



Handbell Musicians
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Festival Registration Frequently Asked Questions

What forms of payment are accepted for registration?

For the Mackinac Island festival, we will only be accepting credit cards.

We accept payment by credit card or check. Near the end of the online registration process, you will be asked what form of payment you would like to make, at which point you can select “Credit Card” or “Check”. If you select check, you will receive instructions as to where you should mail your check at the end of the registration process. **We must receive your check within two weeks of your registration date to guarantee your registration and to lock in your registration price.**

Can I use an Area 5 scholarship to attend this Festival?

Yes, you can! Scholarship requests need to be postmarked or emailed no later than six weeks before the event. The scholarship deadline(s) are listed on the festival web page.

Please see the Scholarships section of the Area 5 website for more details and to download an application.

Should our choir register as a group or individually?

Your choir should register as a group. Typically, a choir director will register her/his entire handbell choir on a single registration. During the online registration process, you will have the option of purchasing multiple registrations. You should purchase a registration for yourself and each musician from your choir who will be attending the festival. We do not collect the names of each individual attending, and at the festival you will receive blank nametags for each choir member attending. **The Mackinac Island festival will fill up quickly. You will be unable to add additional attendees to your registration once the event is full.**

Some of my musicians are not coming, can I host orphan ringers?

Yes, during the registration process you can indicate your interest in hosting orphan ringers. You can also designate which ringing positions are open, if you know them, which will assist in the assignment of orphan ringers to your choir. Prior to the start of the festival, we will let you know what orphan ringers have been assigned to ring in your choir.

I am the only one from my handbell choir interested in attending, can I still come?

Yes, you should register yourself as an orphan ringer using our online registration. Let us know the ringing positions you would like to be assigned if you have a preference. We will assign you to a handbell choir on the mass ringing floor and notify you as to the details of your assignment prior to the start of the festival.



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Can I rent tables or do I need to bring my own?

You can choose to either bring your own tables or rent tables from us. You will pay for table rental as part of your registration if you choose to rent. Be sure to indicate the number of linear feet you need for your choir, regardless of whether you rent or bring tables. If you rent tables, they will be set up for you in your ringing spot when you arrive at the festival.

Can I use loaned equipment vouchers to attend the festivals?

Yes, you can! You need to contact our registrar, Dave Baker at treasurer.area5@handbellmusicians.org prior to registering. You will be provided a discount code to use on the registration site to discount your registration by \$80 per voucher.

Who do I contact if I have registration issues?

Dave Baker is our festival registrar. You can contact Dave via email at treasurer.area5@handbellmusicians.org. You can also call him at (317) 427-3859. He can help you with the registration process.

