



# Worldwide Barbershop Quartet Association

## San Antonio 25 Convention Schedule

### Thursday, January 23

- Breakfast – Vouchers for the hotel restaurant for overnight guests
- Registration Desk Open – 10:00am – 5:00pm (Closed for lunch 12:30p – 1:00p)
- 12:30p – 3:00p – Lodge Forum #1
- 2:00p – 3:00p – Discovery Singing (Woodshedding)
- 3:00p – 4:30p – Pickup Quartets #1
- 3:00p – 12:00a – Recreational Singing (Members Only)
- 4:30p - 5:30p – Volunteer Judges drawing and orientation – Texas Ballroom
- 6:00p – 9:00p - Worldwide Quartet Semi-Final Contest – Texas Ballroom
- 9:30p - 12:00a – Presidential Suite – Hospitality

### Friday, January 24

- 8:00a - 10:00a - Breakfast – Buffet – Texas Ballroom
- 10:00am – 4:30pm - Registration Desk Open (Closed for lunch 12:30p – 1:00p)
- 9:30a - 12:00p – Lodge Forum #2
- 10:00a – 11:00a – Tag Singing #1
- 10:00a – 4:00p – Quartet Coaching (rooms to be announced)
- 11:00a – 12:00p – Heritage of Harmony Songbook Sing #1
- 11:00p – 5:00p – Buses to Riverwalk and Alamo (charge for transportation)
- 12:00p – 1:00p – Singing the Chestnuts #1
- 12:15p – 12:00a – Recreational Singing (members only)
- 1:00p - 2:00p – Discovery Singing (Woodshedding)
- 6:00p - 7:00p - Champs Reception w/appetizers & beer or wine–Texas Ballroom
- 9:30p - 12:00a – Presidential Suite - Hospitality



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### Saturday, January 25

- 8:00a - 10:00a - Breakfast – Buffet – Texas Ballroom
- 10:00a – 1:00p - Registration Desk Open
- 9:00a – 10:00a – Heritage of Harmony Songbook Sing #2
- 10:00a – 11:00a – Singing the Chestnuts #2
- 10:30a – 1:00p – Lodge Forum #3
- 11:00a – 12:00p – Discovery Singing (Woodshedding)
- 11:00a – 1:00p – Tag Singing #2
- 12:00p – 1:00p – Volunteer Judges drawing & orientation – Texas Ballroom
- 1:00p – 12:00a – Recreational Singing (Members Only)
- 1:30p – 3:30p – Worldwide Quartet Contest – Final Round – Texas Ballroom
- 3:30p – 4:00p – Photography Medalist Quartets – Texas Ballroom
- 6:00p – 9:00p - Saturday Night Banquet – Texas Ballroom
- 9:30p – 1:00a – Presidential Suite – Hospitality

### Sunday, January 26

- 8:00a - 10:00a - Breakfast – Buffet – Texas Ballroom
- 12:00n - Check out of hotel, say final farewells to all of the friends you have made and have a safe journey home.
- Save January 2026 for the next Worldwide Barbershop Quartet Convention
- Back home, tell all of your friends the fun you had and encourage them to join our rapidly growing and the ONLY all-male Barbershop Harmony organization.

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### 1. **Tag Singing** - Jim Bagby, David Krause

Do you find you can't wait to get to the end of a song, so you can enjoy the grand and glorious finish? In the Tag Singing room, all we sing are those great endings! We'll share the classics and new tags, with music and by ear. Join us to enjoy one of the best parts of barbershop singing!

### 2. **Heritage of Harmony Sing** – Bill Biffle

A fun read through of BHS's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary songbook, available from [barbershop.org](http://barbershop.org) as a hard copy or download. Real barbershop songs arranged in the barbershop style for easy singing. Although a few books will be provided, bringing your own will be a sign of "judgment, brains, and maturity".

### 3. **Discovery Singing (Woodshedding)** – Toban Dvoretzky, Steve Shannon, Mike Ebbers

Woodshedding is "discovery singing" – creating harmonies by ear without referring to existing arrangements. With a little practice, almost anyone can do it. It's how our hobby began. There is no feeling quite like ringing chords that you've discovered. Come and find this out for yourself.

### 4. **Pickup Quartets** – Roger Lewis, Rich Gray, Steve Shannon, Mike Ebbers

One reason to attend a barbershop gathering is to enjoy singing in a quartet. But what do you do if you didn't bring your quartet with you? Answer: you come to the Pickup Quartet event, be placed into a quartet, and choose, practice a song, and sing for the group.

### 5. **Singing the Chestnuts** – Joe Browne

The Barbershop Chestnuts are short arrangements of songs in traditional barbershop style. They are intended to illustrate what WBQA is trying to promote. In this session we will hand out and sing through several Chestnuts, all of which are available to members FREE! On the WBQA web site at [www.sppbsqsus.org](http://www.sppbsqsus.org).

### 6. **Lodge Forum** – George Gipp, Artie Dolt, Kenny Hatton, Keith Richmond

Find out how the first Lodges were formed, how they did it, how they attract men to sing in their group. A great time for current Lodge officers and prospective Lodge leaders to come together to find out what works. A must for all Lodges to have a representative here to participate. Attend the sessions and receive a \$25 rebate on your convention registration.