

**Do Re Mi**  
Gospel Music Academy, Inc.



Emphasizing Church Music  
**Family Information For**  
**The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, Inc.**

A non-profit corporation dedicated to shape note gospel music  
education, promotion and preservation

**The Do Re Mi River Retreat**  
**275 Cedar Bluff Road**  
**Hartsville, TN 37074**

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## DO RE MI GOSPEL MUSIC ACADEMY, INC.

Thank you for choosing THE DO RE MI GOSPEL MUSIC ACADEMY, INC. for your gospel music education and fun. The Academy is devoted to helping the church by strengthening and improving music for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Students will be blessed with gospel music education by exploring and improving their God given talents and will enjoy singing activities, both individual and group along with special concerts, Christian fellowship and recreation. We offer classes from beginner through advanced song writing.

This Family Information Packet is designed to assist in planning by providing the student and family with important information about the Academy. The Academy is divided into two weeks (SHAPE and Academy week). If you have any questions that are not answered here please feel free to email us at [doremigma@yahoo.com](mailto:doremigma@yahoo.com)

### SHAPE Week – **S**inging in **H**armony **A**nd **P**ursuing **E**xcellence – June 7-13, 2020

A program for ages 13 and up. During this week we offer classes for all abilities (beginner through song writing). SHAPE week moves a little faster due to the age of all the students. Final registration for students attending SHAPE Week will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday June 7, at the office (see map at the end of this pack). Students attending SHAPE week can remain on campus for Academy week by registering for both weeks.

June 13, 2020 – The Trousdale County Singing Convention in the Lodge at the Academy

### Academy Week – June 14-20, 2020

A program for ages 3 and up and all abilities (beginner through song writing). Final registration will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on June 14, at the office (see map at the end of this pack). NOTE: Any on campus students coming to the singing June 13 may check into the dorm AFTER the singing. Songbird, Sparrow, Momma and Poppa Bird classes will be June 15-20. Final registration for these classes will be June 15, 8:15 – 8:30 in classroom 3 (see map at the end of this pack).

New this year. Adult only class. June 7-20, 2020. After requests we are offering an all adult class. It will begin with the basics and advance as far as we can in 2 weeks. You can come either week or both.

Go to our website [www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com](http://www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com) for up-to-date information and announcements, including pictures, registration information and singing news. Rent the Retreat at [www.drmretreat.com](http://www.drmretreat.com). Keep up with the Academy daily on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/shapenote](https://www.facebook.com/shapenote) or Twitter @doremiacademy. Please email us at [doremigma@yahoo.com](mailto:doremigma@yahoo.com) with any other questions not covered in this packet.

## DORMITORY AND RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

The goal of our on-campus dormitory and residential program is to insure the safety and welfare of each student. The residential program support staff will help the student make new friends and foster old friendships, while providing supervision and support services to assure a safe, enjoyable time at the Academy.

On-campus dormitory students **MUST BE 8 YEARS OF AGE** or older, with the ability to take care of their basic needs (showering, doing hair, brushing teeth, etc.). Our dorm staff will always be there to offer assistance if needed. Separate male and female dorms serve the students and staff. The dormitories are bunk bed style. The student will need to furnish linens, pillow, blankets, personal items, etc. Please refer to the items listed in the 'To Bring' section of this Family Information packet. Some dorm rooms are designed to share a full bathroom, including shower, commode and lavatory, with the adjoining room. A community shower and restroom in each dormitory serves the general population.

Students are required to keep a clean and neat dorm room.

