

Spring Convention and Competition
Region 21



BULLETIN # 1
REGION 21 GOLDEN WEST
REGIONAL CONVENTION AND COMPETITION
April 9-12, 2026

[2026 Spring Convention & Competition | Golden West Region 21](#)

Convention Hotel & Competition Venue - Renaissance Phoenix Downtown

100 N 1st Street Phoenix, AZ 85004

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[Renaissance Downtown Phoenix Room Details](#)

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Welcome Back Region 21!

Your [Regional Convention Steering Committee \(RCSC\)](#) would like to welcome everyone to Downtown Phoenix for the 2026 Regional Convention and Competition. This year, throughout the year, our theme is More Laughter, More Love, More Singing! Our theme speaks to the heart of why Region 21 members are drawn to sing together in the first place: connection, joy, and shared purpose. Let's celebrate our love of singing together at our Spring Convention!

Please go through this bulletin and the provided links thoroughly so you can be fully informed of all the convention weekend and contest details. Additional bulletins will be sent in late February, and just prior to the week of Convention.

The bulletins this year will be brief and all content will be made available on the [Region 21 Convention website](#). Direct links to specific topics are provided throughout this document. Please bookmark the website and check back frequently for new information.

EDUCATION CLASSES

Come early for the Thursday afternoon class taught by recent International competitor OC Sound, and stay Thursday night to catch the Club 21 event and the class on Friday morning taught by 6th place International Quartet Serenade! Before Serenade's class, everyone is invited for a Meet and Greet to Welcome our newest members.

BARBERTOTS ROOM

Coming back this year, we will have a Barbertots room for children on Friday and Saturday. This room will not be staffed, but will be an available space the children can stay, near the ballroom, with an adult chaperone. We are working on a live feed or streaming of the contest in the room and will keep you posted.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Regional Competition Information - when and how to register for competition - is distributed by Sweet Adelines International (SAI) Headquarters electronically via email to all registered quartet contacts and Chapter Presidents/Team Coordinators 105 days prior to contest. An email with detailed instructions on how to register, eligibility requirements, and more, was sent December 26, 2025. Here are the links to the online portals. You must log in to access the information.

<https://sweetadelines.com/Regional-Competition/Chorus-Portal>
[Regional Competition Quartet Portal | Sweet Adelines](#)

High level information has also been provided in the [Important Dates and Deadlines](#) section of the website.

OFFICIAL JUDGING PANEL

Sound: Val Taylor (Panel Chair)

Visual Communication: Judy Pozsgay

Music: Kay Bromert

Expression: Lisa Hunszinger

Panel Secretary: Cammi MacKinlay

Trial Scorers:

Expression: Linda Wareham

Visual Communication: Lea Beverley, Susan Krisnik, Anna-Lisa Glad

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check the [Proposed Schedule of Events](#) for the dates, times, and locations of:

- Registration
- Boutique
- Quartet and Chorus Briefing
- Various meetings and education classes
- Club 21 Jamboree, Quartet and Chorus competitions
- Harmony Showcases
- Saturday Night Afterglows

Please limit your afterglow gatherings to the designated hotel Hospitality Suites on the 2nd floor only.

NOTE: The Steering Committee will be doing a site visit at the end of January, and many of the “TBD” details and room names will be solidified at that time. Keep checking the website for the most current schedule.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Convention registration/AET purchase opens on the [Region 21 Convention website](#) on **January 16, 2026**. Each individual must complete their registration online by **March 17, 2026** to avoid a \$30 late fee. All competing members and all Assistance Chapter chorus members must purchase an AET. **All registration fees (AETs) are transferable, but not refundable.** More details are in the “Purchasing All-Event Tickets” section below.

CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION

All convention activities, including quartet and chorus competitions, are being held in the Renaissance Hotel. No contestant transportation is needed.

PARKING IN DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

There is no self-parking at the Renaissance, nor do they have EV chargers. Valet parking is available to our convention attendees at the following rates:

0-3 hours \$13.00

3-6 hours \$20.00

6+ hours and overnight \$36.00 (In and out privileges will be extended to overnight guests.)

Here are nearby garages for self parking:

CityScape Public Parking Garage: 2 N Central Ave

Two Renaissance Square Garage: 40 N Central Ave

Luhrs City Center Garage: 11 W Jefferson St or 181 S 1st Ave

Here are nearby garages listed by Google maps as specifically having EV chargers:

One North Central Parking Garage: 2 N 1st St

Ace/CityScape East Parking Garage: 1 E Washington St

Fry's Food & Drug Garage: 100 E Jefferson St

There are many online services now that allow you to reserve parking in advance.

