



42nd Annual
Big Sky Handbell Festival
April 25-26, 2025 - Ammon, Idaho
Hillcrest High School, 2801 E. Sunnyside Rd

OUR CLINICIAN:

LeAnna Willmore recently retired as conductor of the Bells at Temple Square in June 2024 after twenty years in that position. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Weber State University and Master of Music degree from the University of Utah. A choir teacher in the Utah area for nearly 40 years, she devoted 20 of those years to also instructing handbell choirs and serving in various state and National leadership positions. Willmore is an active member of the National Association for Music Education (NAFME) and has served as Western Division President. She also served as the Chair of the National Choral Council. She is an active member of Handbell Musicians of America and currently serves as Past-Chair on the Area 11 Handbell Musicians of America Board. Having won many state awards as a music educator, she is a frequent guest conductor and adjudicator. Her husband, Ken, is a retired structural engineer.



DIRECTOR SEMINAR with LeAnna Willmore ... Improve the Performance! Engage the Audience!
Friday April 26— 2:00pm - 3:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, 325 Elm St., Idaho Falls
(See Driving Directions, below)
COST: \$20 per person, added to registration, or payable on-site

SCHEDULE ... Move-in time at Hillcrest High School will be at 4:45 pm Friday 4/25, and our first rehearsal will be at 7:00 pm on Friday. On Saturday 4/26, there will be a full day of rehearsals and a concert at 7:00 pm. The full schedule will be emailed to you later.

FESTIVAL MUSIC ... Each choir is responsible to purchase and bring their own music. **DO NOT COPY MUSIC!** The music list is included in this email and also posted on the Area 10 website: <http://area10.handbellmusicians.org>. Other than official recordings made by event leaders, all other audio and video recordings constitute an infringement of the U.S. copyright laws.

DIRECTOR NOTES ... Your group will need to know more than what is printed in the music, so share the Director Notes with all ringers, and have them mark any changes in their music. Then, practice what is marked! Prepared ringers will have a much better festival experience, and so will LeAnna! Thank you!

CONCERT DRESS ... For the evening concert, please wear your usual performance attire.

CHOIR SOLOS ... If you would like to perform a choir solo at the afternoon mini-concert, please email the details to Corbin Rasmussen at crasmussen@sd251.org, — the title, arranger, full choir or ensemble, and special requests.

VENDORS ... Look forward to our vendors: Heitz Music, and Neil Gertner (Ultimate Bell Cases)

LUNCH ... The optional Saturday lunch costs \$13.00 and includes chips, cookie, and soda.

Sandwiches come with swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo and honey mustard. Choices:

Roast Turkey on a baker's roll Ham on a croissant Gluten-Free Wrap Turkey

The vegetarian option is **Veggie Cobb Salad**.

WHAT TO BRING ... We supply the floor space and chairs; you supply the tables, foam, bells and chimes.

HOTELS ... See below....

REGISTRATION ... Festival Registration Forms are due Wednesday, March 26.

The Form is a fillable PDF. Download the blank form to your computer. Open it on your computer to enter your information. Save the completed form, using the choir's name. (Suggested format: 2025 Festival Registration, Joyful Ringers.) Email the completed form to nrmatten@gmail.com or print and mail it with your registration payment. Placement on the ringing floor is determined by the email date or the postmark date of a mailed form.

Make checks payable to Big Sky Handbell Musicians, and mail to:

Naomi Matten

1900 Charlotte Ave.

Missoula, MT 59801

CANCELLATION/REFUND Policy

All cancellation requests must be in writing (email is acceptable). Refunds in full will be made for cancellation requests received by the registration date. Refund requests made after the registration date AND prior to the festival opening will be processed as follows: (1) Refund request must be made in writing from the choir director; (2) Full Registration Fee will be refunded to the individual (or to the organization, if the registration was paid by organization); (3) Lunch will only be refunded up until the time the lunch order is placed with the caterer. After order is placed, there will be no refund of lunch; (4) Director Seminar fee will be refunded up until the start of the seminar, upon written request.

If you have questions, email or phone:

Tomi Kent, President, Big Sky Handbell Musicians

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(406) 241-7843

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

SEMINAR LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 325 Elm St., Idaho Falls, ID

FESTIVAL LOCATION: 2801 E. Sunnyside Rd., Ammon, ID

DRIVING TO HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL:

From I-15, take Exit 116. Follow W. Sunnyside Rd for 5.9 miles. (The road becomes E. Sunnyside Rd) The last major cross-street is S. 25th E. Go one more block. Broulim's Fresh Foods is on the right and Eagle Drive is on the left. Turn left on Eagle Drive. At Derrald Ave, turn right and head for the Hillcrest H.S. parking lot and gym entrance.



DRIVING TO THE SEMINAR from I-15: Driving south on I-15, take Exit 118. Turn left on W. Broadway. After 4 blocks, cross the Snake River. After another 4 blocks, stay to the left (the inside lane.) Notice Denning's Appliance, on the right. Continue on W. Broadway, crossing the railroad tracks. (Broadway becomes Elm St.) On the left, you pass the Museum of Idaho and the Trinity United Methodist Church. Drive one more block. First Presbyterian Church is on the left. Drive past the church, and turn into the parking lot.

DRIVING FROM THE SEMINAR to Hillcrest H.S. is a 13 min drive. of 4.7 miles.

From the church parking lot, turn left on Elm St. Enter the traffic circle and take the first right which is S Blvd. After 10 blocks, Hawthorne Elementary School is on the right side. Drive by the school and move to the inside lane before you reach 17th St. Drive straight through the intersection at 17th St, and continue on. Pass through the intersection at E. 25th St. Eventually, you will come to W. Sunnyside Rd. Turn left on Sunnyside Rd for the final 3 miles to Hillcrest H.S. The last major cross-street is S. 25th E. Drive through the intersection. Broulim's Fresh Foods on the right, and Eagle Drive is on the left. Turn left on Eagle Drive. At Derrald Ave, turn right and head for the Hillcrest H.S. parking lot and gym entrance.

HOTELS

There are 3 hotels in Ammon, ID that are a 5-minute drive from the festival site. There are many others further away in Idaho Falls, near I-15. If you prefer to stay closer to the festival site in Ammon, those three hotels are listed below. They each have a block of rooms set aside for us for April 25-26. They are all double-queen rooms @ \$139 + taxes.

IMPORTANT: Use the Group Game when making your reservation.

La Quinta Inn & Suites, 2501 S. 25th E., Ammon, phone (208) 552-2500

Group name: Handbell Choir

20 rooms are set aside for us until March 30.

For [La Quinta](#) online reservations

Hampton Inn at the Mall, 2500 Channing Way, Ammon, phone (208) 529-9800

Group name: Handbell Event

15 rooms are set aside for us until March 25.

For [Hampton Inn at the Mall](#) online reservations

Holiday Inn Express, 2270 Channing Way, Ammon, phone ((208) 542-9800

Group name: Handbell Event

15 rooms are set aside for us until March 25.

For [Holiday Inn Express](#) online reservations