



Dear Teachers,

One or more of your students has been selected to be a member of the Louisiana Children's Honor Chorus. You are to be congratulated for preparing your student(s) so well, and for caring enough about your students' musical education to become involved with this project. Please note that **Teachers will register all honor choir students online using the registration form link on the Louisiana ACDA website. They can pay via credit card, eCheck or mailed check (if required).** October 6 (postmark, received by October 13). Teachers are required to submit all of the medical/information release forms in one packet from each school, by the deadline. **Failure to do this will result in the removal of your students from All-State.** Please adhere to the procedures and deadlines!

This year rehearsal tracks will be posted on the LA ACDA website, and no rehearsal CD's are included in this packet. These tracks are not a substitute for your preparation with your singers. Please make sure you work diligently with them.

Please help your students in this next crucial step by 1) helping them to prepare the concert music very well, and 2) getting their registration forms in on time.

The following information is included in the cover letter to the students in the registration packet. The cover letter contains crucial information regarding a note-check that will be held the first night of the All-State clinic. The purpose of the note-check is to make sure the students have adequately prepared the music in advance. Students will be expected to know the music, and students will be *sent home* if they are unprepared. The students will perform without the music, so if it is not memorized completely when they arrive, it must be close enough so that they can complete the memorization during the rehearsals. Children at this age memorize very easily, so it should not be a problem. Accuracy is expected at the note check. **Singers will be assigned a part on each song. It is imperative that you teach your singers the correct part.**

Please read the following for your information:

Congratulations on being selected as a member of the Louisiana Children's All-State Chorus! Your recording was chosen by a panel of judges to be one of the best ones submitted by elementary age singers throughout the state of Louisiana. Please read the information in this letter and the following pages carefully. The deadline for returning the medical release forms in to your teacher is October 6. The teacher will then mail all medical & information release forms off to the coordinators. If your completed medical/information release forms are postmarked later than October 6 by your teacher, you will be ineligible to participate, so please get your forms in on time. It is indeed an honor to be selected for this prestigious chorus. Along with the honor goes a tremendous responsibility:

- to complete the registration forms included with this package and return them with your tuition payment to your teacher on time and
- to learn the music before you arrive in New Orleans on October 26th.

It is the hope and expectation of the Louisiana American Choral Directors Association that our Children's AllState Chorus will maintain a standard of excellence equal to the best All-State choruses in the country. In order for this to be possible, it is absolutely imperative that you prepare your music thoroughly in advance. This means that the pitches and rhythms of all of the music on the concert program must be learned **before you arrive in New Orleans**, so that our extremely distinguished clinician can work with you on the "fun" part of preparing for a performance ... musicianship. **On the first night of the All-State clinic there will be a note check. All singers will be asked to sing random selections of all the concert pieces for a panel of elementary teachers. Students who fail to perform satisfactorily on the note check will not be allowed to participate in the AllState clinic. Their parents will be asked to bring them home, and they will forfeit the full tuition.** It is important that you, your teachers and your parents understand this before you arrive in New Orleans. If you put forth an honest effort to learn your music thoroughly in advance, there is no reason to worry about the note check.

You have already proven yourself as a capable singer on your audition recording ... now all you need to do is get to work and do what you already know how to do ... learn the music!

Please note that there are absolutely no refunds for All-State tuition under any circumstances. Acceptance into All-State constitutes an obligation to participate. Students must accept participation as a serious responsibility. The All-State schedule information is described on a separate sheet, which is enclosed in this packet. **Please remember that all teachers must pre-register for the conference. You are required to register for the conference online by October 2nd.** Your students will not be allowed to participate unless you follow these directions .. Please make your hotel reservation immediately upon their acceptance into the choir. The hotel this year is the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. ACDA has a room block at a discounted rate. Please go to www.laacda.org and click on the Fall Vocal Conference tab, which will allow you to access the reservation information. Reservations are available at that rate until the block is filled. Please also note that the hotel will not give us as many rooms as we would like. However, New Orleans has many other hotels which can accommodate the overflow.

Thank you for all you are doing to improve the state of choral music in Louisiana. Your participation in this project proves you are a dedicated and caring teacher. Thank you also for your diligent help in preparing your students for a great weekend of choral music. I'll see you at the Vocal Conference in November!

Sincerely,



Cheryl Dupont, Children's All-State Chairperson

P.S. Please let me know if you can help out at the conference with registration, the note check, rehearsal monitoring, etc. Your help is not only appreciated, it is needed. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to me as soon as possible to indicate your availability.

N.B. Please do not give out my phone number or email address to your parents under any circumstances!! If there are any questions or problems with your students, please contact me yourself, preferably by email. There are just too many kids for me to deal with their parents individually. I will not answer emails or phone calls from parents. Please make this clear to them. Your understanding is appreciated.

LOUISIANA ACDA CHILDREN'S HONOR CHORUS
TEACHER VOLUNTEER FORM

PLEASE INDICATE THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

REGISTRATION - 4:30-5:30 PM THURSDAY _____
(INCLUDING SET-UP)

SETTING UP THE REHEARSAL ROOM (4 PM) _____

*NOTE-CHECK - 5:30-6:30 PM THURSDAY _____

*REHEARSAL LIAISON (ONE SESSION) _____

GIVING OUT PROGRAMS AND WORKING THE DOORS AT THE
CONCERT _____

HELPING TO LINE-UP THE CHOIR (BEFORE THE CONCERT)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

STREET

CITY

ZIP

PHONE _____

PLEASE INDICATE WAYS YOU CAN HELP US WITH ALL-STATE AND ENCLOSE
THIS FORM WITH YOUR STUDENT REGISTRATIONS.