

# *Pacific Shores Region 12*

## *Summary of Education Programs*

Effective June 27, 2018



### **Adventures in Music (AIM) Weekends**

The entire region gathers in Sacramento, CA twice a year (4th weekend in January and the 3rd weekend in September) for classes with an International faculty member and special Saturday night entertainment. AIM weekends begin with Friday night classes and singing, and end on Sunday afternoon.

The Saturday night entertainment in January is a parade for novice and double quartets; in September we send off our International competitors with a Pep Rally!

For one low registration price, Region 12 members receive top notch education in a variety of topics over the course of a year:

- **Singing technique** – Vocal production is the heart of what we do, and we never go long without a class to remind us, or teach us something new. Even if you’ve been around “forever,” try them out and come away with a fresh appreciation for how difficult barbershop is to do beautifully!
- **Conducting skills** – Learn Arm Waving classes are held at one of the AIM weekends each year. Directors, assistant directors, and section leaders get coaching and can try out new skills in a safe environment. And singers benefit greatly by observing and following different conducting styles. Four levels of skill allow everyone to experience the fun at their own pace.
- **Quartet fun** – Classes for everyone from beginners and “wanna-be’s” to experienced quartetters, taught by Regional faculty, experienced Circle 12 members, and International faculty. Mix and match fun, tag singing, and lots of “how-to” and “how not-to” do it.
- **Performance skills** – Choreographers and visual leaders need feeding too! We’ll have classes to help you organize your time, imagineer your vision, develop a support staff, and stay connected to the music and the director’s vision, too.
- **Musical Leaders training** – Assistant Directors and Section Leaders have classes intended specifically to address your needs. Besides arm-waving, what else can you do to assist your director and to lead your section singers forward?
- **Young Women in Harmony** – January’s AIM has a whole day of classes just for young women 13-25! Taught by a top regional quartet with many assistants, the young women end with a performance for a most appreciative Region 12 audience!
- **Arranger education** – Both experienced arrangers and those just getting started will find information and class experiences to boost their skills and help provide motivation for the solitary art and science of arranging in the barbershop style. Whether you’re trying to fix a problem spot in your chorus or quartet music, or you really want to create something brand new to sing, you’ll learn something!

- **Music theory and reading music** – For those who are hungry to understand the spots on the page and how they translate into the gorgeous songs we sing! There’s so much to be gained by knowing a little bit about what you see on paper.
- **Administrative education** – The singing we do is the ice cream in the middle of the cone, but we still need to have a strong, well-constructed cone wrapped around it, to thrive. Classes in communication skills, lunch forums for “birds of a feather,” discussions to help with membership growth, etc. all contribute to our choruses being better and stronger administratively.
- **Regional Faculty training** – Region 12 has a good regional coaching faculty and teaching faculty, all eager to continue learning and improving their skills to better assist others within the region. International faculty classes and Regional faculty discussions are held regularly to keep the teaching and coaching quality high!

### **Oregon Days**

In late July every year, we bring a day of conducting skills training (Learn Arm Waving) and a day of assorted regional education (we call it ‘mini-AIM’) to Eugene, Oregon. Region 12 covers a lot of territory and it doesn’t always work to have Oregon chorus members driving or flying to Sacramento. So we bring a slightly shorter version of AIM Weekend to Oregon!

Of course Oregon Days are open to ALL members of Region 12! The types of classes are similar to those at an AIM weekend. And the location couldn’t be more lovely – the Village Green Resort in Cottage Grove, just south of Eugene. Lunches are included in the pricing, and the Village Green caters to special dietary needs. Come for the classes and camaraderie, stay for the vacation!

### **Mt. Harmony Camp**

A weekend away in the Redwoods for girls ages 13-25 with Sweet Adeline faculty and staff to support, encourage, and teach them all about barbershop. This program is usually offered the weekend before Thanksgiving each November, starting on a Friday night and ending with a performance for friends and families on Sunday morning. Region 12 members are encouraged to participate as camp counselors and join in the fun of seeing our next generation of singers blossom before their eyes.

Fees, on-line registration, directions, and other information will be posted on the Regional website. Questions? Comments? Contact Regional Education Coordinator Julie Starr.