopkins, NSC VP for Music and Performance

LHW/HX at Clemson with SHD is happening again!

The teams have been diligently working on all the fine details, for both our **Lakeside Harmony Weekend (LHW)**, and **Harmony Explosion Camp (HX)** for high schoolers. **Plan on joining us July 25-28 (HX) or July 26-28 (LHW) at Clemson U** for a stellar weekend! Registration will be available soon.

The list of coaches and VIPs for **LHW** is stellar. We'll update even more information as it is finalized and made public. We promise you it is worth it!

HX UPDATE: <u>Click through to the HX web page</u> for all the amazing details for 2024! We have Debbie Cleveland for coaching, and even more VIPs for you! If you have information with a school contact, please <u>contact our VP-Youth, Dr.</u> <u>Kenneth Tice</u>, and he will help with that connection.

New Name! Southeastern Harmony District: SHD

On March 11, a District renaming and rebranding was announced: The Southeastern Harmony District (SHD), formerly known as the Dixie District.

Read their announcement on <u>SHD's Facebook page</u> on their post dated March 11, highlighting their reasons, new focus, and future plans.

Thus, among others posts, Lakeside Harmony is now listed as a joint NSC/LHD hosted event, rather than the previously named NSC/Dixie event.

The Calendar Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

Click the link for the official <u>District Calendar</u>, that includes time and place. Here's a recap of what's scheduled to date. Contact District Secretary Justin Slack at <u>secretary@carolinasdistrict.org</u> to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.



April 6 - NSC HoD Meeting (Virtual, Link above) Apr 19-20 - NSC Convention - Southern Pines/Pinehurst, NC June 30-July 7 - BHS International Convention - Cleveland, OH July 24-27 - NSC-SHD Harmony Explosion Camp - Clemson, SC July 25-27 - NSC-SHD Lakeside Harmony Weekend - Clemson, SC July 28-Aug 4 - BHS Harmony University (HU) - Denver, CO April 4-5, 2025 - 2025 NSC Convention - Pinehurst, NC

Important Links

> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony

<u>> Barbershop Harmony Society</u> (BHS)

> HU Warmup Series on YouTube

> Previous Carolina Crooners

Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. We hope to see you in Pinehurst...stop by and say hello!

Yours in Harmony,

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