



Tennessee Music Education Association

Tennessee Treble Honor Choir

Teacher Participation
Handbook
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Confirmation Agreement and Fee Deadlines:

- December 18, 2009 Teachers must e-mail the TTHC Chair (tntreblechoir@yahoo.com) to confirm each student's participation by this date. Those who have not confirmed will be replaced by one of the alternates from our approved list.
- January 15, 2010 This is postmark deadline for all fees. Fees include \$50 per student and \$60 conference pre-registration from the teacher. Send this, along with your invoice, to the TTHC Chairperson. Do NOT send TTHC checks to the conference registration chairperson. The TTHC chair will notify TMEA of all teachers who have paid their conference registration.

Music, Rehearsal CD, and Rehearsal Notes:

- Music will be sent to each school for the teacher and student participants by the end of January.
- Rehearsal CDs and rehearsal notes will be mailed by the end of January.
- Each school is assigned to specific parts for each piece. It is critical that the voicing be followed precisely so we have a balance on the two- and three-part songs. Please notify the TTHC immediately of any student who has dropped out so that a replacement can be made promptly.

Alternates:

- An alternate list was generated by the adjudicating committee at the time of adjudication.
- Alternates will be selected from this list as openings become available.
- If one of your students is on the alternate list, his/her name will be listed on your notification of the accepted participants.
- Alternates will be notified as soon as possible if they are needed.
- In the event you have an alternate, he/she should go ahead and rehearse with your other participants so that he/she is prepared if called at the last minute.

Rehearsal Schedule:

- It is up to individual teachers to make sure their students are learning their music. All music should be memorized before the rehearsal on April 14, 2010.
- TTHC Registration will begin at 12:00 noon (Central Time!) on Wednesday, April 14th at the Nashville Convention Center.
- Teacher's registration packets will be at TTHC Registration. You will not have to go to the regular TMEA Registration booth.
- Students will register and rehearse at the Nashville Convention Center (room TBA). A detailed itinerary will be e-mailed to each school before the event.
- The Wednesday afternoon rehearsal will begin at 1:00pm (Central Time!) and end at 6:00pm. There will be two small breaks during the rehearsals.
- Students should bring their music, pencil a bottle of water and two snacks to rehearsal.

Chaperone Guidelines:

- Teachers should ask chaperones to sign an agreement or statement that confirms their understanding that children must be supervised AT ALL TIMES during the rehearsals and performance of the TTHC. This especially includes restroom and snack breaks.
- No student should be allowed to leave the presence and eye sight of an adult chaperone at any time during the conference events.
- Also, teachers should notify the TTHC staff, or other TMEA Board member IN ADVANCE if there are unusual circumstances requiring special accommodation for any TTHC participant.

Concert Schedule:

- The TTHC concert will be held at the Nashville Convention Center in Nashville, TN on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The concert will be held in the morning. The exact time will be sent as soon as possible.
- There will be a sound check/rehearsal before the concert.
- The concert is free to the public. Students may invite as many family members as possible.
- Students will be expected to follow the dress code for the concert.

Concert Attire:

The TTHC is an introduction to a formal performance setting for most of its participants. It is important that we instill a feeling of pride and unity among our students. Just like the other All-State groups, we will enforce a strict dress code.

- Each student will receive a polo shirt to wear during the TTHC Concert. The sizes for these shirts should be indicated on the TTHC application.
- Last minute size changes will not be allowed, so take into consideration a child's growth when selecting a shirt size. Please review shirt sizes carefully and notify the TTHC immediately if there is a change.
- Khaki (tan) slacks or long (to the calf or below) skirts should be worn by all students. Shorts, capri length pants, short skirts, scooters, athletic wear and denim is not acceptable.
- Comfortable black or brown closed-toe shoes should be worn. No high heels, sandals, Crocs, or flip-flops.
- Hair should be neatly combed out of face and eyes. Girls may wear "hair colored" barrettes, headbands or pony-tail holders (brown, black, light brown). No bright colored or reflective hair accessories are allowed.
- No jewelry should be worn.
- The only acceptable belt color is brown or black.
- No perfume or cologne should be worn.

The TTHC reserves the right to remove a student from the concert if he/she does not comply with this dress code.

CD and DVD of Performance:

- A professional CD and DVD recording of the TTHC concert will be available for order/purchase at the event.
- Due to copyright and ASCAP laws, parents may not record the concert themselves.
- Detailed information about the recording may be found at www.digitalmemoriestn.net (DVD) and cdrecordings@bellsouth.net (CD).
- Cell phones will interfere with these recordings (even if they are silenced), so please make sure they are turned off during the concert.

Plaques, Concert Program, and T-Shirts:

- A list of participant names will be e-mailed to each school in early February.
- Please carefully check the spelling of each name and confirm by replying to the e-mail.
- This list of name will be used for plaques, the concert program and t-shirts.
- Each school will be mailed plaques for each student who participates in the TTHC. The cost of these plaques is included in the student participation fee.
- Students may want to purchase a commemorative t-shirt with their name on the back. These t-shirts will be on-sale at the concert for approximately \$20.

Maps, Lodging and Restaurants in Nashville:

Please contact the Nashville Convention Center by phone or online for information on local hotels, restaurants, attractions and maps. The official "conference hotel" is the Renaissance Hotel, attached to the Nashville Convention Center. There are special rates available on a first-come-first-served basis for conference participants.

<http://www.nashvilleconventionctr.com/>

More information on the 2009 TMEA Conference can be found at the www.TnMEA.org website.