Dormitory students have a required dorm check-in and lights-out policy as follows:

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Age 8 to 12     | must be in dorm by 10:00 p.m. | lights out by 10:30 p.m. |
| Age 13 and over | must be in dorm by 10:30 p.m. | lights out by 11:00 p.m. |

## REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Shape Week</b>                 | <b>Sunday, June 7, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 PM</b>   |
| <b>Academy Week</b>               | <b>Sunday June 14, 2020 2:00 – 5:00 PM or<br/>If you come to the singing Saturday June 13 you may<br/>check in the dorms after</b> |
| <b>Songbirds and<br/>Sparrows</b> | <b>Monday June 15, 2020 8:15 AM</b>  |
| <b>LOCATION</b>                   | <b>Do Re Mi River Retreat Office<br/>275 Cedar Bluff Road<br/>Hartsville, Tennessee 37074</b>                                      |

## TIDBITS OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Upon arrival, follow the parking signs and report directly to the office. See the map at the end of this pack. Follow the orange arrows and park in the grass.
- **NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE.**
- Please bring your luggage, personal items, and any remaining fees that you owe.
- After registration, report to your dorm for room assignment. Staff will be available to assist with your luggage and check-in.
- Roommates are assigned by age, according to space availability. Students may request a roommate in their age group; however, **THE ACADEMY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL BED ASSIGNMENTS.**
- After dinner each Sunday, students will assemble in the Lodge for introductions, orientation and meet and greet.

- Dorm meetings will be held by the dorm supervisors and staff after assembly.
- SONGBIRDS & SPARROWS classes are offered for one week ONLY - June 15-20, 2020. Parents are encouraged to pre-register for these classes, as space is limited, but they can wait until Monday, June 15, to check in at classroom 3 between 8:15-8:30 AM. **Please note – spaces are limited. A spot for your child will only be held if full payment accompanies your registration.**
- Both Songbirds and Sparrows will ATTEND FOR A HALF DAY ONLY. STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP AT NOON. CHILD CARE IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE ACADEMY.

The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, Inc. reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken at any event sponsored by Do Re Mi, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video. Do Re Mi may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by Do Re Mi including but not limited to: brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc.

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## DORMITORY CHECKOUT AND CLOSING PERFORMANCE

The closing performance will be held Saturday, June 20, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Hartsville, 773 McMurry Blvd, see the map the the end of this packet. Students will have assigned seats for the performance and must be in their seats by 1:40 p.m. The closing performance will run approximately one and one half hours. ALL STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THE CHURCH AND WEAR CHURCH CLOTHING.

DORM CHECK OUT TIME ON Saturday, June 20 is 11:30 a.m. Dorm staff will be available for assistance. Parents please plan to pick up your child by 11:30 a.m. at the Academy. LUNCH AND TRANSPORTATION TO THE CHURCH ARE ON YOUR OWN. Local restaurants are listed at the end of this packet. There will be no lunch served at the Retreat on Saturday, June 20.

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN THEIR DORM ROOM PRIOR TO CHECK-OUT. ROOMS MUST BE CLEANED & VACATED NO LATER THAN 11:30 A.M. PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHES OR OTHER ITEMS. THE CAMPUS WILL NOT BE OPEN OR AVAILABLE AFTER THE CLOSING PROGRAM.

## DO RE MI SONGBIRDS, SPARROWS, MOMMA AND POPPA BIRD

A half day commuter program for children age 3-7 is available the week of June 15-20 only. Students will be dropped off in their classroom by 8:30 and picked up in their classroom by noon. Please note – placement in these classes will be determined by enrollment.

**Child care services are not provided by the Academy; therefore, all Songbirds & Sparrows must be picked up by noon. Under no circumstances will these students be allowed to remain on campus unsupervised.**

One parent of each Songbird or Sparrow may register for a FREE class. We will offer a special adult class for the parents wishing to remain on campus during the morning. This free class will end at noon so you can pick up your child. Any parent wanting to attend a more advanced class may test into that class and attend free until noon each day.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

