



• 2025-26 • HOPE OF AMERICA • **TIMELINE FOR TEACHERS** •

AUGUST

- Hope of America performance dates announced
 - o Tuesday, May 5 (with a Monday, May 4th morning rehearsal)
 - o Wednesday, May 6th (Alpine buses for Orem area schools only)
 - o Thursday, May 7th

SEPTEMBER

- School Registration opens Tuesday, September 2nd at 10:00 AM
 - o Each school or group registers on our HOA website their intent to participate\
 - o Indicate preference of performance date / provide other notes
 - o Optional: request informational meeting with HOA team
- Teachers may start teaching songs at any time. Recordings, videos, and lyrics pages may be found on our HOA website

OCTOBER

- Early October: Confirmation of performance date returned to teachers
- Lead teacher orders bus(es) for May's 10:30 a.m. rehearsal at BYU Marriott Center. Request a 10:00 arrival or as early as your transportation department is able to get you to BYU, knowing that we'll start promptly at 10:30. Some schools make a day of it and visit a BYU museum, local park, or other site on the way back to school. Schedule BYU campus tours/visits early as there's a lot of interest on HOA dates.

DECEMBER

- Promotional email for parents about Hope of America made available to teachers
- January 6th: Student online registration window open thru March 28.
 - o Your team will choose when to send parent note out within this window
 - o \$10/child - contact HOA Team at hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org if there are students needing financial assistance
- Permission slips will be tracked digitally on our website. No need for paper copies this year.

JANUARY

- If your school has not already begun weekly practice, you will do so immediately after students return from winter break
- Download lyrics sheet from Hope of America website
- Check on your stock of American flags. If you're new, or if you need to order additional, get your 8" x 12" flags ordered. Flags can easily be ordered in bulk online.

FEBRUARY

- By now, all groups should have started practicing songs and actions in classrooms
- This is your month to push for student registrations before the March 29th deadline
- Be sure to order tee shirts for your volunteers/teachers, deadline March 29th

MARCH

- March 29th, Deadline for student online registration and ordering T-shirts!

APRIL

- **MANDATORY FINAL MEETING April 23rd, 4:30 p.m. Karl Maeser Preparatory Academy - Lindon**
- T-shirt pickup, exit plan and flag placement, final instructions, final parent information – lead teacher must attend

MAY 5, 6, & 7

- **1 ½ hour AM dress rehearsal at the Marriott Center** will begin at 10:30 AM sharp.
 - Students and volunteers wear Hope of America shirt, bring flashlight and sunglasses
 - Teachers bring flags (one per performer), and collect them at the end of the rehearsal for the evening performance. Also remember to bring your school sign.
 - Enter the rehearsal through your assigned portal. After rehearsal, proceed to your assigned meeting place/patio outside. Have your students look around. Explain that they will exit this same way tonight
- **All students arrive to the Marriott by 6:15 PM**, transported by their parent.
 - Teachers, arrive by 6:15! Your students panic when they don't see you.
 - All performers (including volunteers/teachers) wear their Hope of America t-shirt, dark pants and bring flashlight and sunglasses
 - Teachers, remember to bring students' American flags, and your school signs.
 - If students arrive after 7:00, they may not be able to sit with your class in the flag.
 - Follow exit instructions. Be patient with those ahead of you! Exit through your assigned portal as you practiced in the morning.
- Event photos and video of the performance will be available for download from the website. Instructions will be given after the performance night.

THIS TIMELINE IS A GENERAL OVERVIEW FOR YOUR PLANNING
Detailed information will be sent as each important date nears.

QUESTIONS? Contact our Hope of America team at
[**hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org**](mailto:hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org)

We're excited to be working with you again this year!
 • **Shannon Moedl • Deborah Reed • Talia Strong •**