



# ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

Stillwater, Minnesota

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chapter Presidents, LO'L District  
FROM: Warren Wilson, Camp Director *www*  
SUBJECT: Cancellation of 2011 Harmony Explosion Camp  
DATE: May 31, 2011

I'm sorry to inform you that the 2011 Harmony Explosion Camp is cancelled. Registration numbers were very low, including:

- 26 young men that gave solid commitments either by sending their registrations in or giving their information via e-mail
- 2 that had been contacted by a chapter representative but had not committed
- 2 that were contacted via their choral director and who hadn't responded.

We waited until the last possible day (May 31) to make our decision but there were no registrations via e-mail or snail mail on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, I contacted the UWRF Events Coordinator and told her we would not hold the camp in 2011.

It is very interesting that in all the counseling I received, the money we would lose with low registration numbers was not a major concern, in fact it was just the opposite – we'll get the money somehow. The major concern was leaving the students with a good camp/musical experience. This tells me that Barbershoppers have their priorities straight.

I want to thank the following for the support given to me by giving me counsel, by contacting and/or registering students, and giving financial support. In no apparent order they include:

- Dick Staedt, Appleton Chapter – 5 students and counsel
- Dale Montgomery, La Crosse Chapter – 3 students
- Jerry Thaldorf, Winona Chapter – 6 students and volunteering to chaperone
- Norm Barnard, Stevens Point Chapter – 4 students & 4 CDs
- Gary Thorson, Dunn County Chapter – 1 student
- Kevin Brekke, Rock County Chapter – 4 students
- Jack Kile, Oshkosh Chapter – 3 students and 1 Music Educator
- Dave Sylte, Leroy Chapter – 2 students, planning assistance and counsel
- Arv Zenk, Mankato Chapter – 1 student and 1 Music Educator
- Green Bay Chapter – 1 student and 1 chaperone
- St. Croix Valley Chapter – 2 students
- Polk County Chapter – 1 student
- Greater St. Paul Area Chapter – 1 student and financial support
- Roger Peterman Trust – financial support
- Mark Witmer – financial support
- Jon Buss, Larry Lewis, Chuck Schubbe, Judd Orff, Del Ryberg, Tyler Smith and Curt Larson for all their planning, counsel, and technical support

I will be contacting all the potential students, MEs, and chapter contacts to apprise them that the camp is cancelled.