**We will strive to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit each day.**

**This is a general overview and there are several breaks during the day. The schedule is subject to change.**

| 2020 Day Schedule |   |            |
|-------------------|---|------------|
| 7:45 – 8:30       | Breakfast   | Lodge      |
| 8:30 – 8:40       | Devotional, Warm-up, and Singing                        | Lodge      |
| 8:40 – 12:00      | Classes and Activities                                  | Classroom  |
| 12:00 -1:00       | Lunch Rotation  | Lodge      |
| 1:05 – 2:50       | Do Re Mi Singers and Sectionals                         | Classrooms |
| 3:00 – 3:30       | Assembly  | Lodge      |
| 3:30 – 5:00       | Recreation  |            |
| 5:00 – 5:55       | Dinner  | Lodge      |
| 6:00 – 7:00       | Classroom Night Class                                   | Classrooms |
| 7:00 – 8:30       | Assembly  | Lodge      |
| 8:30 – 9:00       | Devotional & Awards                                     | Lodge      |
| 9:00              | Refreshments  | Lodge      |
| 10:00 – 10:30     | Dorm Check-in – 12 & Under – 10:00<br>13 & Over – 10:30 | Dorms      |

## IMPORTANT DAILY & WEEKLY DO RE MI HAPPENINGS

- ❖ Devotional services will be held in the morning and evening session. **BRING YOUR BIBLE.**
- ❖ Day and night commuter classes do not include meals.
- ❖ The Veterans Program does not include meals.
- ❖ Meal plans for commuters are available for purchase either at registration or paid daily.
- ❖ Worship service Sunday, June 14, at 11 a.m. in the Lodge, followed by lunch.
- ❖ Family & Friends are invited to attend nightly singings and the Sunday Worship service.
- ❖ Shaving cream fight on Wednesday, June 17, during Recreation Time. Bring a can or two of non-menthol shaving cream. Fun, Fun, Fun!
- ❖ Special concert by our vocal instructor and Southern Gospel singing great Jonathan and Jordan Wilburn, will be held on Thursday evening June 18, after dinner. Parents are invited. Jonathan is one of the finest Southern Gospel lead singers ever, and we are honored for him to teach with us at Do Re Mi. His concerts are a worship time to glorify and honor God! He is a former lead singer with Gold City Quartet for over 26 years and has been voted the best of the best!

## COMMUTER CLASS

A commuter program is available for those students who wish to drive in daily for the day OR night classes. This class is FREE for our Veterans. Meals are not included in the registration fee, but they may be purchased for the week or daily.

All students who commute must check in upon arrival on campus. Likewise, check-out is required when the student leaves campus. The check in/out location, staffed by a dorm staff person, is located at the Lodge corner of the Boys Dorm (see map). We have a limited number of RV spots for families wishing to camp on campus during the week. Call about reserving these, as they have been completely full every year.

## ITEMS TO BRING

In addition to your normal clothing and personal items, you will need to bring the following:

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|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Bible   |  | Hair dryer  |  | Softball glove (optional)                              |  |
| Twin size top sheet                           |  | Shampoo, soap, all toiletry items                               |  | Swimsuit and towel (if needed for shaving cream fight) |  |
| Twin size fitted sheet                        |  | Shoes to wear in the shower (flip-flops, etc.)                  |  | Snacks – we provide a small snack each night           |  |
| Twin size blanket                             |  | Plastic mesh bag or bucket to hold toiletry items in the shower |  | Shaving Cream for shaving cream fight on campus lawn   |  |
| Pillow/pillowcase                             |  | Small fan if hot natured or extra covers if cold                |  |  |  |
| Towels and bath cloths (for duration of stay) |  | Guitar and/or acoustical instrument for private lessons         |  | *Any medications needed                                |  |

**\*A complete and detailed medication list must be presented to Dorm staff/ medical personnel, upon registration. All medication will be held by authorized staff and maintained in a secure location.**

## PRIVATE LESSONS

Everyone registered for class is eligible to register for private lessons. We offer private instruction both weeks in piano, voice, guitar, bass, and fiddle. We also offer a special vocal performance class with Johnathan Wilburn during Academy week only. We also offer private piano class all year, no matter where you live. We use the internet or simply by phone to continue to teach year round. Email [doremigma@yahoo.com](mailto:doremigma@yahoo.com) for more info, or ask during the Academy for more details.

