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## North by Northwest Region 13 Convention News

January 13, 2024

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Happy New Year Region 13! It's hard to believe another year has flown by!

Your Convention Team is looking forward to meeting in-person January 26-27, 2024. This will include a walk-through of the Spokane Convention Center space we will be using for the 2024 Convention scheduled for May 16-19, 2024. Our theme: "Glitter on the River."

We are continuing work on planning the upcoming 2024 convention. After much discussion at our October meeting and reviewing the results of the post-convention survey, it was decided there will **not** be a Show of Champions for 2024. Additional changes include running a slideshow throughout the facilities during the weekend to recognize members for their accomplishments and longevity, as well as provide an option for electronic advertisements and shoutouts. We also are going to an electronic convention program which will be available before the 2024 Convention for download and printing at home. We will provide a handout at the door for each contest with the contestant information. For the Afterglow, we will have a DJ, a Rainbow Room, tag and quartet singing rooms, and social gathering areas.

### Convention Website

Please be patient as the separate convention website is being moved over to the main Region 13 website. We are working hard to get the information in one place with easy access while still maintaining a user-friendly format. There will be links from the main page to the convention information, and hyperlinks within the pages to ease navigation.

### For Quartet and Chorus Contacts

**2024 Contest registration at the international level opens February 2, 2024.**

Sweet Adelines International has raised the regional contest fees:

- Quartet Entry Fee = \$125 USD (deadline 3/18/24)
- Quartet Late Entry Fee = \$225 USD (deadline 4/2/24)
- Chorus Entry Fee = \$200 USD (deadline 3/19/24)
- Chorus Late Entry Fee = \$300 USD (deadline 4/3/24)

- [Quartet Portal link](#)
- [Chorus Portal link](#)

Be sure your competition songs have been approved as admissible in the Song Assessment Tool. The Song Assessment Tool (SAT) and Song Evaluation Database (SED)

information is available through the portal links above, along with the required forms.

**Remember you will also need to register at the regional level at a later date.** We will let you know when that regional registration opens.

### Hotel Reservations

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Spokane City Center is Region 13's only Convention hotel. Reservations will open on Monday, February 12, 2024. We will update the Convention webpages with rates, reservation instructions, and other important details as they become available prior to February 12. Please be aware that the DoubleTree is unable to accommodate all of our members' lodging requests. A list of hotels near the Spokane Convention Center will be posted for your convenience on our website.

### Volunteers needed!

As always, we need volunteers! It takes a small community to put a convention together. We are looking for people to volunteer in several areas during the quartet contest on Friday, the chorus contest on Saturday, and the registration table. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this [Region 13 Convention Volunteer Contact Form](#) with your contact information. Our Competition Coordinator, Julia Mikulic, will reach out to you with more information as it becomes available.

Your Convention Team looks forward to seeing all of you at the 2024 convention. We encourage you to watch your email as we share our monthly Convention News updates. GENERAL CONVENTION EMAIL ADDRESS: [SAIR13Convention@gmail.com](mailto:SAIR13Convention@gmail.com)

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### Member Information Update Request

Please take a moment to log in to the [R13 Members Only](#) webpage to update your member profile information. If you have any login issues, please contact [Mindy Engelberg](#) or [Diana Jordan](#).

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REGION 13 WEBSITE  
[sairegion13.org](http://sairegion13.org)

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