

Welcome to registration for the Area 8 Handbell Musicians of America 2026 Festival

Registration occurs in two parts:

1. Register as a group or individual for the entire conference or as a daily registrant.
 - Once you have submitted your registration online, you will receive an email with confirmation of all the information you submitted along with an invoice. You will need to pay at least the deposit amount noted upon receipt of the invoice
 - If paying by check, instructions will be provided on the invoice about where to send the check.
 - If you are paying via PayPal, you will also receive a PayPal invoice from the Area 8 Treasurer which will provide further instructions for making payment.
 - If you do not receive the invoice noted above, please check your spam folder.
2. **Each registrant** will receive a subsequent email with links to forms where they can select their classes as well as register for Festival extras like Thursday seminar, Bronzefest, t-shirts, etc. Again, if you or your ringers do not receive this form, please check your spam folder.

Final payments are due by May 1, 2026. All registration fees minus \$75/ringer are refundable up until May 1, 2026. If registering after May 1st, payment is due in full upon receipt of your invoice. There will be no refunds after May 1st.

We welcome youth to attend with a chaperone, who must accompany the youth to all Festival activities - rehearsals, meals, concerts, classes, etc. This chaperone can be an adult ringer.

Will you attend both massed ringing days? (Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20)?

- **Yes!** We're excited you can join us for the entire festival. If **no**, proceed to the end of this document.
 - **Are you registering a group – 2 people or more?**
 - Use the *Group Registration* link found on the website.
 - You will need the email address for each individual you are registering.
 - As a group, you will bring your own foam, table covers, bells, chimes, mallets, etc. **Tables will be provided.**
 - You'll need to know how many feet of table you need for massed ringing.

○ **Are you registering just 1 person?**

- Use the *Individual Registration* link found on the website.
- Individual Ringers have the option to
 - Ring a specific position, which will require you to bring your own foam, bells, chimes and other ringing equipment; OR
 - Ring a position within a range and be placed in a registered group. You will not need to bring foam or equipment. If you have a friend who is also an individual ringer who chooses this option, you can ask to be assigned to the same group.
- *If you are an “individual” ringer but you know what group you want to ring with, do not register yourself. The group should include you in their Group Registration.*

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If the answer is **no**, use the *Daily Registrant* link found on the website.

Please contact registrar.area8@handbellmusicians.org or registrar2.area8@handbellmusician.org with any questions.