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

E mail address

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Telephone number

Key Dillard - 615-969-2708  
 Kris Dillard - 615-306-8309

## **APPROPRIATE CONDUCT & DRESS**

Do Re Mi GMA is dedicated to Christian fellowship and learning. All students should use conduct that is appropriate for Church events. Conduct should be exemplary before God.

PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED IF CONDUCT IS INAPPROPRIATE AND RULES ARE NOT OBSERVED.

School approved attire appropriate for public school is expected at the Academy, which may include, shorts, casual shirts, t-shirts and jeans. Clothing deemed unchristian in print and scope will not be appropriate.

Please bring one Church outfit to wear for the closing performance singing.

Each full-time student will be given a Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, Inc. I.D. lanyard for identification. The lanyard is required for safety and security purposes and **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES OUTSIDE OF DORM ROOM. LANYARDS SHALL NOT BE SWAPPED AMONG STUDENTS.**

## **PLAN TO ATTEND THE CLOSING PERFORMANCE SINGING**

The Closing Performance will be held Saturday June 20, at 2:00 p.m. at Hartsville First Baptist Church, 773 McMurry Blvd. See map at the end. This musical program features the students and staff, and finalizes The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy week of activities. The Memorial Trophy will be presented to the top house as determined by work throughout the week. This trophy is presented in honor and recognition of the forefathers of our shape note legacy.

Please invite your family and friends and feel free to bring your camera and video equipment.

Plan to **ARRIVE EARLY TO GET A SEAT.** It is always a standing-room-only performance.

All students will attend Closing Performance and should be seated in their assigned seat by 1:40 PM. **CHURCH DRESS REQUESTED.**

## **WEB SITE**

**[www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com](http://www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com)**

Please visit the Web Site at [www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com](http://www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com) for information about the Academy building program, singings, student achievements, pictures and other items of interest.

Plan to rent the DO RE MI RETREAT for weddings, birthdays, family reunions, Church retreats, corporate retreats, scout outings, etc. For rental details, go to the website at [www.drmretreat.com](http://www.drmretreat.com)

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT DO RE MI



Log into [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) the same way you log into your Amazon account and choose Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy in Murfreesboro, TN as your charity. Everything else is the same as your regular Amazon account but Amazon sends Do Re Mi a donation with every qualifying purchase you make. You must log into [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) for your purchases to generate donations. The prices are the same and it does not change your account in any way it just helps Do Re Mi.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What class should I register for? On campus both weeks is the best value. There are some age restrictions for each class. Be sure you meet these:

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| On Campus SHAPE week      | Age 13 and up |
| On Campus Academy week    | Age 8 and up  |
| Day Commuter SHAPE week   | Age 13 and up |
| Day Commuter Academy week | Any Age       |
| Night Commuter            | Any Age       |
| Songbird and Sparrow      | Age 3 and up  |

- Is my child a Songbird, Sparrow or day commuter? Songbirds and Sparrows are all our half day classes. We divide the groups by age once all registration is complete. Be sure to pre-register as these classes have been completely full each year. If your child is mature enough to engage in classroom activities for an entire school day they are welcome to register for the day commuter class.
- If my child is a Songbird or Sparrow can I attend class? Yes. This year we will have a new special beginner adult class that parents can attend free. We will also allow parents to attend the advanced classes in the morning.
- Can I change class? Yes. We want you to get the most from this experience. If you would like to change from commuter to on campus, please let us know. Also, if you need to move up or down, let us know. We will make the change. We encourage students let us know if they need to be in a different class.
- When should I come to the Academy? If you cannot make the times listed below please contact us to make other arrangements.

