

July 7, 2010

Dear Choir Parents,

We are excited to announce that we have received district approval for next year's annual Spring Tour to New York City from March 30-April 4, 2011.

We have managed to secure round-trip (non-stop) airline tickets on Continental Airlines for a group price of @\$482 per person. We have also booked Charter Bus transportation for the six days in order to "lock in" that expense as well. In order for us to secure both modes of transportation at the rates we have been quoted we need to begin collecting tour payments right away to cover those deposits. The initial payment due on July 15<sup>th</sup> will be \$250.00. (This covers the initial \$100.00 down payment you were informed of in the spring as well as the \$150.00 July payment.) Please see payment due dates below for more information. One thing we need to clarify is that for liability purposes we must transport the students as a group, therefore utilizing frequent flyer miles or independent ticketing will not be possible for our group travel arrangements.

The total expense for each student is *estimated* at \$1,300.00 and includes: lodging for five nights, RT airline tickets, charter bus transportation, festival participation fee and Awards Banquet Cruise and Dance, some catered meals, sightseeing highlights, and admission to two Broadway Shows.

We will be doing various fundraisers during the course of the year which are used specifically to help students raise money for tour. Some of these opportunities will occur this summer so that students can begin making their payments. Potential Fundraisers include: Sponsor Letters (Available on line at [www.unionchoir.org](http://www.unionchoir.org) all year) Car Washes (this summer )Payback Vancouver sales (Sept 1), Football Concessions (Sept-Nov) Candy Bar Sales (Sept-Oct) Scratch Tickets (Oct) Haunted House (Oct) First Aid Kits or McStevens Gourmet Cocoas (Nov) Winter Wonderland (Dec) Auction (Dec), We strongly encourage students to participate in these fundraisers to lessen the financial strain on their families. Please look for a letter soon from the Fundraising Committee for all the details.

As stated in our previous communications, we will be collecting payments towards your New York Tour on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month beginning July 15th. For your convenience we have secured many ways for you to make those payments. You can deposit your check into the Union Choir Booster Account at **any** IQ Credit Union or you can mail your check at the address below. Please make sure all checks are made out to Union Choir Boosters and show your students name and the words "tour payment" on the memo line. You can also pay by credit card using the PayPal system on our website [www.unionchoir.org](http://www.unionchoir.org). The required monthly payment is \$250.00 in July and \$150.00 Aug-Feb. You will receive monthly statements indicating how much you have deposited and how much your child has raised through fundraising. All students planning to participate must have \$700.00 in their account by October 15<sup>th</sup> as we will need to purchase airline tickets, discounted show tickets, etc. All accounts must be paid in full no later than Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please understand that all money raised through fundraising is **not refundable**.

**Please go to [www.unionchoir.org](http://www.unionchoir.org) to register your student and make your \$250.00 July payment no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>.** Since the first thing we will pay for are the airline tickets, failure to do so may result in your student's failure to secure a spot on the tour roster. Consecutive monthly payments of \$150.00 Aug through Feb. will insure that your student will be fully able to participate in all the activities this trip is offering. Thank you for your help in providing this experience for your child by meeting these deadlines. If you have any questions please call Deanne Larson on her cell at 360-921-5560.

Sincerely,

Mr. Iverson & the Union Choir Boosters

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