



Welcome to Cadet Choir 2023-24

We are so glad your son will be a part of the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus. This sheet includes basic information for Cadet Choir families.

REHEARSALS

The Cadet Choir, 1st-3rd grade, rehearses on Thursdays 4:30-5:45pm, at 5770 E. Pima Street. Boys should bring a water bottle clearly labeled with their name, and their rodeo rope to each rehearsal. Rodeo ropes are sold in the office for \$15. If your son will miss or be late to a rehearsal, please call (520-296-6277) or email (tabc@boyschorus.org) the office to let us know.

PERFORMANCES – DATES/TIME MAY CHANGE

For all performances, boys should wear a blue Boys Chorus polo shirt (sold in the office for \$25), black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks, and a black belt. If you need assistance finding these items, please let the office know. We have donated clothing items that may fit your son.

The **Fall Festival** is Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the Chorus Hall at 5:30pm. This is an informal concert for family and friends to start the season. No additional rehearsal or tickets required.

The **Holiday Concert** is Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 3:00pm and 7:30pm at Crowder Hall on the UA Campus. Additional rehearsals are Friday, Dec 15 and Saturday morning. Tickets required.

The **Classic Concert** is Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church at 7:30pm, and Sunday, March 3, 2024 at Beautiful Savior Church at 3pm. This concert showcases the Touring Chorus and TAYME. TowneSingers, Cadet Choir, and Neighborhood Choirs are invited to sing at the end of the concert, attendance is encouraged but not required. No additional rehearsal. Tickets required.

The **Pops Concert** is Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 3:00pm and 7:30pm at the Catalina Foothills High School Auditorium. One additional rehearsal on Friday, May 5. Tickets required.

COMMUNICATION

We communicate schedule updates, changes, and general information with paper and email notices. Paper notices are sent home with your son, then followed up with an email copy. Please be sure to regularly check your email for communication from the office and add tabc@boyschorus.org to your contact list. If you have any questions, please reach out to our office via email, in person, or by phone 520-296-6277. Our office manager, Mary-Gray Mahoney, is here to answer any questions. If you have questions you do not want to address through the office, we also have a parent representative available to help. You can contact Michelle Slavin, 520-661-9366, slavin4pets@hotmail.com. We also have two Facebook pages. One is our general page; the other is for parents. You can find our parent page at facebook.com/groups/tabcparentconnection. We encourage you to use the page to meet other parents, connect with carpools, and ask other general questions.

VOLUNTEERING & FUNDRAISING

As a small organization, we cannot operate without volunteers. Our major fundraisers are the Musicale Regale (fall), Tree Lot (winter), and AZ Gives Day (spring). We ask families to commit to two Tree Lot shifts per chorister (there is a \$75 per shift assessment if you cannot volunteer during this event), and for two additional volunteer slots throughout the year. You will receive additional information about the Tree Lot via email in November. Please watch your email for details, as sometimes volunteer needs change throughout the season. The Musicale Regale is our fall gala fundraiser. We are always looking for items to be donated to our auction. If you would like to help with this, please let the office know. AZ Gives Day occurs the first week in April every year. You will receive information about spreading the word and our goals for that fundraiser in March.

FINANCIALS

Tuition for Cadets is \$60 per month, paid via monthly bank draft or automatic credit card payment, and is due by the 15th of the month. 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.

Jim Click Raffle Tickets are available for families to sell to offset tuition. Choristers will receive \$20 per Jim Click Raffle Ticket sold off the cost of their tuition. Raffle tickets are optional and will be available to sell mid-Spring to early December.

OTHER INFORMATION

Throughout the season, you will hear us reference MIP and MIP tickets. This stands for Membership Incentive Program. There are times in the year we ask you and your chorister to share information with others to help with recruitment, fundraising, or concert ticket sales. As a reward for helping, we give raffle tickets that are used throughout the year for prize drawings. We have a grand prize drawing at the end of the season before the Pops Concert.

We have several family events throughout the year that we encourage you to attend with the whole family, not just your chorister. There are some Family Fun Days, a Holiday Fair, Boys Chorus Bowling, and others. You will receive information about these events via email or with a flyer sent home with your son. Most events are also posted on our Facebook page.

The Boys Chorus offers two different Day Camps. Wild West Rodeo Weekend is over the Rodeo break. Adventure a Day Camp is typically in June and runs for one week.

We always welcome new choristers and encourage you to tell your son's friends about the Chorus. Our biggest advocates are chorus families, and we appreciate any help you can offer to spread the word about the Boys Chorus. Choristers are welcome to bring a guest to a rehearsal or event, and will receive MIP tickets for doing so.