

Conclave 2008 Information

Welcome! We're looking forward to seeing you at this year's Conclave at Franklin Pierce University in the beautiful Monadnock region of New Hampshire. Please read through this information carefully, as it contains many details about which you may have questions.

ARRIVAL

Regular registration is scheduled for noon - 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 27, in the lower lobby of Cheshire Residence Hall (facing the parking lot). Early arrivals on Saturday, July 26, may register between 2 and 5 pm in the same location. Your fee for early arrival includes meals in the college cafeteria (Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and lunch).

If you are arriving outside the designated registration time slots, on either day, PLEASE let Kathy know — in advance if possible. We want to make sure that someone is there to meet you and that your room key is available. If you did not indicate early arrival on your registration form and wish to arrive on Saturday, that can be arranged until July 6. Contact Kathy Schenley or Ken Perlow (addresses below).

If you are delayed in your travel and need to contact us, please call 760-419-9152 (Alice's cell phone) or 919-614-1272 (Kathy's cell phone). These are our emergency contact numbers for Saturday and Sunday only. NOTE: Conclave staff leave home to travel to campus on Monday, July 21. Messages after that date should be sent via Alice's email: arenken@sandwich.net.

REGISTRATION

At registration you will be given a packet containing a schedule, your class assignments, your nametag, your meal ticket, evaluation forms, and a list of attendees with room and phone numbers. If you ordered a t-shirt, it will be given to you at registration.

You will be asked to have ready a \$10 key deposit (cash or personal check). You will be asked to confirm your choice for the banquet entrée. If you expect to bring a guest to the banquet, we must be told that when you check in.

You may order a boxed picnic supper for Wednesday afternoon. Menus will be available.

WHAT TO BRING

Linen service includes sheets, blanket, pillow, pillow case, towels, and washcloth. You may wish to pack hangers, a reading lamp, alarm clock, laundry detergent, coins for laundry and vending machines, a beach towel, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a telephone (active jacks for local and 0+ calls are in every room). If you registered for a room in non-airconditioned space you may wish to bring a small fan.

The scenic area suggests you pack your camera and hiking shoes, The quad seems ideal for frisbees. Local antique stores suggest you bring your will power.

Casual clothing is the norm at Conclaves — shorts, jeans, and t-shirts abound. Some folks like to bring something a bit dressier for the banquet, student concert, or evening out to dinner. Don't forget your swimsuit — Pearly Pond is gorgeous!

Be sure to bring a music stand (well labeled)! Distances are short at FP, but you may find a luggage carrier helpful for trundling large instruments about. Hint for bass players: pick up a second hand golf bag carrier at a thrift store — strap your bass on with bungy cords. The wide wheel base of these carriers makes them roll with ease.

EVENTS

Scheduled events begin with a mini-concert Sunday afternoon at 5, followed by dinner from 5:30 - 6:45. Afterward, we will gather at 7:30 for a faculty "surprise" concert, announcements, and ice cream.

The Parthenia concert is Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Peterborough Town Hall, following our "free" afternoon. Box suppers may be ordered for Wednesday afternoon. The banquet is on Friday, student concert on Saturday. We end the week with breakfast on Sunday, 8/3. Check-out time is 11 am.

CONTACTS

For regular mail & any package services:

Your name
VdGSA Conclave
c/o Franklin Pierce Conference Center
40 University Drive
Rindge, NH 03461

**Weekend deliveries are not possible.
If you need to ship items in advance,
plan for them to arrive by July 24.**

For phone messages:

office: 603-899-1194 (8 am - 7 pm)
24 hour emergency (Security) 603-899-4210 - dire medical emergencies only, please!
If you are bringing a phone, you will get your room phone number upon arrival.
You may rent a phone for the week for \$10.
Fax: 603-899-6448

For e-mail:

Important e-mail messages may be sent to you via < arenken@sandwich.net >
Each dorm room has an ethernet jack. You will need your own cable.
Wireless access is available in the library, student center, classroom building, and on the beach.
FP folks will assist you with connections.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * Official Conclave pitch is A=415. Please retune your viol early.
- * Our scholarship auction this year will consist of a live auction Monday evening and a silent auction Tuesday through Thursday. Please bring items to donate. Humorous memorabilia always sell well, as do CDs.
- * Swimming in Pearly Pond is allowed during daylight hours. Bring your inner tube! Canoes and kayaks are available. The weights area of the Athletic Center is also open to us.
- * The VdGSA Store on operates on a cash-free basis. Bring your Visa card or checkbook! The Early Music Shop of New England will be our designated vendor this year.
- * A \$10 key deposit will be collected upon arrival and refunded upon departure. Please be aware that lost keys cost the Society. Cash is helpful for these deposits, but personal checks are fine.

