

**Land O' Lakes 2024 Fall Convention**  
**October 10-11, 2024**  
**Minneapolis Airport Hilton Hotel**  
**3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN 55425**  
**(952) 854-2100**



Welcome to our Fall Convention!

As we are only a couple weeks from our convention, I want to share several pieces of information that I hope will help make your experience at this event even more enjoyable. The key elements include:

- General comments and reminders regarding the convention
- Overall convention schedule
- Dining options during the convention
- Hotel 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Plan
- Approximate Ballroom layout for the Contest and Ballroom layout for the Banquet and Showcase
- List of performing groups on the Showcase
- List of Saturday night Hospitality rooms
- List of Judges

This is going to be a super fun convention and I look forward to seeing all of you in a couple of weeks!

Jay Althof, VP of Events and Immediate Past President

### **General Comments and Reminders**

This convention is going to be a very busy and fun time. There are 15 choruses and 34 quartets performing in the contests and festivals. The Fun Squad has lots of activities. The Showcase features 9 District Champ quartets, the All-Chapter Chorus and the Association of District Champs Chorus. Plus, we will announce our 2025 Joe Liles Lifetime Achievement Award winners. Then the Hospitality rooms on Saturday night will be a great way to wrap-up the event. A few things to note:

- We have worked with the Hilton Hotel to provide more food options on Saturday. Please review the information listed later in this note.
- For those participating in the free quartet coaching on Friday morning, be ready to go by 8:00 AM
- After the Friday evening contest, which starts at 4:00 PM, we will announce our 2025 Barbershopper of the Year and then there will be a cash bar available. An informal afterglow is encouraged!
- This year we have an AHSOW (Ancient and Harmonious Society Of Woodshedders) room on the first floor at the bottom of the stairs (Medow) that will be available on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.
- The chorus contest starts bright and early on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM, and right after lunch is the quartet finals round.
- The 2025 Hall of Fame inductees are named right after the quartet contest, Spice will share their swansong and all the contest winner presentations will be made in the ballroom.
- Again, this year, there is a BHS Listening Session hosted by Beverly Greene, a BHS Ambassador. This one-hour session on Saturday at 4:00 PM provides everyone the chance to share their thoughts about BHS with Beverly who will then relay that information to BHS Leadership. If you have concerns, positive feedback or questions about the direction of our society, this is a great opportunity to share those!
- The banquet starts about 6:30 followed by the Showcase and we wrap-up with the Hospitality rooms!

## Overall Convention Schedule

### Friday - Oct 10

8:30 - 7:00	Registration/Ticket desk	2nd Floor - Foyer
8:00 - 12:00	Coaching (non-contest quartets)	Mtg Rms I-VIII, XI
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break	On Your Own
1:00 – 2:00	Performances (coached quartets)	Ballroom Stage
1:00 – 1:45	ADC Board Meeting	VII Pelican Bay
1:45 – 2:15	ADC Membership Meeting/Rehearsal	VII Pelican Bay
2:00 - 3:00	House of Delegates Meeting	Riverside Rm
2:00 – 3:45	Stage Open for Inspection	Ballroom Stage
3:00 - 4:00	All Chapter Chorus Rehearsal	VIII Wood Duck
4:00 - 9:30	Quartet Prelim Contest	Ballroom Stage
9:30 – 9:50	BOTY Award/Announcements	Ballroom Stage
9:50 -12:00	Hospitality - Cash Bar	2nd Floor - Foyer
9:50 – 12:00	AHSOW	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor – Meadows Rm
9:55 -12:00	Quartet Feedback Sessions	Mtg Rms I-VIII/Ballroom

### Saturday - Oct 11

8:00 – 1:30	Registration/Ticket desk	2nd Floor Foyer
7:30 – 8:45	Stage Open for Inspection	Ballroom Stage
9:00 -12:00	Chorus Contest	Ballroom Stage
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch break	Pre-order/A La Carte
1:00 – 2:50	Quartet Finals contest	Ballroom Stage
2:50 - 3:10	Hall Of Fame Award & Spice Swan Song	Ballroom Stage
3:10 – 3:30	Chorus/Quartet Contest Results	Ballroom Stage
3:30 – 6:30	Chorus/Quartet Feedback Sessions	Mtg Rms I-VIII
3:30 – 6:30	Fun Squad Activities	2nd Floor – Foyer
4:00 – 5:00	BHS Listening Session	Riverside RM
4:00 – 5:15	ADC Chorus Rehearsal	Ballroom
6:30 - 7:15	Banquet Dinner	Ballroom
7:15 - 9:15	Showcase Show & Joe Liles Lifetime Achievement Award	Ballroom
9:15 - 1:00	Afterglow/Hospitality	Mtg Rms I-VIII, XI

## Food Options

The Hotel Restaurant (Blue Water Grill) will be open on Friday and Saturday with a full menu.

