



WELCOME SINGERS!

Welcome to the **South Sound Youth Choirs**, the new premier choir organization in the Federal Way and South Puget Sound areas of Washington State. Founders **Chris de Leon** and **Megan Oberfield**, are proud to continue bringing excellent choral music to our community.

Mission

Our **mission** of the South Sound Youth Choirs is to provide the highest quality music education for all young boys and girls in the South Puget Sound area of Washington State through exciting and well-crafted musical instruction and wonderful performing opportunities.

Our **vision** is by doing so we will promote **camaraderie, self-discipline, confidence, and creativity** amongst our students as well as empower them to be **successful** in music and in their own lives.

Founders

Chris de Leon [chris@ssychoirs.org] is a graduate of the University of Washington, School of Music, where he studied Music Education and was awarded the Zesbaugh Scholarship for showing promise in Educational Leadership. Chris is in his fourth year as Director of Choirs and Orchestra at Totem Middle School in Federal Way and has been a strong role model and leader for his students. His choir consistently receives the highest ratings at music festivals and has earned a great reputation throughout the community for truly connecting with his students. Chris also held the position of Assistant Director of the internationally recognized Seattle Girl's Choir (Allegra) for the past two years working amongst the top musical directors in the area.

Megan Oberfield [megan@ssychoirs.org] is a graduate of Westminster Choir College where she studied Music Education and Voice, and holds a Master of Music Education, Kodaly Emphasis, from Silver Lake College. She teaches choir and general music in Federal Way Public Schools, is the Director of Music for First United Methodist Church in Tacoma and is Music Director for Puget Sound Revels, where she orchestrates a variety of seasonal celebrations throughout the year, culminating in The Christmas Revels. Megan also teaches private voice lessons and performs in various venues.

SOUTH SOUND YOUTH CHOIRS

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Chris de Leon, Academy Choir and Executive Director

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Please email or call ahead of time if you will be late or missing any SSYC rehearsals.

REHEARSALS AND CONCERTS:

Federal Way United Methodist Church

29645 51st Avenue South Auburn, WA 98001

**SSYC is not affiliated with the FWUMC*

From I-5 Northbound:

Take Exit 143 off I-5 and head east on 320th Street (right turn from the northbound off ramp). Turn left onto 321st Street (traffic light after Military Rd). 321st turns to the left and becomes 51st Avenue. The entrance to Federal Way UMC will be on your left, just past 298th Street and a fire station.

From I-5 Southbound:

Take Exit 147 and head east on 272nd Street (left turn from the southbound off ramp). Turn right onto Military Road. Turn left onto 288th Street. Turn right onto 51st Avenue (at the blinking red light and the Circle K). The entrance to Federal Way UMC is located just past the turn onto 296th Street, on the right-hand side.

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CALENDAR

(All rehearsals and retreats are mandatory unless give plenty of notice)

1ST SEMESTER

MONDAY CHOIRS: Sept. 27, 2010 - First Day of Instruction

(EVERY MONDAY)

Honor Choir meets: 4:45pm to 6:30pm

Academy Choir meets: 5:00pm to 6:40pm

SSYC RETREATS: Friday Oct. 22 and Dec. 3 5:00pm to 8:30pm (DINNER PROVIDED) @ Totem Middle School 26630 40th Avenue South Kent, WA

SSYC WINTER CONCERT: MON DEC. 6 2010 6:00pm @ FEDERAL WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2ND SEMESTER

MONDAY CHOIRS: Jan. 10, 2011 SSYC Resumes

NO REHEARSALS: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, April 4, May 30, and June 1

SSYC RETREATS: Fridays March 4, April 22, and June 3 5:00 to 8:30pm (DINNER PROVIDED) 26630 40th Avenue South Kent, WA

SSYC SPRING CONCERT MONDAY JUNE 6, 2011 6:00pm @ FEDERAL WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

****SSYC RETREATS** are times where students receive extra practice then participate in social and bonding opportunities as a group with music, food, and games. Students may also bring friends who are interested in joining SSYC for these social events. Parents are also welcome to join!!!