Caution is required for self parking and charging. These garages have unknown hours and could potentially be closed late at night.

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“Get ready for the moments everyone will talk about”

CLASSES

OC Sound Class - Thursday 4pm
Serenade Quartet Class - Friday 11am

THUR
7:30PM

Club 21 Quartet Jamboree

FRIDAY
10AM

Welcome Reception

Everyone is invited for a “Meet and Greet” and to welcome our newest members. Guest Susan Smith, SAI Executive team member will chat about philanthropy!

SAT
8pm

Harmony Showcase

Invite your friends and family to join us for this incredible show featuring our top quartets and choruses!

Tickets available for \$25

EXTRA'S

Friday night rehearsals are back!

Barbertots Room Returns!

Boutique

Afterglows

Live Streaming

For more details and updates about these events, please visit our website for Bulletin under Events

Region21.org

PURCHASING ALL-EVENTS TICKETS (AETs)

AET Costs: **\$135.00** (Adult), and **\$67.50** (Youth-25 years or under). **Same price as last year!**

Registration/AET purchase **IS NOW OPEN** and will be done online by each individual member. Instructions on how to register and pay for your AET will be available on the Region 21 Convention website. Your AET/Name badge is your ticket to all events. Your AET **MUST** be worn throughout the weekend.

REGISTRATIONS AND AETs

- Registration/AET purchase opens on **January 16, 2026**
- Registrations will be done online by **each individual member**.* The ticketing is limited to one registration at a time.
- Links for member and guest registration along with Single Event Ticket purchase, are on the [Region 21 Convention website](#).
- We use Zeffy, a free service for non-profits, for our ticketing system. Remember, all additional donation requests are **OPTIONAL**. You may **CHANGE** the requested donation on the payment page to "Other - \$0"
- Badges (AETs) may be picked up at the Registration table by each individual member.
- You will not be allowed to pick up someone else's AET.
- See the [Proposed Schedule of Events](#) for Registration location and hours of operation.
- Once again, we encourage everyone to Bring **Your Own Badge Holder!** To help with ongoing cost savings and to use best practices of reducing, reusing, and recycling, we ask everyone to bring your own badge holder. Most of us have many badge holders collecting dust at home - bring one with you to hold your AET. And bring extras to share! Decorate the edges of your badge holders to show your personality!

***Note to Choruses who pay for their member's AETs:** Registration instructions will be sent to your Competition Coordinator, Finance Coordinator and President/Team Manager. Chorus members be sure to check with your chorus for your special registration instructions.

PURCHASING SINGLE EVENT TICKETS (SETs)

SET Costs for CONTEST: **\$40** (Adult) and **\$20** (Youth-25 years or under)

SET Cost for Harmony Showcase: **\$25**

New this year! We are reducing SET prices to try and draw more people in to see our wonderful performances. Single events requiring a ticket now include Quartet Contest, Chorus Contest, **and the Saturday evening Harmony Showcase.**

SINGLE EVENT TICKETS (SETs): SETs will be available for purchase online through the website or on site at the Convention Registration desk within the hotel. Any **NON-COMPETING** chorus member (except for the Assistance Chapter), Chapter-At-Large member, or non-competing guests who are attending only one event may purchase a Single Event Ticket (SET) in lieu of an AET.

CONTEST SEATING is general admission/open seating, except for VIP seating, and available on a first-come, first-served basis. VIP seating eligibility is detailed within the Registration process. VIPs will be entitled to one VIP seat for themselves, and one for a pre-designated guest. The guest must be named as a VIP GUEST on the registration forms. VIPs will not be able to add a guest on site. **A VIP is only eligible for one seat and one guest seat regardless of the number of areas in which they are eligible.**

HOTEL ROOM RATES, RESERVATIONS, AND FACILITY USAGE FEE

Hotel reservations **ARE NOW OPEN**. The deadline for competing members to complete their reservations is **March 17, 2026**.

We encourage all attendees to arrive in Phoenix at the beginning of the Convention, on Thursday April 9th, to attend Educational Sessions that begin Thursday afternoon as well as a Friday morning event for a Meet and Greet and to welcome new members. All out of town and local attendees are encouraged to stay at the Renaissance Phoenix Hotel to meet our group booking requirements and to forego the utility usage fee.

Room reservations will be made by attendees directly with the hotel either by phone call or online reservation form. Be sure to let them know you are with Sweet Adelines Golden West Region 21, staying at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown. Only one person per room needs to make the reservation, but be sure to let them know how many will be staying in the room and the names. That will facilitate check-in when each person gives their own credit card. Room prices are the SAME, regardless of guests, up to 4.

