

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

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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 year will be our 20th session, June 5-18, 2022. SHAPE week will be June 5-11, and the Academy week will be June 12-18. We plan to have several new and exciting things happening this year. Register early to save your spot. Fees are not due until June.

Go to our website www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com for up-to-date information and announcements, including pictures, registration information and singing news. Rent the Retreat at www.drmretreat.com. Keep up with the Academy on Facebook, www.facebook.com/shapenote or Twitter @doremiacademy. Please email us at doremigma@gmail.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 ensure 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:

Age 8 to 12	must be in dorm by 10:30 p.m.	lights out by 11:00 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

TIDBITS OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Returning students - bring your songbook from last year.
- 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.
- We will continue to offer a virtual option both weeks.
- 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 June 13-17, 2022. Parents are encouraged to pre-register for these classes, as space is limited.
- 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.**

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DORMITORY CHECKOUT AND CLOSING PERFORMANCE

DORM CHECKOUT TIME on Saturday, June 11, and June 18, is 10 - 11 a.m. Dorm staff will be available for assistance. Parents, please plan to pick up your child by 11 a.m. at the Academy. Students attending both weeks do not need to check out on June 11.

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN THEIR DORM ROOM PRIOR TO CHECK-OUT. ROOMS MUST BE CLEANED & VACATED NO LATER THAN 11 A.M. PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHES OR OTHER ITEMS.

DO RE MI SONGBIRDS, SPARROWS, MAMA AND PAPA BIRD

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

Childcare 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. 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.
- We will post a daily schedule after the Board of Directors approves the final version.

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.

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).

ITEMS TO BRING

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

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			
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. Private instruction is offered both weeks in piano, voice, guitar, bass, and fiddle. Also offered are a special vocal performance class with Johnathan Wilburn (during Academy week only) and private piano lessons year-round, no matter where you live. Our instructor uses the internet or simply by phone to continue to teach year-round. Email doremigma@yahoo.com for more information or ask during the Academy for more details.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

E mail address

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Telephone number

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Kris Dillard - 615-987-2050

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 which will be filmed on Friday.

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

This year the closing performance will be filmed and available after the Academy. Students will dress in Sunday attire for this singing. There will also be a large 20th Anniversary celebration singing June 11, everyone is invited to the celebration. Keep up to date will all the information on the website below.

WEB SITE

www.doremigospelmusicacademy.com

Please visit the Web Site at 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 Stay up to date with THE DO RE MI GOSPEL MUSIC ACADEMY AND PROGRAMS on Facebook. www.facebook.com/shapenote

