

Newsome Chorus Chaperone Information

Parent chaperones are a vital component of any tour. The chorus has had many outstanding tour chaperones over the years, and we can't thank these parents enough for their time, dedication, and caring.

For this tour, we anticipate needing a total of **twelve parent chaperones**. This chaperone number may change, depending on the exact number of chorus students who commit to the tour. Each chaperone will be responsible for a group of 10 or so chorus students. Chaperones will meet with their groups at least once before the tour, and may also be asked to speak with the parents of each of their group members if the need arises. Chaperones will also be expected to attend a chaperone meeting held prior to the trip.

Chaperone hotel rooms will be double occupancy (2 chaperones per room) and rooms are guaranteed to have two beds. Every effort will be made to ensure that our chaperone and student rooms are very close in proximity. Please remember that chaperones are expected to supervise their groups at all times and be sure to follow the itinerary carefully. Chaperones will have medical release/student information for each of their students that they will need to keep with them at all times, will need to monitor behavior, help maintain a safe and orderly environment, and support the director in all of his decisions.

All interested parents are encouraged to apply to be a tour chaperone. (Please see the attached application form.) We hope to have at least one chaperone with medical training (nurse or physician). Our terrific chaperones from past tours are encouraged to apply, as well as others who are eager to travel with the chorus.

The chaperone **application deadline is November 29th**, the same day that the \$125 nonrefundable deposit is due for students. Chaperones will be selected and notified by December 4th. Tour chaperones must pay the same tour fee as the choristers (\$575). We must receive the \$125 non-refundable deposit from selected chaperones by December 8th. Please do NOT pay a deposit for chaperones until notifications have been made.

Remaining payment dates for chaperones are the same as for students:

New Orleans Payment Schedule *A \$10 late fee is applied to late payments after each date**
November 29th - \$125 (nonrefundable)
January 10th - \$150
February 7th - \$150
March 5th - \$150

Thank you so much for considering!

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Newsome Chorus Chaperone Application

New Orleans – April 5-8

This form must be returned by November 29th (via email or hard copy)

Parent Name _____ Student Name _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

How many years have you been involved with the chorus?

Why do you want to be a chaperone?

Have you been a parent chaperone on a school trip in the past? If so, please describe the trip and experience.

What are your expectations for the role of a tour chaperone?

Do you have any special skills that might be particularly useful on this tour (e.g., EMT certification, LPN, etc.)? If so, please describe:

Do you have any health concerns or physical limitations that might affect your activities during this tour? If so, please describe:

Is there any additional information you would like me to know regarding your application?

Applicants will be notified by December 4th.