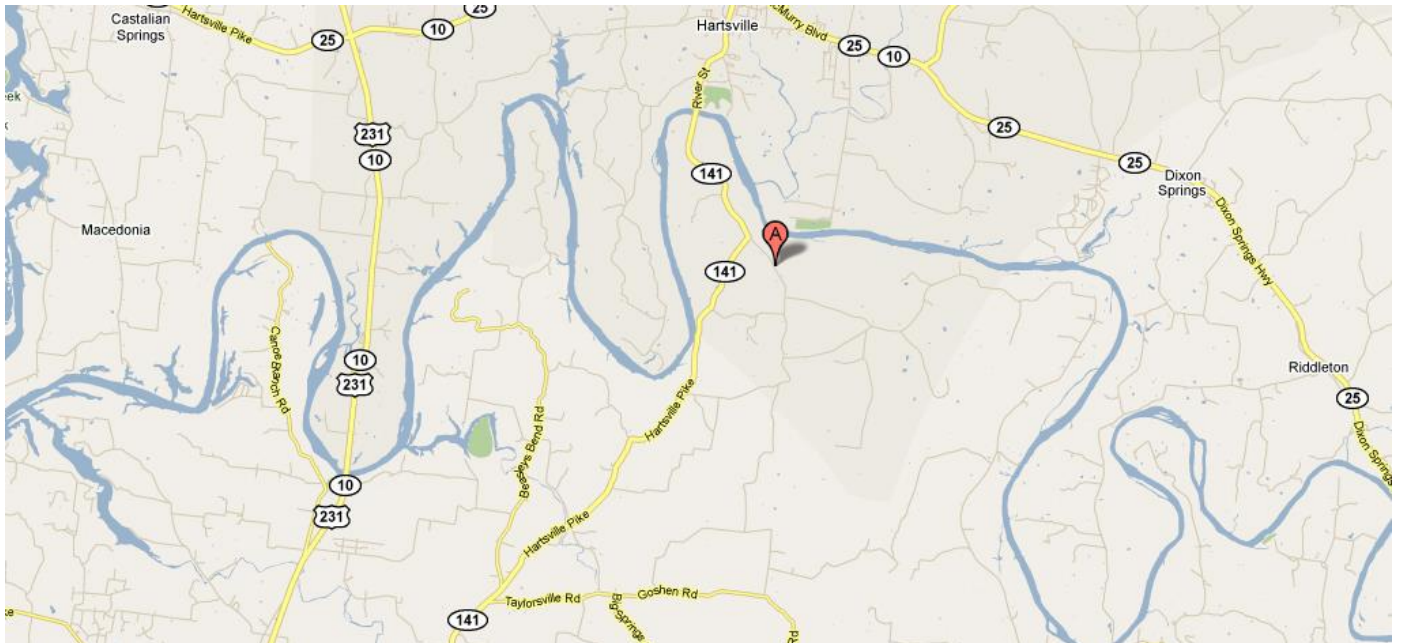
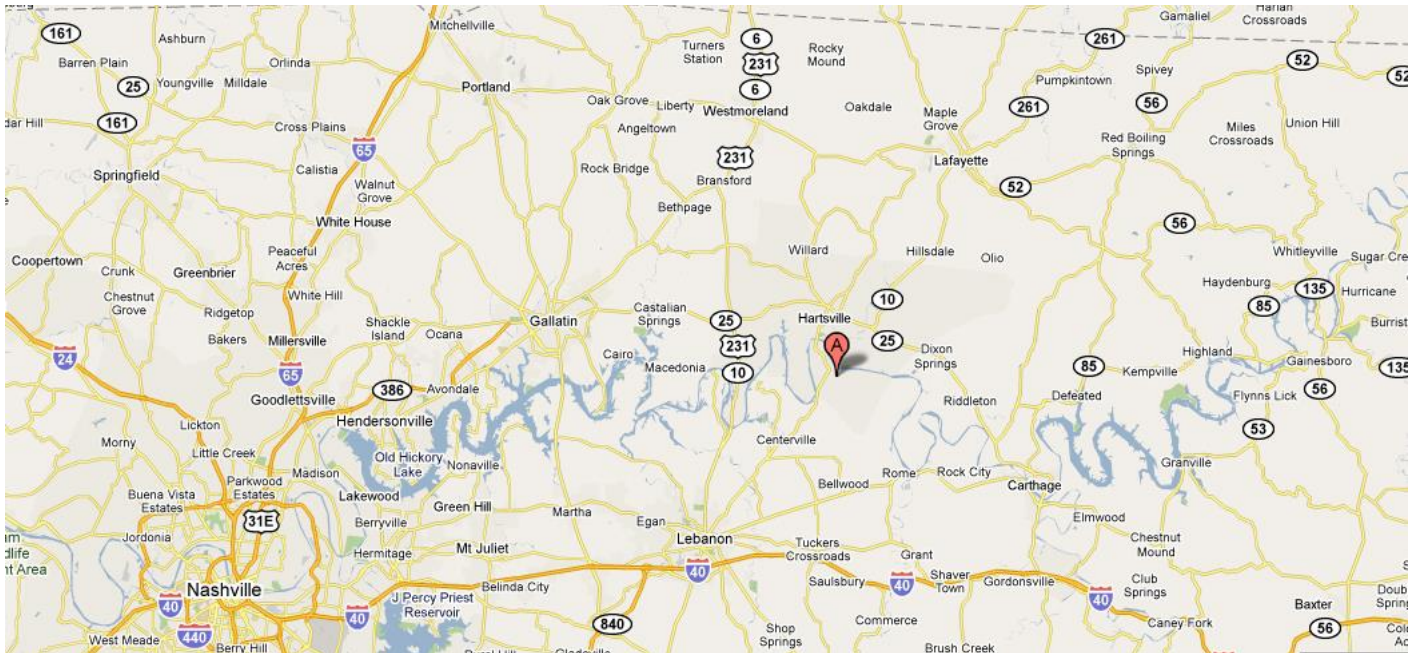
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| On Campus SHAPE or both weeks | June 7 – 2-5 PM                                  |
| On Campus Academy week        | June 14 – 2-5 PM or<br>June 13 after the singing |
| Commuter SHAPE week           | June 8 – 8:30 AM                                 |
| Commuter Academy week         | June 15 – 8:30 AM                                |
| Songbirds and Sparrows        | June 15 – 8:15 AM                                |

