

# KING'S KIDS CHOIR INFORMATION

## 2011-2012

**For families with singers new to King's Kids:** After reading pages 1 and 2, if you wish to pursue placement in the choir for your child, please call Melody Paules (704-847-9064) to schedule a voice check.

- \* Singers must be able to match pitch and sing in tune within the choir's singing range.
- \* Choir families and singers must have a commitment to conscientious involvement in the choir that includes practice at home and consistent attendance at rehearsals and concerts (see commitments below).
- \* Membership in a CHEA affiliated support group is required to take part in the choir program.

### **Basic Information**

The King's Kids Choir is made up of homeschooled children ages 10-14 and is part of the larger CHEA Choirs program. The choir focuses on developing good singing tone, learning to sing parts, and learning a variety of excellent music from many time periods and styles. Basic music history and theory instruction is often included, either in a separate class during rehearsal time or during the rehearsal itself.

**Costs:** Registration fee of \$30 per student and uniform rental fee (anticipated to be in the range of \$15 - \$25 for boys and \$25 - \$40 for girls). Other possible costs include theory class materials.

**Rehearsals:** Tuesday 3:15pm to 5:10pm in the Fireplace Room at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, NC. We meet roughly from September to early December, and January to early May.

**Choir Uniforms:** Required uniforms are provided with a rental fee. The girls' uniform is a long dress with short sleeves; you will need to provide black dress shoes with no more than a 1½ inch heel and neutral hose. Boys will rent dress pants, tux shirt, cummerbund and bow tie. You need to provide black dress shoes and black socks.

**Music:** Music provided is the property of the choir and will be turned in at the end of the choir year. Parents will be responsible for paying replacement cost for any lost or damaged music. Singers will be provided with a choir binder and need to provide a zipper pouch and 2 pencils for the binder.

**Contact information:** You may contact the director, Melody Paules, at 704-847-9064 with any questions or concerns.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING REQUIRED  
COMMITMENTS IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

**\*\*\*READ AND CONSIDER CAREFULLY BEFORE DECIDING TO ENROLL IN CHOIR\*\*\***

**Is this choir a good fit for your family?**

- A major focus of this choir is ministry – using the skills we learn to glorify God in service to others. Besides performing in 2 CHEA Choirs concerts during the year (attendance required), the King's Kids Choir prepares a program of music to share at places like area retirement homes, nursing homes, and senior centers. There will be several such concerts scheduled near the end of the spring semester. These concerts are usually scheduled at times outside rehearsal time. **As you consider your possible involvement in choir, be aware that it will require more than just fitting rehearsal time into your schedule. If your family's schedule is so packed that you will not be able to attend concerts, or if choir is far enough down on your priority list that soccer/baseball/dance/etc. practices will take precedence over choir concerts, choir is not the right thing to get involved in right now. Be realistic about adding activities to your schedule and weigh your priorities.**
- A choir differs from many other group activities in that the efforts and commitment of each individual have an effect on the success of the group as a whole. It is very much a team effort that depends on each member doing his part to work toward the group's success as well as his own personal growth. When even a small number of members are apathetic toward the goals of the group, it has a negative effect on everyone. For these reasons, please consider carefully whether involvement in choir is appropriate for your child. If your child doesn't *want* to be in choir, he/she should at least be *willing* to take part - learning the music at home, singing with the choir when it's time to sing and not being disruptive to the rest of the singers.

**By enrolling your child in choir, you are agreeing to the following:**

- EVERYONE will be expected to monitor in rehearsal at least ONCE PER SEMESTER and fulfill one other job. (Exceptions are made for weekly workers with other choirs.)
- When you are scheduled for rehearsal assistant you actively monitor the children and make corrections when needed, help pass out materials, monitor the hallways and bathrooms during break, and help put up the chairs at the end of rehearsal. This doesn't work well with younger children unless they are able to sit quietly for 2 hours. This is not a time to read or work on other projects – I need other sets of eyes to monitor behavior, as this is too large a group for me to be able to keep an eye on all that is happening while I'm trying to direct.
- Each family will be expected to fulfill an additional choir job responsibility, assigned by the director and based on job questionnaire responses.
- Participation in our CHEA Choirs Fall and Spring Concerts is **NOT** optional. These dates will be announced at the beginning of the choir year; please put them on your calendar as soon as they are published.
- Participation in additional concerts will be a priority. These dates will be established as soon as possible.
- Each child will adhere to high standards of behavior in rehearsal. If there is a behavior problem, I will correct and warn the child. If there is another occurrence, I will contact the parents. If the problem continues, the child will not be allowed to continue in choir.
- If your child is having a problem with another student, let me know. I cannot see everything and have no way of knowing about most problems unless someone tells me about them.
- Attendance at rehearsals will be a priority.
- Diligence is expected in completing homework assignments, both for learning music and theory work, and may require parental involvement to make sure the work is done.
- Be faithful in checking your email regularly for choir messages and in responding quickly to requests; this is our most important method of communication and is crucial. If your email is down please find a choir buddy who will pass information on to you.
- No food (except on party days!) is permitted in choir rehearsal – water bottles are fine. Let me know if your child has a need for exception from this rule.