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TUITION AGREEMENT 2010-2011

Payment Plan Options (please check one plan and one payment method):

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

___ 1) Pay for ENTIRE YEAR - \$375.00 (\$30.00 off)

___ 2) Pay for EACH SEMESTER SEPERATELY - 1st Semester \$130.00 (Sept to Dec) (\$5.00 off) 2nd Semester \$260.00 (Jan to June) (\$10.00 off)

___ 3) Pay MONTHLY - \$45.00 (Due the first rehearsal in Oct to June)

DISCOUNTS:

1) \$30.00 discount if season is paid in full. \$15.00 discount if paid in two payments.

2) 10% discount for first sibling and 15% for any additional sibling on every payment.

3) \$20.00 for referrals committed for the semester.

CONCERT SSSYC POLO (all students must purchase for performances): Youth Size \$18.00 and Adult Size \$20.00

SSYC Members are required to participate for an entire semester (September 27th to Dec 6th and January 10 to June 10)

Financial Aid:

___ I am submitting a Financial Assistance Application or SSSYC Scholarship

*Scholarships are available with demonstrated need.

- I agree to contact the South Sound Youth Choirs in the event I need to make payment arrangements other than what I have specified above.
- I understand that a late payment fee of \$5.00 per month will be charged on overdue accounts.
- I understand that accounts must be current for choristers to participate in rehearsals, concerts, festivals and tours.
- I understand that a fee of \$15.00 per check will be assessed for any returned checks.

I agree to the terms, conditions, and payment plan selected.

(Signature of parent) _____ Date _____ Phone _____

(Printed name of parent)

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DISCIPLINE POLICY 2010-11

Philosophy:

- Consistent standards are necessary so that all parents and choristers understand the expectations for appropriate behavior.
- This policy is a positive step to insure a comfortable and safe environment for choristers and adult supervisors.
- Professional decorum is part of the training of the SSYC.

Professional decorum means respect for...

1. **Those in authority.** Choristers will respect the Director and adult supervisors at any concert or SSYC-related activity. Choristers will comply with all requests of adult chaperones.
2. **Fellow choristers.** Choristers will treat others with common courtesies and will respect others' personal space (choristers will keep their hands to themselves).
3. **Themselves.** Choristers will use self-control at all times, will use appropriate language, maintain good grooming habits (will keep uniforms neat and clean and have good personal hygiene), and exercise good sleeping and eating habits.
4. **Buildings and facilities.** Choristers will show proper respect for buildings and all properties of facilities the SSYC uses. Running or destruction of property will not be tolerated.

Rules

1. Drug, alcohol or tobacco use during SSYC events is prohibited.
2. Inappropriate language and activities will not be tolerated.
3. Proper modesty at all times will be exercised.
4. Public show of affection between boys and girls is inappropriate.

Consequences

1. Use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco during SSYC events will lead to immediate expulsion from the SSYC.
2. For other offenses a verbal warning will be given. If the behavior is not corrected, the following steps may be taken:
 - a) Contact parents
 - b) Conversation with the Director
 - c) Possible suspension from the SSYC

I have read the Discipline Policy and agree to abide by it.

Date: _____

Chorister signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

This form must be signed by both the chorister and parent and returned to the SSYC office for your chorister to be officially registered with the South Sound Youth Choirs

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ATTENDANCE POLICY 2010 – 11

PLEASE REFER TO THE SSYC CALENDAR

ATTENDANCE

South Sound Youth Choirs members are expected to **attend every rehearsal and performance**. The rehearsals are sequential, each building upon the next leading up to performances which cannot be complete without the voice of every choir member. The SSYC schedule is posted early in the year to ensure that events can fit into busy schedules. In order to ensure the choir's success and growth, the following Attendance Policy is in place:

