



Barbershop Harmony Society Far Western District Harmony Camp

Harmony Camp has been operating in Northern California for about twenty-one years, I have directed Harmony Camp since 2003.

We typically have anywhere from 75 to 90 boys along with one or two top level quartets, three top clinicians and several volunteers who do the work (kitchen, chaperoning, and singing with the boys on the risers).

It is simply magic the way this all works when we put all these ingredients together and watch the magic unfold.

We run from Friday evening with late afternoon registration and dinner followed by our first general session. Saturday is filled with classes teaching good singing practices and tag singing, vocal production, and how to be a good lead, tenor, baritone, bass. Quartet coaching is also available.

The five general sessions follow each of the meals and this is where the boys learn the songs they will sing on the Friends & Family Show on Sunday morning. The show is free to the public and always spectacular.

The boys invariably come home from Camp excited about singing, and particularly excited about barbershop singing. But the main point is that their enthusiasm rubs off on their peers and the rest of the school choir members when they see the excitement of those who attended camp.

Please encourage male students to join us at Harmony Camp 2024 - they will love it. We invite Music Educators to join us, as guests of the camp. You are welcome for all or any portion of the weekend.

Camp is October 25-27, 2024. Our headliner quartet is High Priority, 2016 Senior International Quartet Champions at the Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention in July 2016 in Nashville. We have found that the older guys tend to relate in a very special way to the boys - often better than the twenty somethings.

You can find registration materials on the Camp website at <https://farwesterndistrict.org/events/youth-harmony-camp>.

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