### Breakfast Options

**Blue Water Grill Breakfast Buffet** \$20.00 plus taxes, etc.

**Riverside Room “Market” (replacing the food truck) All pricing is inclusive and all items are Al A Carte**

- Waffle Sandwich: Fried egg & pork sausage \$8.00
- Croissant Sandwich: Egg & ham \$8.00
- Everything Breakfast Wrap \$12.00
  - Eggs, spinach, breakfast potatoes, cheese, onions, peppers, rolled up & served with salsa
- Yogurt Parfait \$8.00
- Whole Fruit \$2.00
- Side of Breakfast Potatoes \$4.00
- Pastries \$4.00
- Muffins \$4.00
- Donuts \$4.00
- Coffee \$4.00
- Juice \$4.00
- Soda \$4.00

### Lunch Option

**Lunch Pre-Order Pick-up:** Woodlands Room (Replacing boxed lunches)

Entree sandwich or salad (see below)– Qty 1 bag of chips – Qty 1 sweet treat – Qty 1 whole fruit – Qty 1 beverage – Qty 1

- Cheeseburger on a bun
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich on a bun
- Grilled Vegetable Sandwich on ciabatta
- Beer Brat in a bun
- Chicken Salad on a croissant (cold)
- Cobb Salad
- Vegan Cobb – switch out proteins to chic peas, roasted vegetables & quino

**Blue Water Grill Lunch Buffet** \$20.00 + taxes, etc. Pick 2 Combo: Soup, Salad, ½ Sand with Beverage

**Riverside “Market” A La Carte (replacing the food truck - all pricing is inclusive )**

- Cheeseburger on a bun \$12.00
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich on a bun \$12.00
- Grilled Vegetable Sandwich on ciabatta \$12.00
- Beer Brat in a bun \$10.00
- Chicken Salad on a croissant (cold) \$12.00
- Side Salad \$8.00
- Bag of Chips \$4.00
- Whole Fruit \$2.00
- Cookie \$4.00
- Brownie \$4.00
- Can of Soda \$4.00
- Bottle of Water \$4.00

For those looking for additional dining options, the following pages provide lots of choices. But remember it will take some extra time if you leave the hotel.

**Restaurants near MSP Hilton Hotel**

**Blue Water Grill** - MSP Hilton Headquarters Hotel Restaurant \$\$  
3800 American Blvd E – Lounge and Dining Room on Main Floor  
Friday 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (952) 854-2100

**Woolley's Kitchen and Bar** – Next door to MSP Hilton Hotel \$\$  
7901 34th Ave S · In Embassy Suites Hilton Minneapolis Airport  
Great steaks and seafood 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (952) 854-1010

**AireCraft Grill** – Across the Street from MSP Hilton \$\$  
3 Appletree Square · In Crowne Plaza Aire MSP Airport  
6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (952) 876-8688

**Mall of America - Restaurants**

**Twin City Grill** – Level 1 of Mall \$\$  
America Steak - Polished grill with traditional entrees  
11:15 AM to 9:00 PM 952-854-0200

**Rainforest Café** – Level 1 of Mall \$\$  
Part adventure, part restaurant, and wholly entertaining. American and tropical fare.  
11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (952) 854-7500

**Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.** – Level 3 of Mall \$\$  
396 South Avenue - In the Mall of America  
11:00 AM to 9:00 PM · (952) 853-6600

**CRAVE** - Level 3 of Mall \$\$  
American Kitchen & Sushi Bar  
11:00 AM to 9:30 PM (952) 854-5000

**Cadillac Ranch** – Level 1 of Mall Mall \$\$  
American Grill - Steaks, burgers, seafood, pasta, salads  
11:00 AM to 10:00 PM (952) 854-1004

**Cedar + Stone, Urban Table** – Level 1 of Mall \$\$  
Upscale farm-to-fork restaurant in the JW Marriott Hotel in Mall of America  
6:30 AM to 11:00 PM · (612) 615-0124

**Cantina Laredo** - Level 3 of Mall \$\$  
Sleek, upscale chain for Mexican cuisine  
11:00 AM to 9:30 PM 952-406-8311

**Mall of America – Smaller Menu Restaurants****Burger Burger** – Mall - 321 So. Ave \$

Inventive premium burgers &amp; shakes - 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Shake Shack** - Mall - 332 N. Garden \$\$

Gourmet burger chain with frozen custard - 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Johnny Rockets** – Mall - 370 South Avenue \$\$

Burger chain with a retro vibe. 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Chipotle Mexican Grill** – Mall - 322 South Avenue \$

Chain for build-your-own Mexican fare 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Nordstrom Grill** – Mall - 1000 Northwest Ct \$

