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To: Teen MAJ Participants & Parents
From: Amy Sauer, MAJ Director, 651-366-0886 cell, majdirectors@gmail.com
Re: Teen MAJ Information

This "Letter to Participants" is also available on the website www.musicandjesus.org under "Already Registered."

Welcome aboard!

Congratulations on choosing to be a participant in this year's Teen MAJ! I am very excited to hold the 13th annual Teen MAJ retreat. At MAJ, you will challenge yourself individually, grow in your faith, discover talents you may never knew you had, praise the Lord, develop and enhance Christian friendships, and I guarantee you will have fun!

Please read the following details carefully. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me (text, call or email).

Teen MAJ Retreat

The Teen MAJ retreat will run Thursday afternoon, July 4 (arrival at 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.) through Sunday, July 7, about 12:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Delano, MN. We will perform Saturday evening, July 6 and Sunday morning, July 7. Throughout the retreat, you will learn choreography to different songs, your lines, and different acting skills. We will also have activities, fun games and campfire throughout the days. All participants are expected to attend the entire Teen MAJ retreat and performances. If for some reason you will have to miss any of the retreat times PLEASE call me ASAP to have it approved ahead of time.

Thursday, July 4	Arrival 2:45-3:00 p.m.; Begin at 3:00 p.m. to overnight
Friday, July 5	All day & overnight
Saturday, July 6	All day & overnight; 7:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, July 7	Sing in Church at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Performance 12:00 p.m. Meal Provided

During the retreat, the church phone # is 763-972-2442 – you will probably reach a volunteer/chaperone. To contact me directly during MAJ, text or call my cell at 651-366-0886.

Dress Rehearsal on Saturday for family and friends

There will be a dress rehearsal performance on Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

Sunday's Performance & Potluck for family & friends

After two full days of rehearsal, you will be ready to perform the show for your family & friends! You will sing in church on Sunday morning – 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Olive. Following church, your performance will be at 11:00 a.m. and Potluck to follow at 11:45 a.m.!

Please bring an entrée, salad or dessert to share!

Invitation for family & friends & your church's bulletin

Attached is an invitation flyer/bulletin insert to share with your family and friends and/or church. Invite them for Saturday & Sunday's performances! The "MAJ Performances Invitation Flyer/Bulletin Insert" is also available on the website www.musicandjesus.org under "See the Show" at <http://www.musicandjesus.org/see-the-show.html> OR just forward the email invite (when you receive it) to your family and friends!



Theme

This year's show has an 80s rock theme. The participants are wannabe rock stars, amped up to be the raddist rockstars ever. But they have a big problem (TBA!), and along the way, they discover God has a plan and purpose for each of them.

Costumes for Performers

Please bring the following for your costume **ALONG WITH EXTRA COSTUME PIECES YOU HAVE TO SHARE**. We will take a look at your costumes and help decide on your final costume pieces. Please try not to buy anything brand new... however you could go to the thrift store!

Please label all your belongings clearly with masking tape.

Costume Pieces for Everyone:

- Everyone – 80s style outfits, including rockstar outfits. The outfits pictured here show a variety. The gaudier the better! *Keep in mind you need to be able to do choreography in your outfit.*
- **PLEASE BRING A "TRACK SUIT" IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO ONE!** Ideally, all the guys will wear one for part of the show! That means we need about 10 track suits if possible!
- Shoes:
 - Guys – Shoes to go with your outfit or dress shoes
 - Girls - Shoes to go with your outfit, or character shoes (pictured at right), or an alternative would be black heels (that you can dance in) or black flat dress shoes.
- Hair – You could dress up your hair to fit the style of the show OR wear it normal. Big hair would be fun!
- PLEASE BRING A BOOMBOX IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO ONE!
- Anything else fun that speaks 80s rock? Bring it along! We'll see if we can use it!
- Girls: be sure your outfit is modest – no cleavage-style tops
- Girls: Bloomers or spandex shorts for under skirts if you're wearing a skirt
- **Girls – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN bold-color lipstick** (red, berry, etc.) this year to wear for the performance. (Blush will be provided.)
- FYI – Everyone will receive a MAJ t-shirt, but it will NOT be part of your costume (you can wear it at the potluck after the show).





Song List

If you would like, you can begin becoming familiar with the songs in the show. All songs can be found on YouTube, and you can also google the lyrics as well (keep in mind we will not necessarily sing all the lyrics for each song).

