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Hello, it is that time of year and I hope you can include the Invitational Choral Festival at the 2019 Alabama National Fair into your schedule.

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the Choral Festival. The Festival recognizes High School and Middle School Choirs through out the state of Alabama. The ANF dates are October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>, and the **date for the 2019 Choral Festival is Monday, October 7, 2019**, so please mark your calendars so you can schedule a field trip to participate in the Choral Festival. The schedule will be similar to last year – there will be two performance sessions (morning session & afternoon session) and there will be two Award Presentations (morning Awards & afternoon Awards). **The top three choirs from each session will perform two numbers for the audience at that session's awards ceremony.** We are limited to 20 choirs so complete your registration forms and get them in early.

The main goal of this festival is not only a competition, but also an opportunity for your students to perform and showcase Music Education throughout the State of Alabama. Both sessions of the performance/competition will be on the main stage in the Garrett Coliseum in front of a panel of three judges. *Please bring 3 pieces of music with measures numbered for the judges. This should not be copied music or word sheets with no music.* The choir's performance should be approximately 10 minutes; this should include about 3 numbers. The choirs will be judged on blend, balance, intonation, and energy – all qualities of a good performance. We are not judging on category, or type of group; if you wish, the choir does not have to be adjudicated.

The opportunity of singing for an audience on a stage with professional lighting and sound has been a great experience for the choirs that have participated in the past. We hope you will accept our invitation and showcase choral music at the Alabama National Fair. Interest keeps growing for this even and just remember we are limited to showcase only about 20 choirs.

After your performance, you and your students will be able to enjoy the Fair. Please note: **Choir members will be required to purchase a \$5.00 fair admission ticket. The choir director will be provided two admission tickets. PARENTS AND OTHERS MUST PAY ADMISSION TO BE ADMITTED TO THE FAIR.**

So send in your application early and join us in the celebration of 20 years of Choral Music at the Fair! Applications are on the Fair website at [www.alnationalfair.org](http://www.alnationalfair.org) located under the competition link. If you need to call the Fair Office, the number is 334-272-6831. **The deadline for reserving your place is September 13, 2019.** Please mail the entry form and ticket order form and purchase order/payment to the Alabama National Fair, P.O. Box 3304, Montgomery, AL 36109. If you have any questions please call me, 334-277-8980. We are looking forward to hearing your choir.

Sincerely,



Gene J. Davis  
Choral Coordinator