HOTEL ROOM RATES : Special requests will be filled in the order that they are submitted.

Standard King/Two Queens \$229.00 per night + State & Local Taxes (Single/Double/Triple/Quad)

Individual room reservations can be made by calling 602-333-0000 or 800-468-3571, or going online to <https://book.passkey.com/go/SWEETADELINESATTENDEES2026>.

Suites are **extremely** limited and reservation requests **MUST** be submitted to Sherri Grambergs, Convention Event Coordinator at convenevents@region21.org. Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis.

Executive Suites \$229.00 per night + State & Local Taxes

Junior King Suites \$229.00 per night + State & Local Taxes

NON-COMPETITOR ROOM RESERVATIONS: Chapter-at-large members, members outside of Region 21, and all guests who wish to stay at the hotel may make your reservations using the above instructions as well.

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6+ hours and overnight \$36.00 (In and out privileges will be extended to overnight guests.)

TRANSPORTATION from nearby airports to the Renaissance: The Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel is 5.2 miles, or a 10 minute drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Check the airport for [ground transportation options](#) and instructions. The hotel does not provide shuttle service.

FACILITY USAGE FEE: All competing chorus and quartet members, and all Assistance Chapter members, must stay a minimum of one night in the convention hotel, or they must pay a Facility Usage Fee of \$100. Region 21 has contracted with the convention hotel for a minimum number of rooms, and could incur attrition costs if room block commitments are not met. Hotel guest lists will be verified against each list of competing members (chorus and quartet) and Assistance Chapter members. Please complete the [Facility Usage Fee Form](#) online (just under the registration section) if you are not staying a minimum of one night at the convention hotel. **This fee must be prepaid by March 17, 2026.**

CHORUS EXTRA REHEARSAL REQUESTS

A limited number of rooms are available for extra rehearsals on **Friday, April 10th** for a fee of **\$250.00**. Rehearsals run an hour and 45 minutes, and will be scheduled either from 7:00 - 8:45 pm or 9:00 - 10:45 pm. Your time slot will depend on chorus size and room availability. Choruses may opt to share the time with another chorus and split the cost of the room. Choruses need to make their own arrangements if costs are to be split. To secure a room for your chorus function, be sure to complete the **Function Request Form and make payment online by March 17, 2026**. Requests will be filled in the order they are received. Rehearsal room schedules will be sent only to those requesting an extra rehearsal. Function Request Forms will be available starting January 16th on the [Region 21 Convention website](#) (just under the Registration section).

COMPETITION DETAILS & LOGISTICS

For full competition details go to the [Region 21 Convention website](#) under Docs and Communications. Competition details include information on the Traffic Pattern, stage details and use of props, where to pick up score sheets, and more. **All competition details may not be available right away. Check the website regularly; chorus leaders and quartet contacts will also have access to the SAI Regional Competition Portals for the most up to date information.**

WITHDRAWALS: Please note: If a chorus or quartet has to withdraw, a written withdrawal notice must be received by International Headquarters. This notification may come by email, but a phone call is not sufficient. Should you need to withdraw on competition weekend, please notify the Competition Coordinator, Lou Gordon, at 480-375-8362.

PHOTOS, DIGITAL RECORDINGS, YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM

Information on photos, the competition digital recordings, and contest live stream will be coming soon. Check the [Region 21 Convention website](#) regularly for updates.

A reminder that NO photographs or videos are allowed from any audience member during the competition, unless authorized by Sweet Adelines International. There is also a very strict “no photography” policy in the quartet photo room - no photos are to be taken by anyone other than the official contracted photographer.

REGIONAL CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Evelyn Pidgeon	Chair, Regional Convention	crc@region21.org	Scottsdale Chorus
Lou Gordon	Competition Coordinator	competitioncoordinator@region21.org	Scottsdale Chorus
Sherri Grambergs	Convention Event Coordinator	convenevents@region21.org	Harborlites Chorus
Debbie Geiger	Official Panel Liaison	opl@region21.org	Scottsdale Chorus
Diana Jones	Assistance Chapter Coordinator	acc@region21.org	Harborlites Chorus
Marcia Bosma	Co-Assistance Chapter Coordinator	acc@region21.org	Harborlites Chorus
Loraine Taneja	Overall Assistant and Secretary	oas@region21.org	Vocal Connection Chorus
Carrie Melashenko	Competition Coordinator in training		Scottsdale Chorus

We look forward to seeing everyone soon! - your [RCSC](#)



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