

Casper Children's Chorale

P.O. Box 1622
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Dear Chorale Members and Parents,

I hope you are having a great summer vacation! It is going by far too quickly, but I'm looking forward to an exciting year for our Casper Children's Chorale! The first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6th, 4:00-5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. This is a required rehearsal for all singers. Throughout the year we will have rehearsals each Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 p.m., with an additional practice once a month on appointed Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m., all at St. Mark's Church. Singers need to attend an average of four rehearsals monthly to be eligible for performances. All rehearsals, Wed. or Thurs., count the same.

Parents are welcome to observe the last 15 minutes of our first rehearsal. (Our regular rehearsals are closed to observation.) It is imperative that one parent stays after rehearsal for an information meeting, distribution of handbooks, election of officers, and discussion about travel and performances. We welcome your input and questions. "Old" parents, your support is very important at this meeting. September dues of \$30 can be paid at this time. We will be done by 6:30 p.m.

Our 2006-2007 season will include a return to "Pumpkin And A Song", an October 21st concert at NCHS, Christmas with the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, spring church and elementary school tours, and the annual Mother's Day Concert. Our spring tour will be a "small" trip (New York City in 2008!) touring southeast Wyoming on our way to a Heritage Festival in Colorado Springs, April 26-29th.

You should also receive this letter by e-mail. If you don't, please send a corrected address to marciapatton@coffeynet.com. If you do not have e-mail, please ask someone to keep you updated weekly. Also, thanks to Marc Smith, we have a calendar site at www.orgsites.com/wy/caspersings/index.html. Take a look!

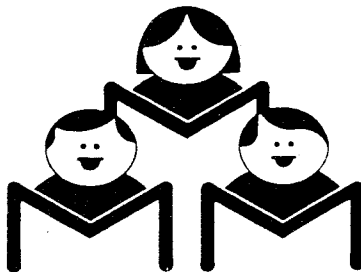
This will be our 28th year of the Casper Children's Chorale, and none of it would have been possible without parent involvement--on the Board of Directors, as committee members, trip chaperones, and just fearless carpool drivers! Parents, please consider areas where we can count on your involvement for the coming year.

If you have decided not to sing with us this year, please let me know by August 25th. Otherwise, I will see you Wednesday, September 6th. Let's sing!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patton

Marcia Patton, Conductor



**Please return this page and the attached permission forms
at the parent meeting at 5:30 on September 6th.
THANK YOU!**

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

**We need parents of each singer
to sign up for at least one of these support roles.**

To make this sign-up work, please sign-up with a "1" for the most intensive job you are willing to do. If you would like, put a "2" or "3" next to your next choices. That way, we involve everyone! MANY HANDS make things so much easier, and then we can concentrate on MAKING MUSIC!!

- Grocery Coupons *Elizabeth Jennings--thank you!*
- Publicity (contact TV, radio, newspaper monthly) _____
- Pumpkin & A Song (We are famous for this fundraiser! We need 2-3 parents who can organize quickly, order pumpkins, and complete event by Oct. 31st) _____
- Scrapbook (Take pictures, compile annual book) _____
- Uniforms (measure, order, deliver. 2-3 parents)
- fall polo shirts (Sept.-Oct) _____
- spring t-shirts (Feb.-Mar) _____
- Phone Tree Chairman: _____
- Committee Callers (need quick turn-around) _____
- January Fundraiser (candy bars--1-3 parents) _____
- March Fundraiser (cookbooks--1-3 parents) _____
- Spring Certificates (word processing) _____
- Spring Concert Reception (8th grade parents) _____
- Stuff envelopes for finance chairman (Nov.) _____
- Stuff programs for finance chairman (Nov & May) _____
- Assist trip chairman with shopping & letters (Feb-March) _____

Additionally, we will need

drivers for church tour 2/18, 10 a.m.-noon _____

drivers for school tour 3/26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. _____

chaperones for Colorado Springs, 4/26-29 _____
(you will need to pay your own expenses)

At the September meeting, in addition to going over guidelines and calendar, we will also elect our Board of Directors. Pam Zimmer, past president, is currently compiling a slate for us to vote upon. If you were involved with chorale last year, and are interested in serving as a Board Member, please contact her at 234-9840.