

Cary-Apex Youth Choir Handbook

ABOUT THE CHOIR

Cary-Apex Youth Choir is a non-profit organization founded to provide a welcoming environment for young people to receive an excellent music education and share the joy of choral singing.

Founder & Director: Laura Delauney director@caryapexyouthchoir.org
Treasurer: Barbara Holbrook treasurer@caryapexyouthchoir.org
Secretary: Susan Heiserman
At Large: Rebecca Smith

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION AND FEES

The tuition and fees for the 2019-2020 season, which roughly follows the traditional school year, total \$325 (\$315 if paid by cash/check). This covers tuition and one (1) T-shirt per singer to be used for performances. The breakdown is as follows:

\$105 Deposit (\$100 if paid by cash/check) due at Registration

\$220 Balance (\$215 if paid by cash/check) due at the first rehearsal

All fees are non-refundable.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The initial non-refundable payment must be received to secure a singer's spot in the choir. Full tuition is due at the first rehearsal and is non-refundable, even if the singer withdraws from the program.

WARDROBE EXPENSES

For the opening season, singers will be provided with a choir T-Shirt. The cost is included in the Tuition & Fees. Singers are welcome and encouraged to wear their T-Shirts throughout the year, however, please bear in mind that they must be kept in good condition to use for performances.

Additional T-shirts may be ordered at \$15/each.

REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Rehearsals will be held in the Chorus Room at Panther Creek High School (6770 McCrimmon Parkway, Cary, NC 27519).

Full choir	5:45pm - 7:00pm
Lyric choir (select students)	5:45pm - 7:45pm

Tentative rehearsal schedules will be provided prior to registration, and final schedules will be issued at the beginning of the year. Rehearsals may be scheduled on teacher workdays.

Singers should arrive 5-10 minutes early to be ready to begin rehearsal promptly. Prior to rehearsal, singers should:

- Check in with attendance monitor
- Use the restroom
- Turn off all electronic devices
- Have music, pencil, and (optional) water bottle ready
- Be in seat when rehearsal begins

Food, drinks, and gum are not allowed at either rehearsals or performances; however, water bottles are permitted at rehearsals. Cell phone use during rehearsal is not permitted.

EXTRA REHEARSALS

Depending on the performance schedule/location, extra rehearsals may be required. Parents will be notified in advance if there will be an additional rehearsal.

REHEARSAL CANCELLATIONS

When Wake County Public Schools close due to inclement weather, CAYC will not meet. Parents will be notified in advance of any other cancelled rehearsals. Please check your email and/or our Facebook page for cancellation information.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Singers should arrive 5-10 minutes before the start of rehearsal and report directly to the rehearsal room to check-in. Singers should not go anywhere beyond the Chorus Room and the nearest bathrooms in the school.

Please be prompt when picking up your child. Arrive at or before the end of rehearsal.

PERFORMANCES

The choir will perform at least 1 concert each semester. Additional performances may be added to the calendar after its August distribution. Singers and parents will be notified in advance if such an opportunity arises.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Choir is a team activity, and every voice is important. Therefore, regular attendance is expected. Singers may miss NO MORE than 3 rehearsals per semester (August-December and January-June). Email the Director to notify of any absences. If extenuating circumstances arise, the parent must discuss with the Director PRIOR to further absences.

Attendance at ALL PERFORMANCES is required. Again, choir is a team activity, and we rely on every voice for successful representation of our music. If an extenuating circumstance arises, parents must contact the director to discuss.

The Director reserves the right to dismiss a singer from the choir due to lack of commitment as demonstrated by poor attendance or behavioral issues that cannot be resolved after due diligence. No tuition will be refunded.

SICK POLICY

If a singer is ill and running a fever, s/he should not attend the rehearsal or performance, but must notify the director before the rehearsal or performance. If a singer is well enough to attend rehearsal, but not sing, s/he may sit in the rehearsal room and follow along. Much can be learned by attending rehearsal even when one is unable to sing.

MUSIC AND FOLDERS

Each singer must provide a 1-inch 3-ring black binder to hold their music. Binders should be plain black (no clearview cover), and standard rings are recommended (not D-ring). The inside front pocket of the binder should be labeled with "Cary-Apex Youth Choir" and the singer's name. A clipped-in pencil pouch in the binder is optional.

A set music will be issued to each singer. Music copies are property of CAYC and families are entrusted to take good care of them throughout the year. Singers are responsible for bringing their music folder to every rehearsal. All music will be collected at the end of the semester/year. Charges will be assessed for the replacement of any significantly damaged music.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

During the 2019-2020 season, singers will wear the following attire for performances:

- CAYC T-shirt, tucked in

- Black pants

- Black closed-toe shoes

- Hair should be pulled away from the face

Because we are a team, singers are expected to dress uniformly for performance. Therefore, no hair bows or prominent jewelry may be worn. Small stud earrings are acceptable. Religious head coverings are permitted and should be of neutral color to blend with the performance outfit. Singers should not wear perfume or cologne, as it may create allergic reactions or breathing problems for others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most information will be sent through email. Notices may also be posted on our Facebook page (in addition to email), and occasionally we will send home papers. Parents are responsible for reading this information thoroughly.

Please contact the Director if you have questions, or if the information you have received is unclear (director@caryapexyouthchoir.org).

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

The CAYC website address is: <http://www.caryapexyouthchoir.org>

The CAYC Facebook page is: <http://www.facebook.com/CaryApexYouthChoir>

CAYC is on Instagram. Please follow us, and tag us with photos from CAYC events.

If you have good quality digital photos that you would like to share on our website or social media, please send them to the director. Individual names are not posted with photos, unless specific permissions are given by the parent.