American Fare 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Chick-fil-A** – Mall - 354 Central Pkwy \$

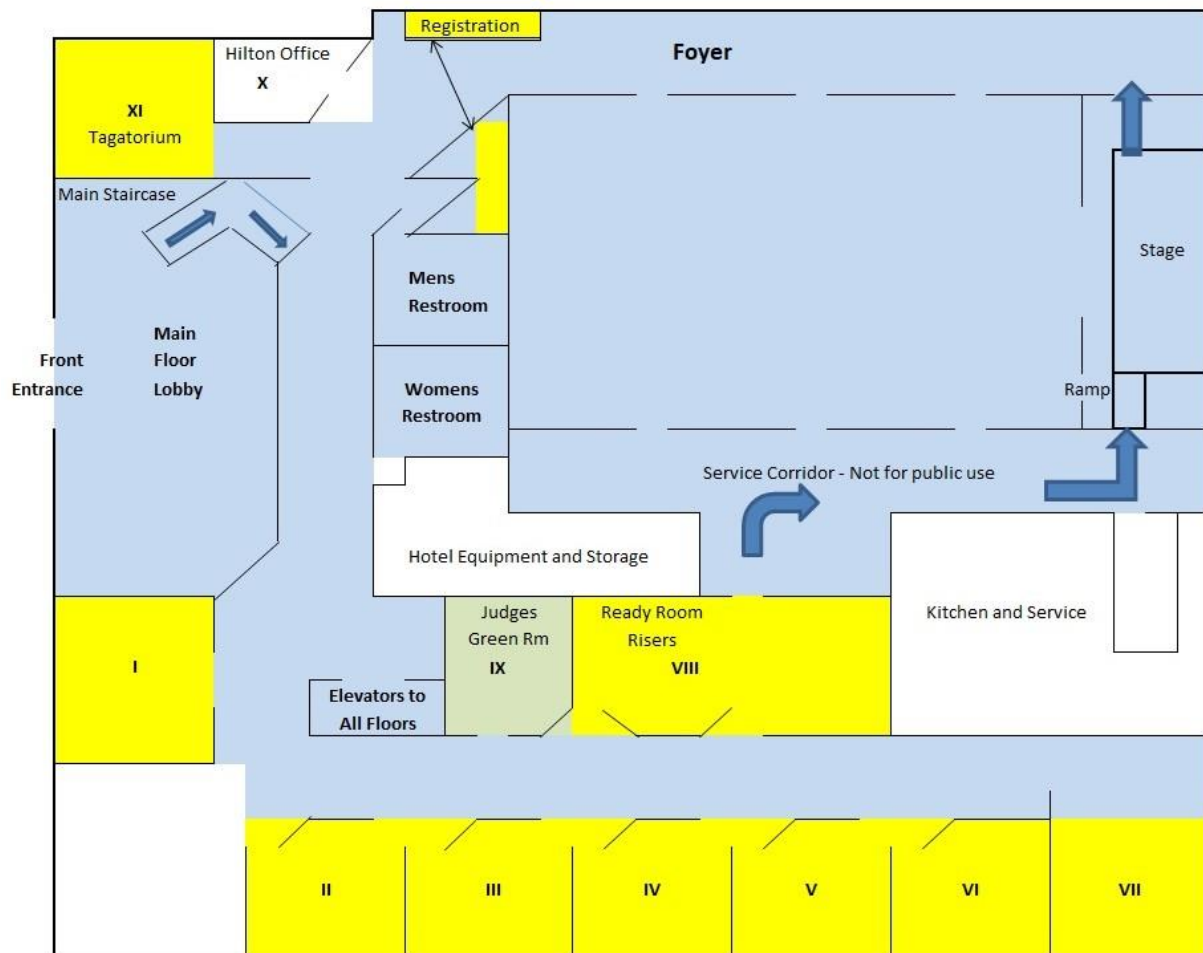
Fast-food chain for chicken sandwiches 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM

