



Handbell Musicians of America Area 2 2016 Challenge(R)ing

Friday, August 5 - Saturday, August 6

Allison Park, PA or Hackettstown, NJ

Your Area 2 Board is planning a new summer event to be held in two locations simultaneously: one in Northwestern New Jersey and one in the Pittsburgh Pennsylvania area. This one to two day event is designed for the individual ringer, director, entire choir or several members of a choir. Geared towards teens and adults, attendees will challenge themselves to improve their ringing skills and musicianship as they ring in a massed track. Several classes and a reading session will also be available. The goal of the event is to allow ringers the opportunity to challenge themselves to ring at that next level of music or with greater technique mastery and musicality at their current level. Directors will gain valuable insight from the other side of the table on ringing, directing, and how to help their ringers and choirs improve and grow. This August, challenge yourself to ring for the moon and stars!

Continuing Education Credits are offered to certified teachers in New Jersey and New York. *(Due to the change in the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, we are no longer an approved provider. Therefore, we can not issue professional development credits for Pennsylvania teachers.)*

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Locations:

St. Paul's United Methodist Church	Trinity United Methodist Church
1965 Ferguson Road	213 Main Street
Allison Park, PA 15101	Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Housing: Housing at a special rate has been arranged for both locations. Arrangements for housing must be made by the registrant directly with the hotel. Housing is not included in the registration fee.

Deadline for reservations is July 6th. When making reservation, mention HMA, Area 2 for special rate.

Pittsburgh, PA Hotels

<u>Home 2 Suites</u> \$110 plus tax, double occupancy; Continental Breakfast included	8630 Duncan Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15237 (412) 630-8400
<u>LaQuinta Inn, Pittsburgh North</u> \$119 plus tax, double occupancy	4859 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 (412) 366-5200

Hackettstown, NJ Hotel

<u>Quality Inn</u> \$95.99, double occupancy	1925 Route 57 West, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 (908) 813-8500
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Directors: We are fortunate to have four talented handbell directors to lead our summer event and challenge us to stretch beyond our current ringing level. Nancy Lutz, Michael Joy, Janet Van Valey and Karen Buckwalter are all active in Handbell Musicians of America and wonderful friends of Area 2 who are dedicated to furthering the art of handbell ringing. Click on each name below to learn more about our esteemed directors.

Pittsburgh, PA

Stars - [Nancy Lutz](#)

Moon - [Janet Van Valey](#)

Hackettstown, NJ

Stars - [Michael Joy](#)

Moon - [Karen Buckwalter](#)

Tracks: **STARS** - for the ringer/director who is ready to try out Coppers level music without the pressure of Festival performance OR the Copper ringer who wants to master techniques, and boost musicianship and confidence.

MOON - for the ringer/director looking for a greater challenge and a chance to experience and/or improve Bronze level music and techniques in a fun and friendly ringing environment.

Schedule Summary:

Friday will begin at 3:00pm with two class sessions. Both technique classes and a music reading session will be offered. Dinner will be on your own. From 7:00 - 9:00pm there will be a concert by a local Area 2 choir followed by a dessert reception and roundtable discussions - a wonderful opportunity to meet, network and learn from other ringers and directors. **The concert and reception are included in all registrations; RSVP REQUIRED on registration form for planning purposes.**

Saturday will begin with your choice of a class or music reading session at 9:00am. The massed track ringing sessions begin at 10:30am. Lunch is provided.

The day will conclude with a mini-performance at 5:00pm.

A detailed schedule will be sent to registrants.

Registration Fees:

All registration fees for Challeng(R)ing include massed track ringing sessions, music, a Saturday morning class or music reading session, concert, dessert reception and round table discussions on Friday night (RSVP required) and lunch on Saturday. Friday registration also includes two sessions of classes and/or a music reading session.

Fees do not include hotel accommodations, Friday dinner or Saturday breakfast.

Postmarked prior to June 15th (including a \$50 non-refundable deposit)	Friday and Saturday	\$110
	Saturday Only	\$90
Postmarked after June 15th (including a \$50 non-refundable deposit)	Friday and Saturday	\$135
	Saturday Only	\$115

Refund Policy:

In order to put on a quality event, Area 2 must contract for certain expenses including but not limited to consumable purchases, meeting room use fees, reproduction and other administrative services, and lodging guarantees. In the event of the need to cancel your registration for the 2016 Challeng(R)ing, Area 2 will refund the registration fee *less the \$50 non-refundable deposit listed above* if cancellation is made prior to July 1, 2016.