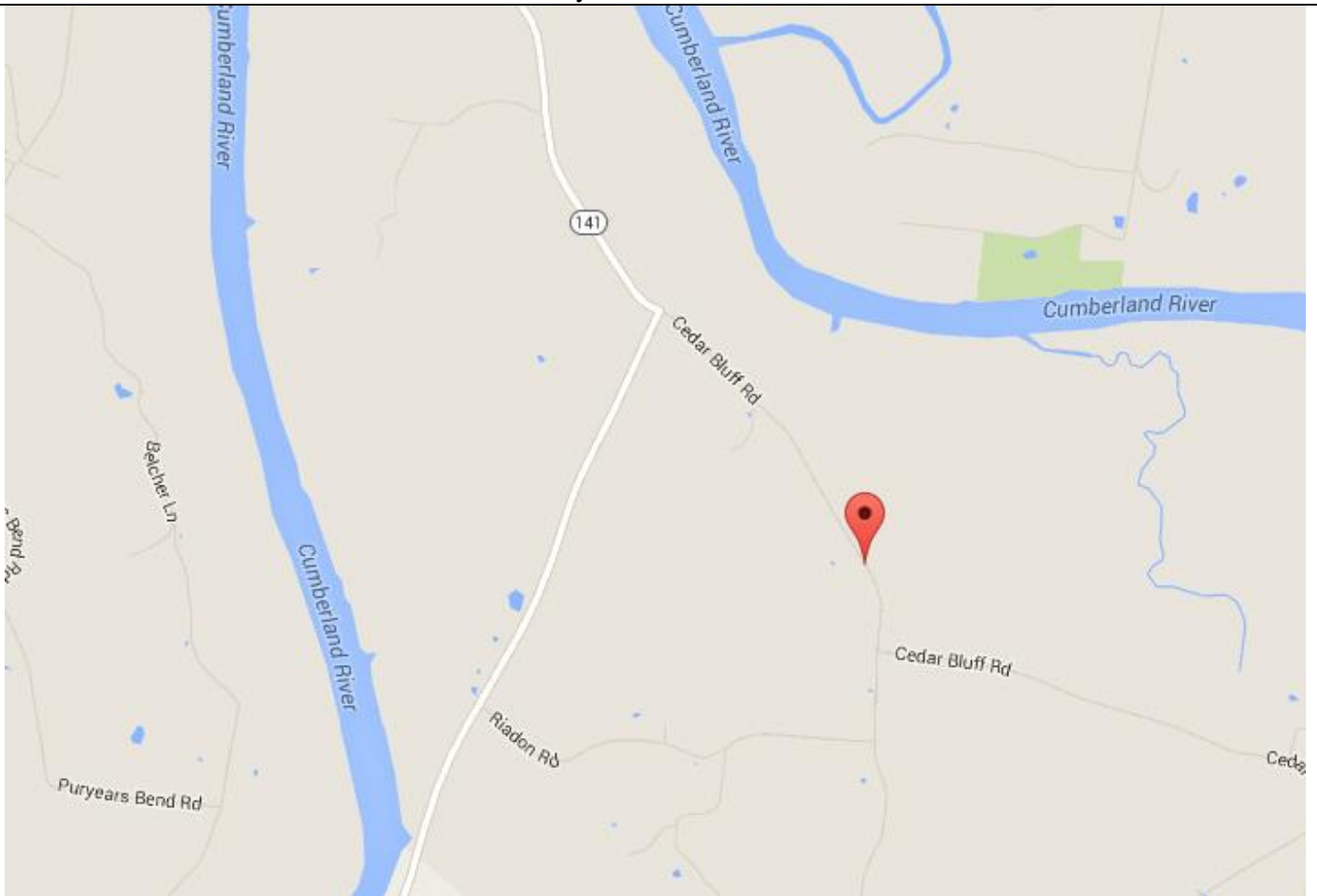
- Will there be classes Saturday, June 13? Yes. There will be a classes for students signed up for SHAPE week. New this year Registration for Academy week will be Sunday, June 14. Note: Anyone coming to the singing can check in the dorms after the singing June 13.

