

REGION #25 FALL RETREAT "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"

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Friday, November 9th:

1.) 7:15 - 8:15

"The Power of Girls BEING Positive!"

"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right."

Performing begins with a positive view on learning, an understanding of the power of one's own self confidence and having a common vision within the ensemble. Through presentation, activities and sharing, find out how the power of positivity influences your singing.

2.) 8:30 - 9:30

"Girls Just Wanna — SING!"

Working on a Song Can Be Fun!

You came to school to SING! Through activities and singing, experience ways to effectively rehearse a song while making musical and technical progress!

Saturday, November 10th:

3.) 9:00 - 10:15

"I Want to Sing Properly!"

That's All Girls REALLY Want

Begin the morning by waking up your singing voice! Then let's explore how our voices can work for us - without the work! The focus of this class is the 5 vocal skills which experts agree are essential in order to sing properly!

4.) 10:30 - noon

"Girls Just Wanna SOUND Great!"

A Look into the Sound Category

Of the four judging categories, Sound zeroes in on the specifics of how the voice is used to ring, resonate, tune, blend, balance and touch hearts! Listen, look, sing and participate in activities to learn more about this category. An chorus of audience participants will demonstrate Sound Category elements such as *coning, balance, blend and fine tuning*.

5.) 1:30 - 2:30

“Directors Wanna Have Fun Too!!”

Creative Rehearsal Tips, Tools and Techniques

Directors, do you ever feel like you're a broken record? Get ready to fill your tool box with creative techniques for keeping rehearsals interesting and fun during skill building with your singers.

6.) 2:45 - 3:45

“Girls Just Wanna Make Their Directors (and fellow singers) Happy!”

UNITE to Make One Voice, One Body, One Mind

Becoming “one” is essential in ensemble singing. Through presentation, activities and sharing, uncover and discover common attributes and behaviors of an ensemble singer which make her director and singing sisters happy!

7.) 4:00 - 5:00

“Girls Just Wanna Have Heart!”

Expressive Singing is for Everyone!

Expressive singing is more than just singing with feeling. A demonstration ensemble will show how tapping into the lyrics of a song help communicate the story of a song.

8.) 7:00 - 8:00

“Girls Just Wanna Know!”

You Be the Judge!

It's hard not to be an armchair “judge” during a performance! This class will provide a foundational understanding of how to arrive at an instant level of scoring so you can be a more informed listener and singer. A mock video contest will test your skills!