

BOYS CHORUS Welcome to Training Chorus 2018-19!

We are so glad your son will be a part of the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus. This sheet includes basic information for Training Chorus families. More details are available in our Chorus Handbook, found online at our "About Us" page: boyschorus.org/page/3-mission/. The handbook is a working document and is reviewed annually.

REHEARSALS

The Training Chorus, made up of boys in 3rd- 5th grades, rehearses once weekly on Wednesdays, 4:15-6:00pm, at our building located at 5770 E. Pima Street. We can connect folks to carpools, so please ask us if you need to share rides with others. The first Training Chorus rehearsal for 2018-19 is Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

FINANCIALS

Tuition for the Training Chorus is \$75 per month. Tuition may be paid in nine (9) monthly payments of \$75 from September to May per the Tuition Agreement Form. *All boys are welcome to participate in the Chorus regardless of financial need.* Financial assistance applications for tuition are available at our office or by email. If you are applying for financial aid, please make a \$50 Tuition Deposit payment at the time of application.

In order to keep tuition costs at their current rates, Training Choristers sell a quota of thirty (30) Bonanza Books at \$10 each. Families are responsible for payment of the books, either through selling the books or choosing an opt-out option at time of book distribution. The selling season is May – December.

Training Choristers will purchase a blue Boys Chorus polo shirt (\$20) and a rope (\$10).

We do not ask for any concert fee from parents. We do ask Training Chorus families to purchase or sell at least \$75 in concert tickets. This equates to 5 general seating tickets, and families receive two more general seating tickets upon meeting the goal. More incentives are awarded with additional ticket sales.

PERFORMANCES

The **Fall Festival** is Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7pm at St. Francis De Sales Church. This is an informal concert for family and friends to start the season. No additional rehearsal is required.

The **Holiday Concert** is Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Crowder Hall on the UA Campus with two performances at 3:00pm and 7:30pm. Additional rehearsals are Friday, Dec 14 and Saturday morning.

The **Classic Concert** is Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 7:30pm at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, and Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3pm at Ascension Lutheran Church. Cadet Choir, Neighborhood Choirs, Training Chorus, and TowneSingers are invited to sing at the end of the concert. No additional rehearsal is required.

The **Pops Concert** is Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Catalina Foothills High School Auditorium with two performances at 3:00pm and 7:30pm. One additional rehearsal is Friday, May 3, 2019.

PARENT COMMITTEES

Training Chorus families are asked to sign up for one parent committee. Committees include wardrobe, special events, and others. See the handbook and watch your email for details, as sometimes committees change based on annual activities and needs.

FUNDRAISING

Our two large fundraisers are the Christmas Tree Lot and Musicale Regale. Training Chorus families are asked to sign up for shifts at our Tree Lot (this year at the Chorus Hall!) or may pay an opt-out charge. Other fundraising activities are optional, but we do encourage you to purchase a Christmas tree, to assist in obtaining silent auction items, or to volunteer at any of our fundraising activities throughout the year.