There will be no refunds for cancellation requests received July 1, 2016, or thereafter.

Please Note:

1. You must fill out one each of the following pages for each registrant: Registration Form AND Handbell Assignment Request Form. Please duplicate forms for each additional registrant.
2. Please make sure you send each page to the correct Board Member.
 - a. Registration Form must be sent by regular mail along with your payment to the Area 2 Secretary/Registrar, Gail Posey.
 - b. Handbell Assignment Request Form may be sent by email or regular mail to the Area 2 Past Chair, Susan Guse.
3. Please make a copy of all completed forms for your record.
4. Questions? Please contact Jill Fedon at jfedon1@gmail.com.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete **one form for each person** attending the 2016 Challeng(R)ing.

(Please type or print clearly. Duplicate form as needed and make a copy of completed forms for yourself.)

Name		HMA Membership #	
Mailing Address			
City		State	Zip
Primary Phone #		Alternate Phone #	
Email Address			
Church/Organization			

Instructions:

1. Register by June 15, 2016 (postmarked) and SAVE!!
2. Make a copy of this completed form for your records.
3. Payment must accompany this form in order for your registration to be processed.
4. Mail your registration form and check made payable to AGEHR, Area 2, Inc. to:

Gail Posey, HMA Area 2 Secretary
120 S. Main Street
Yardley, PA 19067

Amount Enclosed:

Registration Fee **before June 15th** _____
Additional Charge after June 15th (+\$25) _____
My check # _____ **TOTAL DUE:** _____

Please select: I will be attending _____ Allison Park, PA OR _____ Hackettstown, NJ.
I will be attending _____ Saturday only (\$90) OR _____ Friday and Saturday (\$110).
_____ I will be attending the Friday evening concert and dessert reception. (FREE; RSVP REQUIRED)

Extra bell sets are needed for classes and mass ringing. See below for some "incentives" to help us out!
Your help is very much appreciated by Area 2 and necessary to make this event a success.

I can bring _____ octaves of bells, _____ octaves of chimes, _____ feet of foam, _____ feet of table covers, _____ mallets.

Incentives: If you are contacted and approved to bring 3 or more octaves of bells or chimes you will receive the cost of a one-year membership returned to you or your organization via check. Compensation varies for additional equipment.

You will be contacted about bringing equipment. Please do not bring items unless you are contacted directly and approved by an Area 2 Board Member that your resources are needed. **Questions? Please contact Jill Fedon at jfedon1@gmail.com.**

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HANDBELL ASSIGNMENT REQUEST FORM

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Please select one: I will be attending _____ Allison Park, PA or _____ Hackettstown, NJ.

RINGING TRACK SELECTION: Please choose the ringing track that best fits your own needs and ability level. Placement in tracks and bell assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis. For the good of those in the ringing track, please pick the level of music that will be a reasonable and attainable challenge. Music does not need to be learned in advance, so it is important that you are able to ring comfortably within your Challeng(R)ing track. Music Packets are INCLUDED in the registration cost and can be picked up at the registration table upon checking in.

Please check only ONE ringing track: _____ Stars (Level 2+ & 3) OR _____ Moon (Level 4 & 5)

HANDBELL ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCE:

- Mark your Handbell Assignment preference with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. Indicating just one choice does NOT guarantee you will be assigned those bells.
- Be sure to mark three positions in order of preference. You will be assigned one of these positions if possible. By indicating a position preference, you are also indicating that you are competent using the techniques for that position.
- Every attempt will be made to give you your first choice however it is highly likely that many will be assigned their second or third choice. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.
- The sooner you return the registration form, the more likely you are to get your preferred choice. Your ringing assignment will be confirmed.
- Send your Handbell Assignment Request Form to **Susan Guse** at sguse@frontiernet.net OR

Susan Guse
HMA Area 2 Past Chair
53 Marges Way
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

HANDBELL ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCE CHART

Please indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.

C3-F3	G3-B3	C4-D4	E4-F4	G4-A4	B4-C5	D5-E5	F5-G5	A5-B5	C6-D6 D7	E6-F6 E7-F7	G6-A6 G7-A7	B6-C7 B7-C8