If you would like to view the Google Drive containing the music and mp3 files, this is the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/103QRfi2d5I3kJKXmfl06Cqz4kXW25vSP?usp=drive_link

1. Elevated by Citizen Way <https://youtu.be/VMDgGHOH9xo?si=Mb8dWCBtgjtjox0A>
 2. Hallelujah Feeling by Caleb and John <https://youtu.be/yAqsRkLumKU?si=doc1BmxTUZ5GdDbQ>
 3. Next to Me by Jordan Feliz <https://youtu.be/Tlzm1qYa9TU?si=3DZsPt8o7IkCpKw>
 4. Left It In the Water by We the Kingdom https://youtu.be/0dDwNYEZXC8?si=zv_zLylFDDVpgH7D
 5. My God Can by Katy Nichole <https://youtu.be/zQATwkAkIYw?si=xOEWqVuxRgmHGtb0>
 6. Goodness of God by CeCe Winans or Jenn Johnson https://youtu.be/-AwLTeMyq20?si=BBDrZ-R8RBws_I8 <https://youtu.be/lvSuGyJQ6oM?si=TuPB31ptaEAXIWC>
 7. The Plans by We the Kingdom <https://youtu.be/FSdIuFSR7GY?si=6GalB6k6iyLVwQfN>
 8. Running Home by Cochren & Co https://youtu.be/NK1AkCEHkZQ?si=DdnXcZjbfj_EgdbZ
- Closure: That's Why We Praise Him - <https://youtu.be/y9JT6PN5qNQ?si=n3RGjQymLNvFI0he>

Another Band Member Needed – Acoustic and/or Electric Guitar

We have a good group of band members, but we could still use another acoustic and/or electric guitar player. If you know of someone who plays one of these, send them my way and/or have them register right away! The more the merrier!

Last-Minute Registrations

Do you know of someone who might still want to do MAJ? Encourage them to still participate and register! The more the merrier! (Keep in mind that anyone can register up to the first day of MAJ, but he/she may or may not get a t-shirt.)

All Parents Needed as Volunteers – Link for an online volunteer signup service will be emailed to you soon

MAJ is an all-volunteer-run program, so volunteers are needed to help make MAJ a success! All parents and other adults are asked/encouraged to volunteer in some way during MAJ weekend or sometime before. A list of volunteer needs, utilizing an online volunteer signup service will be available soon and emailed to you. If you have questions, you can contact Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Arps at volunteerforMAJ@gmail.com or 612-940-0483 cell. Thank you!

Please note: overnight volunteers (one male and one female each night) are needed Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday night.



Food

All meals will be provided, but **we ask that you also please bring a food item as assigned to you**, as listed below.

You should also bring your own water bottle (a drinking fountain is available) and any other additional beverages. But please don't bring pop! We will have coffee. ☺

If you have a dietary need or request or just want to touch base about food, please connect with me or Jennifer Arps. Jennifer Arps can be reached at volunteerforMAJ@gmail.com or 612-940-0483 cell.

1	Arps	Nora	Pineapple
2	Brooks	Keira	Cantaloupe
3	Conklin	Tyler	Cantaloupe
4	Edwards	Carrie	Pineapple
5	Edwards	Grace	5# bag apples
6	Edwards	Noah	Bag of oranges
7	Enter	Lydia	Large seedless watermelon
8	Enter	Violet	Large seedless watermelon
9	Gergen	Noah	6 green peppers
10	Gomez	Hope	1 -5# bag of apples
11	Hansen	Lucy	1 - cherry tomatoes
12	Hardinger	Wyatt	2 # Baby carrots
13	Hollander	Noah	2# baby carrots
14	Huth	Charles	2# strawberries
15	Huth	Jennings	2# strawberries
16	Morrison	Raedun	blueberries
17	Morrison	Raquel	Blueberries
18	Penning	Michael	1 doz muffins
19	Rodenz	Julia	1 doz muffins
20	Scherer	Jonah	4 heads broccoli or 3# bag cut up
21	Scherer	Kaitlyn	2# grapes
22	Schmid	Alex	2# grapes
23	Schmidt	Elizabeth	Bananas 7#
24	Schumann	Natalie	1 jar peanuts
25	Sorenson	Chloe	Large bag M&M
26	Stelljes	Jonah	Large box of Kiwi (approx 3#)
27	Zimmermann	Trinity	Sugar snap peas - 30 oz bag

← Please remember to reply on email to confirm that you are bringing your food assignment! You are being relied on to bring your item! Thank you!



What to Bring

- Water bottle with water
- Your assigned food item
- Sleeping bag, pillow and air mattress if desired (you will be sleeping on the floor).
- Toiletries and towel (don't forget your deodorant!)
- Comfortable clothes and tennis shoes for dancing around in.
- Casual clothes that may get wet during an activity
- Costume items
- Bold-colored lipstick (for girls)
- Brown paper bag with your name on it (for putting your costume in)
- Your \$65 registration fee, if not yet paid (but it is preferred that you mail your check to Amy beforehand)
- Re your cell phone, please use only when absolutely necessary.
- Your parent during his/her chaperone time
- *Your enthusiasm and energy!*

See you at Teen MAJ!