

The Central Oregon Youth Orchestra

Youth orchestras create community; they infuse the growing, youthful spirit with goodness

Membership Handbook 2014-2015

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Parent Information

Music education is the unparalleled opportunity to open a world of creative and constructive thinking. Music fosters social connection, friendships and collaborative skills. Kids learn in a special way to embrace present challenges positively and future goals boldly.

Thank you for supporting your musical children!

Amy Goeser Kolb, Executive Director, The Central Oregon Youth Orchestra

COYO Website: please consult regularly the COYO website for updates:

www.centraloregonyouthorchestra.org

Rehearsals are open to family and friends – Welcome!

- COYO / COJS rehearsals are respectfully an ELECTRONICS FREE ZONE. If you plan to stay and listen to rehearsals, we ask that you do not use your cell phones or laptops in the rehearsal area. If you wish to use your electronics, we kindly ask that you please step out into the hallway.
- We ask that students be picked up promptly following rehearsal, as the school will be locked following rehearsals. Please call, Tel.: 541 556-6335 if you will be delayed more than 10 minutes.

Attendance Policy

- COYO/COJS allows two absences. If you will miss rehearsal, please notify Amy Kolb, COYO Executive Director via email amygoeserkolb@gmail.com. If you miss two rehearsals, you will be allowed to continue in the program, however further absences may jeopardize your membership. Your continued participation will be at the discretion of the Executive Director and Conductors. If you are excused from the program your tuition will not be refunded.
- Students are asked to please sign the attendance roster upon arrival.

Food, drink and gum are not allowed during rehearsals

- Food and drink are allowed only during rehearsal breaks, and we kindly ask that they be consumed in the hallway, not in the rehearsal room. Although custodial assistance is provided, the final responsibility for keeping the building clean belongs to those who use it. Orchestra families are asked to foster a sense of good stewardship.
- We are guests in the schools where we rehearse and perform and are fortunate to have the use of the facility for rehearsals. Musicians are expected to respect school property. Classrooms and rehearsal space must be left in the same condition, as they were when we entered.

Cancelled Rehearsals:

- If rehearsal is cancelled, due to inclement weather or otherwise, notification will be sent via EMAIL and Facebook.

Player Expectations

- Productive rehearsals and successful concerts require each and every player's attendance and full participation. We believe that the difference between a good performance and a great one lies in the commitment of every single member to attendance, preparedness, and excellence.
- Students are expected to arrive in a timely manner, ten to fifteen minutes early, this is strongly encouraged in order to warm-up and tune-up. Rehearsals begin promptly.
- Students are asked to bring any required and necessary accessories, i.e. tuners, pencils, extra strings, rock stops, reeds, mutes and mallets.
- If you LOSE or FORGET your music, replacement parts are generally available at rehearsal.
- During rehearsal there will be a break of 15 minutes, during this time students are welcome to enjoy a snack – we ask that students stay in the building during break.
- All youth orchestra students are encouraged to participate in their school music programs when such programs exist. By participating in a school music program students benefit naturally by playing every day, and also play an important role to strengthen and support meaningful music programs in our school and communities.

Concert Information

- Concerts and Dress Rehearsals exact date and times to be announced 2 weeks in advance.
- Detailed information regarding the concert and dress rehearsal will be posted at the website.

Concert Dress

- Concert attire for the concert is semi- formal
- **Boys:** Black trousers, White long-sleeved shirt and colorful long tie, black dress shoes and black socks
- **Girls:** Long black skirts (floor length) or black dress pants, white blouses at least $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve, black shoes or black sandals allowed - NO flip flops
- PERFUME or AFTERSHAVE is **not permitted** for rehearsals or concerts
- Students do NOT need to be dressed in Concert attire for the Dress Rehearsal

Dismissal Policy

- Students are expected to behave maturely, misbehavior or disrespecting the conducting, coaching and or administrative staff will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from

the organization. The Central Oregon Youth Orchestra reserves the right to dismiss a student for misbehavior, including but not limited to: criminal activity during or outside of COYO rehearsals and events; use of profanity or hate speech; showing lack of respect to parents or other student members, threatening or disruptive behavior; damaging property, or injury to a another person; or excessive absences or tardiness. The Central Oregon Youth Orchestra will determine disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis. No tuition refunds will be given to students dismissed from the program.

Federal law prohibits:

- NO Smoking on or around public school property, this includes inside the building and playgrounds. NO Drugs or alcohol. We are committed to maintaining a drug and alcohol free environment. Accordingly, the consumption of alcoholic beverages, the purchase, sale or use of drugs or controlled substances is not permitted during any orchestra activities.

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