



Singing in a small group offers an opportunity to members who might shy away from a solo performance to enjoy another type of fulfilling choral music experience.

We encourage you to sign up to participate in a small group. Auditions are not required but the Choir Director does reserve the right to revise the list of participants between groups based on the mix of voices and sections represented. Please sign up only if you plan to attend ALL group practices as the dynamics of a small group require that everyone plan to be present for every practice.

Once the list of participants has been agreed upon by the Director, each small group needs to:

- ♪ Decide on a Group Leader, perhaps someone who could direct, or lead a practice,
- ♪ Establish a phone tree to call each other if there is a change in practice information,
- ♪ Find out who would be willing to host a practice or two at a convenient location,
- ♪ Find out who has (portable) equipment to assist with the practice, such as a keyboard, CD player, etc.

We anticipate that small groups would have an opportunity to practice on a rotating basis in the hour or so before regular Monday night practices from October to our December concert date, and from January to our Spring concert date, depending on availability of accompanists, recordings, etc.

Great! *You have decided to sign up for a small group!*

Here are just a few tips to help ensure your experience is a pleasant and successful one:

- ♪ Watch your director!
- ♪ Prepare for practice by reviewing the written score as often as possible.
Try to memorize the words so you can really focus on listening.
- ♪ Listen often to the music on our website or CD or YouTube.
- ♪ Listen to yourself and gauge your volume so you don't drown out others, or fade in to the background.
- ♪ Listen for the timing. Are others speeding up or slowing down? Keep up with the group's tempo.
- ♪ Breathe and **Enjoy Yourself!**

Your Executive