

AMES CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Parent Volunteer Information

Parent participation in any organization is often times the key to the success of the organization. The Ames Children's Choirs (ACC) program will benefit greatly (and that means the children will benefit greatly) if everyone is able to donate a few hours of their time and talents. We request that every family be involved in the organization.

Parent Name(s) _____ Singer's Name _____

E-mail(s) _____

Check any that apply: Prep Choir _____ Chorale _____ Concert Choir _____

Indicate one or two ways in which you could assist the ACC program from the following categories:

_____ **ACC Board**

The ACC program is organized as a non-profit corporation. The board includes parent representation. These officers and members help run the organization in a financially responsible manner. Please indicate if you or a community member you know might be interested in serving on the board.

_____ **Concert Attire Coordinator (one/choir)**

Each choir needs one person to coordinate the attire fitting. This person will arrange for the attire to be taken to/from the fitting session in the fall, organize it by size, oversee the distribution and fitting, and then collect the attire at the end of the year.

_____ **Concert Attire Assistants**

Each choir needs many people to assist the attire coordinator to help organize, fit, distribute, and collect the concert attire. This is a time-intensive task only at the beginning and end of the year when the attire is distributed and collected.

_____ **Sewing**

We can use people to help with the sewing and alterations of ACC attire.

_____ **Parent Rehearsal Assistants**

Occasionally Shon can use assistance during rehearsals to help in the following ways: distributing music, preparing special mailings, and assisting with the pizza parties and retreats for the singers.

_____ **Concert Choir Retreat (September 9-10)**

We need a head cook, two people to assist at every meal, and 2-3 parents to chaperone overnight during the Concert Choir retreat in Story City.

Artistic/PR/Website

ACC would like people who are able to:

- design ads, flyers, and posters to advertise our major concerts (two/year)
- design and fill display cases at the library
- develop PR materials
- assist with web design and/or updating the website

Fundraising and Grant Writing

ACC needs people who have expertise in fundraising endeavors and grant writing.

Successful grants support our program so that we can keep tuition fees at a reasonable level.

Concert Choir parents may be interested in organizing a fundraising event to pay for tours.

Poster Distribution

ACC needs people who are willing to distribute the posters advertising our ACC concerts and auditions.

Concerts - Choir Assistants

We need two people for each choir to sit with the singers during the concert.

Concerts - Video-tape/photograph

We need one person to videotape the ACC Holiday and Spring concerts and 1-2 people to take candid photos of the singers.

Concerts - Step Stools, Moving Risers, etc.

We need someone for each choir who could load & unload step stools, music stands, instruments, etc. when needed for concerts. Occasionally we need 2-3 people who are able to move choral risers in a pick-up truck or a van. The sections (when collapsed) are about seven feet in length. Volunteer for this only if you have a vehicle to move the risers.

Concerts - Reception

ACC needs people to set-up the reception hall, organize and serve refreshments, and help with clean-up after our Holiday and Spring concerts.

Concerts – Hairbraiding

Unique to our program is braiding the hair of the girls in all choirs. This makes for a very professional look and allows the audience to focus on the beautiful singing instead of being distracted by lots of “fidgeting” which is often related to hair. Braiding hair is not a special talent – anyone can learn how to do this!

Other – Please indicate a special talent you have that may assist the program.