

## Choir Guide Lines

The North Mountain Chorus is a non-auditioning choir and accepts members of all skill levels. It is not necessary to read music or have previous experience singing. Therefore, the selection of music sung by the choir is chosen to accommodate all levels of ability. This is an inclusive choir open to everybody.

- Scent Free please
- Rehearsal times: Tuesdays: arrive 6:45 (social time)  
Practice starts at 7:00 ends at 9:00 pm
- Break at 8:00 pm for 10 minutes
  
- Time for joining the choir:
  - Fall Session - up to 4 weeks into the season
  - Spring Session – up to 6 weeks into the season
  - We hope to make it easier for everyone by limiting when new members can join as the choir works hard to learn new music
  
- Please have your music in a 3 ring binder and bring a pencil and water
  - Wendy will send an email listing the music intended for each practice
  - For performances, a black 3 ring binder is essential
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- Warm ups are about 20 minutes, and will be varied: folk songs (sheet music required), scales for voice, sight reading book
  
- We ask that talking during practice be kept to a minimum, using only whispered chatting.
  - Please, no talking during *Parts Practice*.
  - Non choir talk and announcements will be done at the end of practice.
  
- Music requests: please send music requests to the music committee
- If you have any suggestions to make to the choir, you can also use the “Suggestion Box”. The executive will respond to all suggestions received.
  
- Concert Dates will be set well in advance

- A work group is needed to perform regular concert tasks (flowers, cards, risers etc.) A list will be drawn up and posted for membership volunteers to sign up.

Recognizing that the choir is a lively community group that enjoys socializing, social time will be set aside for occasional desert and coffee gatherings before choir practice.