- Why do I need to give permission for my child to ride the bus? During Academy week all students will leave campus on Friday to do a walk thru of the closing program at the First Baptist Church Hartsville.
- What if I have special dietary restrictions? We will attempt to make accommodations for your needs if possible. Our kitchen staff will store special food you bring daily and heat it up for meal time. While we cannot meet every request but we do try and work with each family. Please contact us beforehand to discuss.
- What is the Do Re Mi Museum? Part of our mission is to preserve the heritage of the shape notes. We have started a museum that is located in the office building. Students are encouraged visit. It is open daily during both weeks of the music school and by appointment other times. If you would like more information or would like to help develop this, please email us.
- What is the house system? Every student is placed in one of four houses. Stamps, Speer, Gaither or Vaughan. They work together daily to encourage each other and earn points toward the memorial trophy which is presented to the house with the most points at the end of the week.
- Can my friends come? Yes, we encourage friends and family to come to the Academy nightly at 7 PM and join in the singing. We ask anyone going to class be a registered student.
- What if my child needs to leave? Every year we have students that need to leave campus during the week. A parent must sign a student out and back in any time they leave campus.
- What is the shaving cream fight? All students who want to participate gather in the field out front and spray each other with shaving cream. There are several pictures on our website.
- What if my child takes medicine? At registration fill out the medicine form, and the dorm staff will keep the medicine locked up and help each child get their medicine at the correct times. Please send medication in a sealed plastic bag with your child's name on it.
- What is "Shout out time"? Daily before lunch students are given the opportunity to give a shout out to someone or something that was good that day. It is a special fun and encouraging time.