Viol packing hints

Tune your instrument down a bit, but not enough to loosen the tension on the sound post. Put a layer of thin bubble wrap under the body, and pack around the rest of the instrument with socks and underwear - especially under the bridge and tailpiece. Trebles can usually pass as carryon luggage. Mark your case FRAGILE in large letters. (White-Out works well.) Erin Headley and Alison Crum swear by large bubble wrap - they swathe the entire hard case in two layers, secured by "FRAGILE" tape. Bring extra tape along in case you have to open the instrument. Or wait to swathe it after you've cleared security. When dealing with airline folks, refer to the instrument as being like a large guitar - this seems to freak them out less than saying it's like a 'cello.

NEED MORE INFO?

Classes - Martha Bishop 505-325-4735 < waltmart@mindspring.com >
Scholarships - Suzanne Beaudry 205-254-3774 < sbeaudry@asfa.k12.al.us >
Housing - Kathy Schenley 919-918-4159 < katsch22@bellsouth.net >
Money - Ken Perlow 708-383-4608 < post@vdgsa.org >
Local info - Jane Hershey 603-899-5036 < hershey@blakeville.mv.com >
Tourist stuff: www.monadnocktravel.com

DIRECTIONS TO FRANKLIN PIERCE UNIVERSITY

WEB INFO

Go to www.franklinpiercedu

Click on FP at a Glance and use the Quick Links box to access directions and campus maps.

If using Mapquest or other service, use destination: 20 College Road, Rindge, NH 03461

NB: College Road has been renamed University Drive and the number has changed, but Google hasn't caught on yet.

DRIVING

Franklin Pierce is located off Route 199 in Rindge, New Hampshire, minutes north of the Massachusetts border. Approximate driving time from New York City is 4 1/2 hours; from Boston is 90 minutes; and from Keene, NH - 15 minutes.

* From New York & points south: I-95 north, to I-91 North, to Route 10 North (exit 28), to Route 119 East to the yellow blinking light (University Road).

* From the east and south of the Mass Pike: Route 2 West, to 140 North, to Route 12 West, to 202 North, to 119 West, to the yellow blinking light (University Road).

* From Maine and the Seacoast: Take I-95 to Route 101 West, to Route 202 South, to 119 West, to the yellow blinking light (University Road).

* From New York/Vermont: Follow I-91, exit at Brattleboro, VT (exit 3), and come by way of Routes 9 East, 12 South, and 119 East to the yellow blinking light (University Road). (NB: There is a satellite campus of FP in Keene - ignore the Franklin Pierce sign on Route 9.)

* From Manchester, NH Int'l Airport: Route 101 West to 202 South (through Jaffrey) to 119 West. College Road (now named University Road) is 3/4 mile West on 119 at yellow blinking light.

FLYING

Manchester NH International Airport is the most convenient. Travel from there to the college takes approximately 50 minutes. Shuttles from the airport are rather expensive — \$70 - \$80 one way. The most reliable service is Thomas Transportation (www.thomastransportation.com). Phone 800-526-8143 or 603-352-5550. You can only get a group discount if you book as a group, so join with others if you can. You must reserve the shuttle at least 48 hours in advance.

We expect that many people living in the northeast will drive to Conclave this year. If you are flying, you may find it most convenient to contact a friend in the area to see if they could meet your plane and give you a ride to campus. You also may wish to join forces with others to rent a car, both for transportation from the airport and for sightseeing during the week. A shared car may end up being cheaper than the shuttle service. We cannot arrange a carpool for you. Ken has added a "rides board" to the website (www.vdgsa.org) where you may post your need for a ride or for a passenger to share the trip with you.