

WE WANT YOU

To Join the HARMONY PLATOON

A quality pre-contest quartet activity March 8-9, 2012

Most of you have heard about the High Sierra Harmony Brigade that took place in Reno last August. Participants, perhaps to a man, will tell you it was one of the best barbershop experiences of their life. Many of you may like to try this but do not have the ability (some of the arrangements are very difficult), time (it is one additional weekend to your packed schedule), or money (\$200 plus travel) to do so. Or maybe you plan to attend High Sierra Harmony Brigade but don't want to wait till next August for all that fun. Well, my friends, the Harmony Platoon might be for you, at a cost of only \$20!

In a pilot event at Spring FWD Convention in Ontario, forty (40) men will engage in a quality 24-hour pre-contest quartet singing opportunity called the Harmony Platoon. It will culminate with a quartet contest on Friday afternoon. Two months prior to the Platoon event, each participant will receive sheet music and learning tracks to four songs of moderate to easy difficulty, taken from the Society's Music Premiere Series. They will commit to learning their part cold and be "quartet ready" on all four songs by the start of the Platoon. To quote the motto of our "big brother," the Harmony Brigade, "Coming unprepared is not an option!" Quartet members and their song for the Platoon contest will be assigned at random at the start of the event.

This will be challenging enough to be fun for experienced quartet men and an excellent opportunity for quality singers without quartet experience who believe they have what it takes to sing in a quartet.

Deadline to submit registration is December 16. Get in your registration right away, however, as we expect the roster to fill up quickly. We are limiting the number participating to 10 each of tenor, lead, baritone, and bass singers. Learning tracks will come out around the first of the year.

Fill out the registration form at

http://www.fwdconventions.org/2012spring/Platoon_Registration_Form.pdf

or contact me with questions. You know you'll love it.

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P.S. In addition to the Platoon, we are working on a quartet program that will be available to singers of all levels called the Quartet Boot Camp. It will be offered on a local level in your chapter or a cluster of local chapters. Watch for more details.