

## COLORADO SPRINGS CHILDREN'S CHORALE

April, 2023

Dear Pikes Peak Singer Family:

We are excited about our upcoming tour to Greeley and are honored to sing with the Greeley Philharmonic and UNC Choir! Another great opportunity on this trip is a master class with UNC music professors for both Summit and Pikes Peak! Our experience has been that wherever we tour, whether it is small communities in Colorado or places around the world, we have fun and we make a difference for the communities we visit. We anticipate that this trip will be the same for our Pikes Peak Singers. Children's Chorale members have always been great musical ambassadors. We know that this group will uphold that legacy on this trip!

**ITINERARY**--We are still finalizing the itinerary but will share the departure and arrival times for your planning purposes here. We are calling the singers to the office at 8:30 a.m. on April 28th for a tour briefing and rehearsal. Then we will leave at 10:30 for Greeley. Estimated time of arrival back here in CS on Sunday, April 30 is 5:30 p.m. You will receive a final itinerary before we leave which will include emergency numbers and a detailed schedule.

**Here are some more details that you will want to know!**

**BUS COMPANY**--We will be traveling on a charter bus from Colorado Grayline. These are the big red buses that we use throughout the year and are very confident in their services. They have met or exceeded all Federal, State, and Local safety and maintenance requirements, and are fully insured.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**—We will be staying with host families selected by leadership at the First Methodist Church in Greeley which is our hosting organization. No singer will be on their own, they will be in pairs and groups of 3 or 4. At tour readiness we will discuss safety and good manners when staying with host families. Please have your singer bring a small gift of thanks for the host family. The Chorale will also give each host family group a gift to give.

**BEHAVIOR**--Bad behavior cannot and will not be tolerated. Please look singer expectations and consequences attached. We will go over them during tour readiness and know that this group will make us proud with their good behavior.

**COMMUNICATION:** You will receive an email from us on Friday and Saturday to let you know what we have done that day. Pictures are often times sent as well. We do not allow the kids to call, text, Facebook, etc. while on tour so if you have an emergency or need to know something about your singer please plan to email, text, or call Marcia. Cell-719-440-3760, [marcia@kidssing.org](mailto:marcia@kidssing.org) We can't stress the importance of this as it helps our tour family function at its highest degree without distraction. We have found that kids who are homesick do much better talking things out with their tour buddies or staff than calling home. Thank you for helping us with this. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns by calling the office or emailing.

**MONEY**—Each singer may bring up to \$30 spending money and no less than \$15. Money is used for souvenirs and extra treats while sightseeing. All meals are covered on this trip.

**MEDICATIONS:** We travel with a medical bag that contains over the counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Pepto Bismol, cough drops, cough and cold medication, band aids, etc. Please do not send those items with your singer. If your singer takes prescription medication it must be handed in to Marcia in a zip lock bag with explicit written instructions the morning we leave. Please put your singer's name on the zip lock bag and make sure that all medication is in its original container with your singer's name on it. Everyone should have a medical form on file with the Chorale. These were filled out at the beginning of the year. If you have any additional information/updates for those forms please send in a written explanation with your singer by April 24th. Thanks for helping us keep your child healthy and safe.

**PACKING LIST** is attached to this note.

**COST:** Your tour invoice was sent to you last month. Please pay by Monday. Just a note about the tour fee—this fee is the usual fee for our state tours and is heavily subsidized by fundraising efforts such as Bingo. The fee does not even cover the cost of the bus for this tour.

**TOUR CHAPERONE TEAM:** Everyone will be well taken care of by **Staff**-Abby Gast, Danielle Gillespie, Nick Waterson, Marcia Hendricks, Larisa Dreger, Logan Hoyle and our fabulous **Parent Reps**-Emily Bond, Shandra Hoyle, Jacquelyne Pauletta.

If you or someone you know in the Greeley area would like to attend the Carmina concert on April 29, please go to the Union Colony Civic Center website for tickets. Also, we will sing a 30 minute concert at our host church on Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

Questions or concerns please give me a call or email [marcia@kidssing.org](mailto:marcia@kidssing.org).

**Best regards and, as always, thank you for sharing your singer with us!**