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

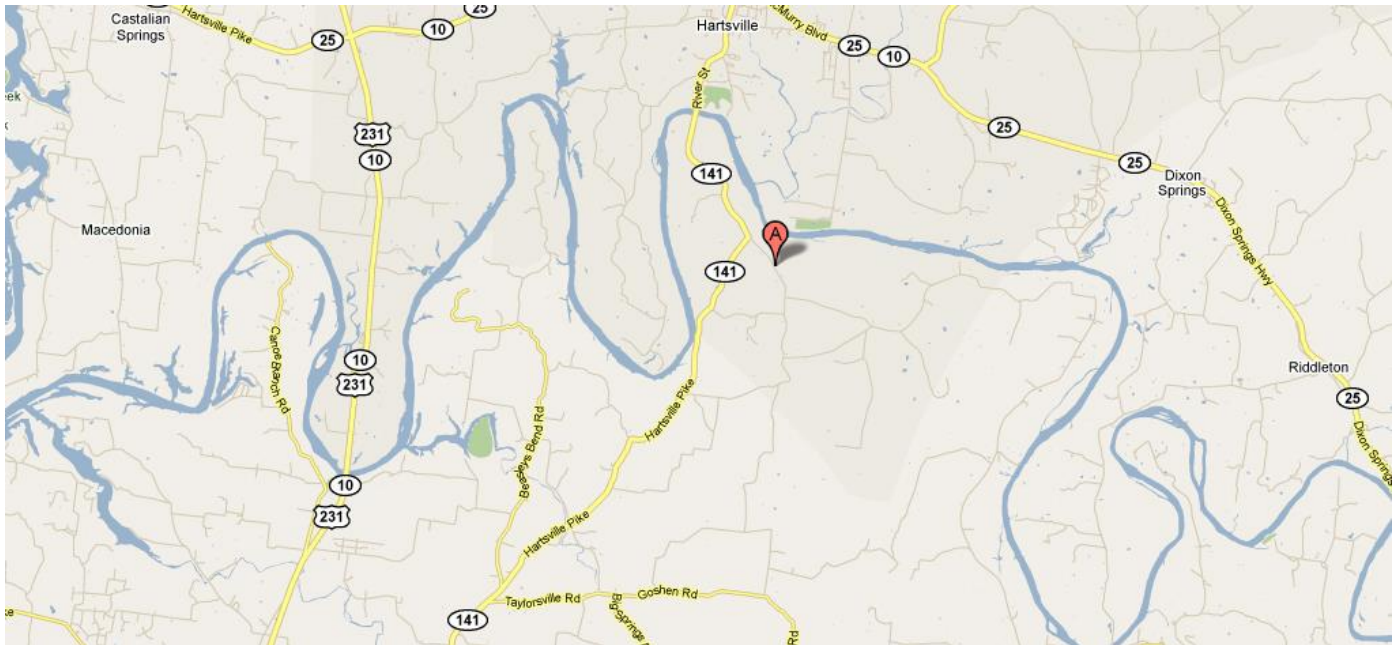
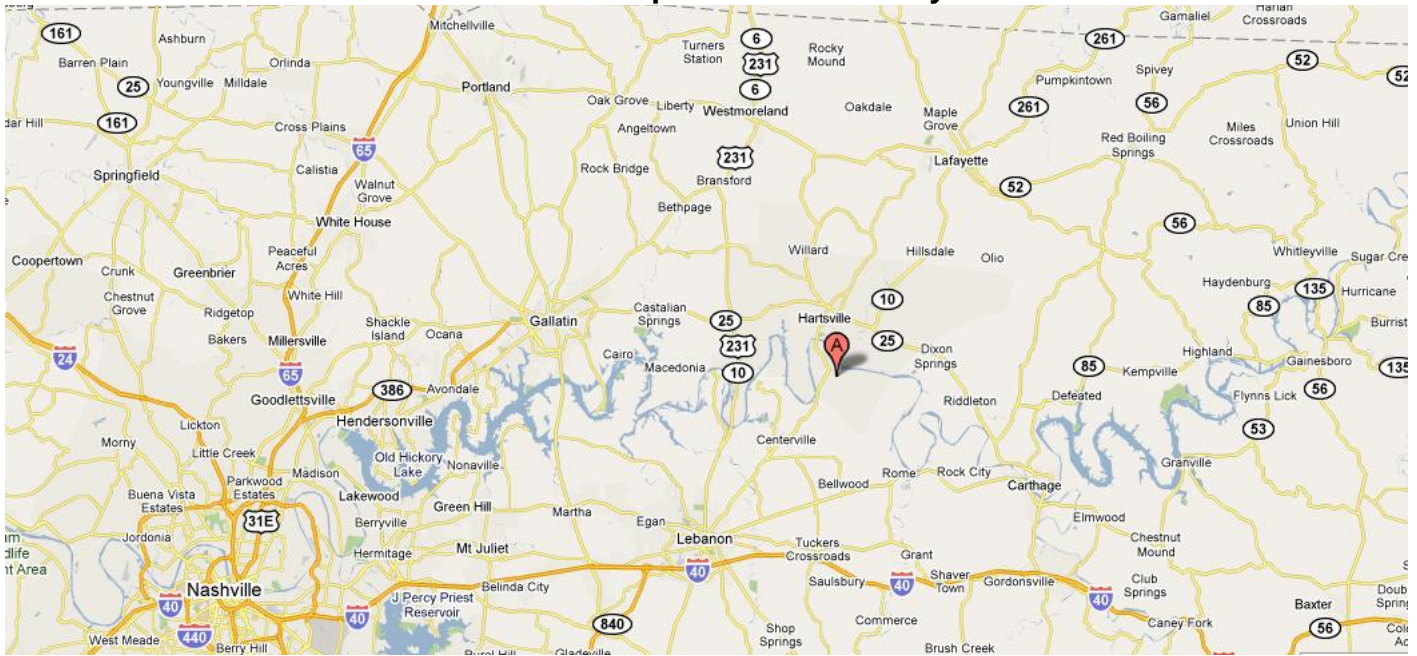
- **What is SHAPE week?** It is June 5-11 for ages 13 and older. We offer all levels of instruction but the classes move a little faster and are geared towards the older students. We strive to teach more leadership in the students this week so they can mentor our younger students during Academy week. There is an ear training and songwriting class for all students in SHAPE week.
- **What is the virtual class?** Yes, we will have online classes for all levels (excluding songbirds). This class will include classroom instruction, sectional class, and an assembly.
- **Is my child a Songbird, Sparrow or day commuter?** Songbirds and Sparrows are all half-day classes. Groups are divided 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 a new special Beginner Adult class, which parents can attend free, will be taught. Parents will also be allowed 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 to let us know if they need to be in a different class.
- **Will there be classes Saturday, June 11?** Yes. The schedule is slower on Saturday, but there will be activities for those attending both weeks. Those staying one week must be out of their dorm room by 11 AM.
- **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 can heat it up for mealtime. While we cannot meet every request, we do try to 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 to 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 Monday is friend day so they can come see what we do. If they decide to attend, they can register that day and attend the Academy.
- **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 if my child takes medicine?** At registration, fill out the medicine form, and the dorm staff will keep the medicine locked up. They will also assist each child in taking 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"?** Each day 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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