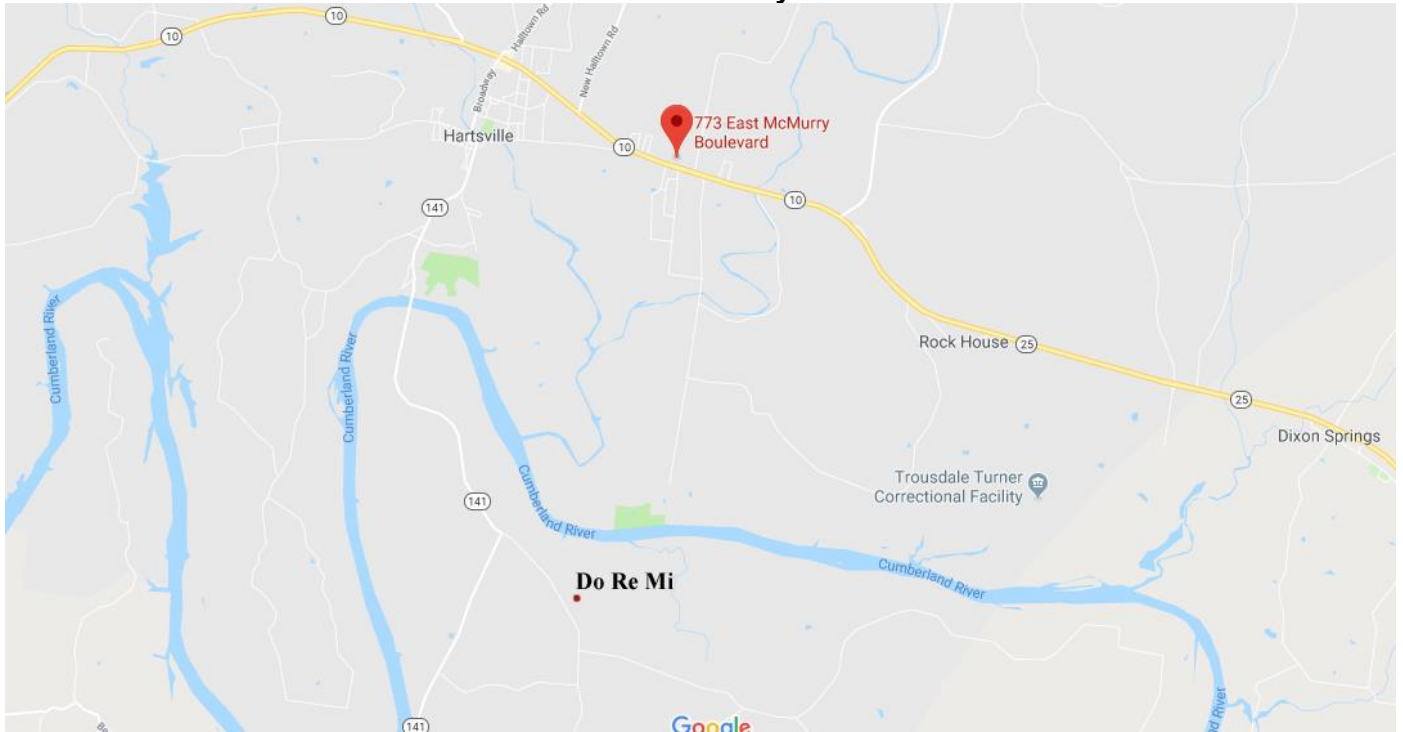
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**Places to eat in Hartsville**



## Family Information

