



Handbell Musicians of America, Area 2 2018 Challeng(R)ing

Friday, August 3-Saturday, August 4
Rush, NY

Friday, August 10-Saturday, August 11
Mechanicsburg, PA

This year's Challeng(R)ing will be held in two different locations, one week apart. One in near Rochester, NY and one near Harrisburg, PA. 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. 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. Challenge yourself to ring for the moon and the stars!

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

Dates: Friday, August 3 – Saturday, August 4 Friday August 10 – Saturday, August 11

Locations: Rush United Methodist Church First United Methodist Church
6200 Rush Lima Rd (Rt 15A) 135 West Simpson Street
Rush, NY 14543 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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 hotel reservations is July 1st. When making reservations, mention HMA, Area 2 for special rate.**

Contracted Hotels

Rochester, NY	Mechanicsburg, PA
RIT Inn and Conference Center 5257 W Henrietta Rd., Henrietta, NY 14467 585/359-1800 \$99/night + tax Double Rooms Only	Wingate by Wyndham 385 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 717/766-2710 \$104/night + tax Single or Double Room

Directors: We are fortunate to have two very talented Directors to lead our events this summer and to challenge us to stretch beyond our current ringing level. Hyosang Park and Kathleen Ebling Shaw are both great friends of Area 2 and very active in the handbell community. Both are very dedicated to furthering the art of handbell ringing. Click on either name to learn more about our wonderful directors for this year.

Stars: Kathleen Ebling Shaw

Moon: Hyosang Park

Tracks: **STARS** – for the ringer/director who is ready to try out Copper level music without the pressure of Festival performance OR the Copper ringer who wants to master techniques, and boost musicality 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 3:00 pm with two class sessions. Both technique classes and a music reading session will be offered. Dinner will be on your own. From 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, there will be a dessert reception and roundtable discussions – a wonderful opportunity to meet, network, and learn from other ringers/directors. The reception and round table is included in all registrations. RSVP is required on registration form for planning purposes.

Saturday will begin with your choice of a class or music reading session at 9:00 am. The massed track reading sessions begin at 10:30 am. Lunch is provided. The day will conclude with a mini-concert at 5:00 pm.

A detailed schedule will be sent to all participants.

Registration Fees: All registration fees for Challenge(R)ing include massed track ringing sessions, music, a Saturday morning class or music reading session, 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 15 (including a \$50 non-refundable deposit)	Friday and Saturday	\$110
	Saturday Only	\$90
Postmarked on or after June 15 (including a \$50 non-refundable deposit)	Friday and Saturday	\$135
	Saturday Only	\$115

Refund policy: In order to present a quality event, Area 2 must contract for certain expenses including, but not limited to, consumable purchases, meeting room use fees, reproductions and other administrative services, and lodging guarantees. In the event you need to cancel your registration for the 2018 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, 2018.

There will be no refund for cancellation requests received July 1, 2018, or thereafter.

- Please Note:
1. You must complete one of each of the following pages for each registrant: Registration Form AND Handbell Assignment Request Form. Please duplicate forms as needed for each additional registrant.
 2. Please make sure you send each page to the correct Board Member.
 - a. Registration Form must be sent by U.S. mail along with your payment to the Area 2 Secretary/Registrar, Gail Posey.
 - b. Handbell Assignment Request Form may be sent by email or U.S. mail to the Area 2 Chair-Elect, Elizabeth Nowik.
 3. Be sure to make a copy of all completed forms for your records.
 4. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Nowik at eliznowik@gmail.com or Sarah Hazel at shazel2@outlook.com

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or
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Registration #

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete **one form for each person** attending the 2018 Challeng(R)ing.
(Please type or print clearly. Duplicate forms 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, 2018 (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 _____ Rochester, NY OR _____ Mechanicsburg, PA
I will be attending _____ Saturday only (\$90) or _____ Friday and Saturday (\$110)
_____ I will be attending Friday evening 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, _____ octave of chimes, _____ ft of foam, _____ ft 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 and 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. **Questions? Contact Elizabeth Nowik at eliznowik@gmail.com or Sarah Hazel at shazel2@outlook.com**

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Registration #	Postmarked	Total Due	Amount Paid	Check #	From

