

<b>Region 12 AIM Weekend - Quartet / Double Quartet Parade</b>	
<b>Overview</b>	Once again, Region 12 is excited to hold our annual Q/DQ Parade as part of the Winter Educational Weekend (AIM). This event will take place as the Saturday evening Session of AIM, on January 25, 2020. The Q/DQ Parade gives quartets who have not competed together as a unit an opportunity to have a contest-like experience in advance of the official Regional Quartet Competition. Quartets are evaluated for their performance and are given letter scores and judging comments of a coaching nature. Numerical scores are not given, rankings are not published, and no winners are selected. The Parade is held strictly for exposure and experience. Quartets considering the Open Division are eligible to perform in the Q/DQ parade, however, you are limited to 2 songs and no MC work.
<b>Purpose</b>	The Quartet Parade provides an opportunity for a quartet to perform in a contest-like situation. This event is held on Saturday evening of the January AIM (Adventures in Music) weekend. The quartet is evaluated so that they receive suggestions and guidance prior to the Regional Quartet Competition in the spring. There is no winner in this parade.
<b>Definition</b>	A "Quartet" (for the purpose of this parade) is a quartet in which no more than two members have sung together in any Sweet Adeline Regional or International Quartet Competition during the preceding two years.
<b>Eligibility</b>	1) Each member of the Quartet must be in good standing with her chapter and the chapter must be in good standing regionally and internationally, or be designated a Prospective Chapter by International Headquarters. If the Quartet is a Young Women in Harmony (YWIH) quartet, this requirement applies only to members of the quartet who are members of Sweet Adelines. 2) The Quartet does not need to be officially registered with International Headquarters. 3) No person may sing with more than one Quartet in a given Quartet Parade. However, it is permitted for any member to also sing in a Double Quartet in the same evening. 4) All members of the Quartet shall be registered for the January AIM weekend during which the Quartet Parade is being held. 5) Substitutions of personnel may be made in case of illness or emergency no later than one hour before the scheduled start of the Parade, provided that the substitution does not violate any of the above eligibility requirements. The Region 12 Quartet Program Manager, Karrie Shively, must be notified of any change.
<b>Entry Process</b>	There is no entry fee (but note the requirement above that all members must be registered for the weekend). Registration entries must be received by Karrie Shively by January 4, 2020. Late entries will be allowed at the discretion of the QPM and the REgion 12 Events Coordinator. Registration will be handled by completing the online Quartet Entry Google Form, located at: <a href="https://forms.gle/Vh5pdvhJdGsY1WYk6">https://forms.gle/Vh5pdvhJdGsY1WYk6</a>
<b>Parade Format</b>	Two separate songs or medleys shall be sung. Total singing time shall be no less than three nor more than seven minutes. It is suggested that music appropriate for a contest be sung. No religious or patriotic songs may be sung. No Sweet Adeline theme songs such as "Harmonize the World" and "How We Sang Today" may be sung.
<b>Evaluation</b>	A judging panel will evaluate the contestants according to the standard Sweet Adelines International judging categories. There will be no scores or placements. Results will not be made public. The participants will be given written evaluation sheets and a video of their performance.
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