

Good Morning Region 17,

The 2026 Great Lakes Harmony [Region 17 Convention and Competition Portal](#) is now open. Simply go to the Region 17 website and there will be a link that will take you to the website. Everything you need to know about our Regional Convention can be found at the website, with just a few items still needing to be added.

Here are a few important pieces of information:

- **AEB**

- For Region 17 members, the cost of the AEB is included in your regional assessment so no additional fees are necessary unless you choose to purchase a VIP upgrade. Each chorus will turn in an AEB order by April 1. All ticket orders should be picked up by a designated person at the briefing on Thursday evening. **Please note that tickets are by presale only, with no same day ticket sales at the venue.** If you are a CAL member of region 17 and will not be including your order with a chorus, please contact Cathy Dunlap directly at CDunlap1969@gmail.com

- **Housing**

- Each chorus will turn in a housing form for their members by April 1. If your chorus will be paying a master bill, please note that there is **no tax exempt option** available at the Bayfront Convention Center. The housing chair is Deva Conti DevaCSings@gmail.com. For suites, please contact Karen Parsons at pharmasing@yahoo.com. Please note that there will be a \$100 per night attrition fee charged to competing members who do not stay in the hotel 2 nights. Parking is complimentary in the hotel parking garages and the flat lot of the Convention Center. If you receive a ticket when entering the garage, please present it at check-in for validation.

- **Scooters**

- Scooter rental will be available for members to reserve ahead of time. Please see the competition website for specific details. Although both hotels are connected to the Convention Center, the walk may pose a challenge for some of our members.

- **Photography**

- All photographs will be provided digitally. There will be a \$5 per competitor charge which will be billed after the fact to quartets and choruses. These files can be used to purchase prints at CVS, Walgreens, Shutterfly etc.

and also may be used for social media, advertising etc. Chorus sized prints may be purchased online at sites such as Nationsphoto.com. Fullcolor.com and MPix.com to name a few.

And as a final reminder, quartet registration ends March 16 and chorus registration ends March 17. Any competitor registering after that date, will be included in a later draw, will be competitor 1a and will pay an additional \$100 SAI registration fee. Regional quartet and chorus fees will remain at \$50 per quartet and \$100 for choruses of 25 or fewer, \$150 for choruses of 26-50, and \$200 for choruses larger than 50. Regional fees will be billed after the competition.

All information will be available at the website, but please contact me with any questions or comments. Here's to a great Regional Convention and Competition.

Best
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