**Take Out/Delivery Available to MSP Hilton - 3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington**

American Pie	612-243-3777	<a href="http://americanpiepizza.org">americanpiepizza.org</a>
Applebee's	952-948-0010	<a href="http://grubhub.com">grubhub.com</a>
Broadway Pizza	612-861-3402	<a href="http://broadwaypizza.com/richfield">broadwaypizza.com/richfield</a>
Carbone's Pizza	952-888-5663	<a href="http://bloomingtoncarbones.com">bloomingtoncarbones.com</a>
Chevy's Fresh Mex	952-814-9555	<a href="http://chevysminnesota.com">chevysminnesota.com</a>
China Garden	612-861-4421	<a href="http://chinaqardenmntogo.com">chinaqardenmntogo.com</a>
CRAVE	952-854-5000	<a href="http://cravemoa.com">cravemoa.com</a>
Davanni's	952-888-6232	<a href="http://davannis.com">davannis.com</a>
Denny's	952-835-7476	<a href="http://doordash.com">doordash.com</a>
Hong Kong Garden	952-204-3747	<a href="http://doordash.com">doordash.com</a>
Hunan Restaurant	952-881-2280	<a href="http://grubhub.com">grubhub.com</a>
IHOP	952-854-3480	<a href="http://grubhub.com">grubhub.com</a>
Jimmy Johns	952-884-6900	<a href="http://jimmyjohns.com">jimmyjohns.com</a>
Osaka	952-884-3633	<a href="http://doordash.com">doordash.com</a>
Outback Steakhouse	952-854-1950	<a href="http://outbackonlineordering.com">outbackonlineordering.com</a>
Panda Express	952-884-6896	<a href="http://pandaexpress.com">pandaexpress.com</a>
Papa Johns	952-884-7272	<a href="http://papajohns.com">papajohns.com</a>
Perkins	612-404-2196	<a href="http://grubhub.com">grubhub.com</a>
Red Lobster	952-888-8102	<a href="http://redlobster.com">redlobster.com</a>
Sarpino's	612-355-4444	<a href="http://gosarpinos.com">gosarpinos.com</a>
TGI Friday's	952-854-2112	<a href="http://grubhub.com">grubhub.com</a>
Toppers Pizza	952-746-3200	<a href="http://toppers.com">toppers.com</a>

## Hotel 2nd Floor Plan

### MSP Hilton - 2025 LOL Convention Floor Plan - October 10 - 11



#### Rooms

- I Blue Heron Colony
- II Cardinal Perch
- III Eagles Nest
- IV Hawks Ridge
- V Mallard Point
- VI Owl Overlook
- VII White Pelican Bay
- VIII Wood Duck Pond
- IX Red Fox Den
- X Executive Office
- XI Executive Board Room

#### Main Floor Rooms (Not Shown)

- Woodlands
- Meadows (AHSOW)
- Riverside

## Approximate Ballroom layout for the Contest and Banquet and Showcase

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## List of performing groups on the Showcase

**All Chapter Chorus** – Donny Rose, Director

**Association of District Champs Chorus** – Roger Williams, Director

**2025 District Quartet Champion**

**Innovation** - 2000 District Champion (25 Year Anniversary)

**Main Street Station** - 2010 District Champion (15 Year Anniversary)

**Chord Smash** - 2015 District Champion (10 Year Anniversary)

**Vocality** - 2007 District Champion

**Kordal Kombat** – 2013 District Champion

**First Ave** - 2019 District Champion

**Coulee Classic** – 2021 District Champion

**Chill Factor** - 2023 District Champion

**Spice** - 2024 District Champion

**Keep The Whole World Singing** - Jay Althof

## List of Saturday night Hospitality rooms

- Room I Blue Heron Colony – TBD/Open
- Room II Cardinal Perch – T B D / O p e n
- Room III Eagles Nest – Rainbow Room
- Room IV Hawks Ridge – T B D / O p e n
- Room V Mallard Point – St. Croix Valley
- Room VI Owl Overlook – TBD/Open
- Room VII White Pelican Bay - G r e e n d a l e
- Room VIII Wood Duck Pond - S t . P a u l / M i n n e a p o l i s
- Room IX Red Fox Den - Beer/Pop & Snacks
- Room XI – Executive Board Room - Tagatorium (Fun Squad)

## Contest Judges

Name	Category	Hometown	District
James Pennington	Performance	Annapolis, MD	MAD
Tim Milbrandt	Performance Candidate	Pine Island, MN	LOL
Peter Cunningham	Singing	Whitehouse, TX	SWD
Greg Caetano	Performance	Cypress, TX	SWD
Diane Patterson	Administrative Candidate	Westminster, MA	NED
Dan Krackhardt	Performance Candidate	Brooklyn, NY	MAD
Brett Foster	Panel Chair	Billings, MT	RMD
Randy Rensi	Administrative Judge	Conroe, TX	SWD
Shawn Mondragon	Performance	Albuquerque, NM	RMD
Josh Van Gorder	Performance Candidate	Spencerville, OH	JAD
Adam Porter	Musicality	Shrewsbury Township, NJ	MAD
Chris Richards	Singing	Denver, CO	RMD
Chris Rodgers	Administrative Candidate	Saint Petersburg, FL	SUN
J Pope	Musicality	Seattle, WA	EVG
Renee Tramack	Singing	Nashua, NH	NED
Rafi Hasib	Musicality	New York City, NY	MAD
Maggie McAlexander	Musicality Candidate	Washington, DC	MAD