1. For an **anticipated absence**, such as family vacations, school concerts, etc. parents must notify the Director by telephone, e-mail, or by note prior to the absence in order to be excused. For an absence due to sudden illness or emergency, the parents should notify the Director as soon as possible. Make-up work will be arranged for choir members who have excused absences either before or after regularly scheduled rehearsals or at a time set by the Director.
2. Only **one unexcused** absences are allowed **per semester**. Make-up work will be arranged for choir members who have missed rehearsals either before or after regularly scheduled rehearsals or at a time set by the Director. If there are more than two unexcused absences within a semester, the musician will face possible termination from the choir unless arrangements with the Director are made. The Director will decide whether the musician is adequately prepared to continue in the choir and to perform in concerts.
3. Dress rehearsals and the Winter and Spring Concerts are mandatory. Singers must attend the dress rehearsal in order to perform in a concert.
4. If the choir member has a stuffy nose or scratchy voice and is fever free, he/she should still attend rehearsal even though he/she may not be singing.
5. Please arrive to rehearsals on time! Rehearsal can only be successful when everyone does their part to be there from the start. Excessive tardiness can result in the choir member being dismissed from the choir at the discretion of the Director.
6. Choir members are eligible to perform or go on tour only if they are in compliance with the Attendance Policy.

SSYC Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

VOLUNTEER FORM

We depend on the contribution of time by our volunteers to make SSYC run smoothly. Referring to the Volunteer Descriptions sheet included in this packet, please indicate where you would like to volunteer this year. Add any questions and as much written detail as you like. Please sign and date the bottom of the form. Please remember that completion of this form is part of the registration process, and your chorister is not fully registered until this form is received in our office.

Thank you for your involvement in SSYC!

- Auction Team** _ Co-Chairperson
 Procurement _ Volunteer Coordinator _ Decorations _ Set up/Clean up
 Database Management _ Treasurer _ Public Relations/Advertising
 Carpool Team
 Choir Coordinators (Choir Mom/Dad)
 Concert Teams _ All Concerts or _ Christmas _ Mid-Winter _ Spring
 Chaperone* _ Usher _ Tickets _ Merchandise _ Riser Crew _ Truck
 Fundraising Coordinator _ Gift Wrap _ Wreaths _ Candy _ Other
 Fundraising Team _ Gift Wrap _ Wreaths _ Candy _ Other
 Music Librarians
 Office Helpers
 Publicity/Marketing Team
 Rehearsal Party Team
 Retreat Team _ Meal Prep _ Chaperone*
 Uniform Team

* Please note: as a volunteer Chaperone, I consent for South Sound Youth Choirs to conduct a Washington State Patrol Background Check and am providing my full legal name and birth date.

Name: _____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / _____

Chorister's name: _____ Choir Level & Branch _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 2009-10

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MEDICAL RELEASE
(please complete each section)

In the unlikely event that my child becomes ill or is injured, and I, or the authorized physician named below, cannot be immediately contacted at the time of an emergency, and if in the judgment of the staff of the South Sound Youth Choirs immediate observation or treatment is necessary, I authorize and direct the staff to send my child (properly accompanied) to the hospital or physician most easily accessible. I also give permission for dispensing of over the counter medicines (i.e. Tylenol, Tums, Ibuprophen, etc.) as deemed necessary by the SSYC staff or the designated medical personnel. I release the South Sound Youth Choirs, their employees, and agents from any claim of liability in connection therewith.

Date Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Choice of Physician: _____ Telephone Number: (____) _____

Preferred Hospital: _____ Insurance Carrier: _____ Group #: _____

Please list any special health problems, allergies, and learning disabilities:

Please list any medications being taken:

Emergency Notification Contacts If Parents Cannot Be Reached (Please list two)

Name: Phone Number: (____) _____

Name: Phone Number: (____) _____

MEDIA WAIVER

This waiver gives permission for the use of name, images, pictures, and recordings of my child (stated previously) by the South Sound Youth Choirs without compensation except as may be agreed in advance for certain projects, this permission being a waiver as to all choir functions regardless of payment or other benefits to the choir.

Date Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____