

To Our Host Church:

We are anxiously awaiting our 50th Tour to carry God's message in word and song! Here is what you need to know:

Upon Arrival

- *We expect to arrive at 5:00 p.m. NOTE: This can often be as early as 3:00 p.m.
- *Upon arrival, we will need to speak to a representative of the facility regarding what we may move and not move in the performance area (ex: alter).
- *We will also need to know where our singers can change and where we can store our suitcases if you are providing host homes.
- *We will then be ready to move in our equipment and practice. We provide our own equipment.

Dinner

- *If a meal is provided, we will be ready to eat approximately 6:15 p.m.
- *We have approximately 50 people on Tour.
- *We encourage a meal that is easy for you! Many churches choose to have a potluck so that many can contribute. Other churches prefer a single themed dinner such as pizza. Whatever you decide will be greatly appreciated!

Performance

- *We recommend a 7:00/7:30 p.m. start time but are completely flexible to your needs.
- *Our typical performance is one hour to an hour and a half.
- *If we are performing during your morning service, our program is approximately 30 minutes but can be adjusted for a shorter or longer time. We can also provide service music if needed.
- *While we do NOT require an offering, most churches choose to take a love offering. It will be used to maintain the group, its equipment, and scholarships for next year as the singers pay or earn their way to go on Tour.

Hosting

- *If your congregation is hosting our singers, we will meet our host families directly after the performance in the performance space.
- *Either all girls or all boys will be placed in your homes, according to the family's request.
- *Some host families take two singers; some take a larger number. We generally assign singers in pairs.
- *Singers come on Tour with a sleeping bag, pillow, and toiletries. The host families provide a space, a warm shower, and a breakfast.
- *Host homes are GREATLY APPRECIATED as it provides singers with a good night's rest and a bath/shower.
- *Singers will need to change and strike the equipment before leaving with their host home.
- *Host homes will need to bring their assigned singers back to the facility usually by 8:00 a.m. If this is not convenient, special arrangements can be made.
- *Should your singers need to do a load of laundry, the decision is up to you, and we expect the singers to do the work, not the hosts.
- *Again, we are extremely grateful for host homes!

Miscellaneous

- *Our website <u>www.ngsingers.com</u> contains a news release, posters, pictures, and a promo video for your convenience.
- *Sometimes parental mail is sent to the church for Singers, please hold until we arrive.
- *Our adult sponsors and drivers stay in a local hotel. Contact info will be provided in case of emergencies.

If you have further questions throughout the process, please feel free to call me, Byron Myers, at 816-646-1292. We are most grateful for agreeing to host our group and look forward to being with you on this, our 50th annual tour.

Byron Myers
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