



Introduction to All Choirs

Information for Families

The Choirs

The North Star Boys' Choir consists of four groups: two training choirs, the international touring choir, and a choir for older boys. All boys learn proper singing techniques, as well as good behavior and respect for each other.

Music Magic

Our youngest training choir, for beginning singers. Open to all boys 5-7 years old.

Cadet Choir

The intermediate training choir. Typical age of boys is 8+ years old. They learn to sing in parts and in other languages, and they perform increasingly challenging music throughout the year.

Viking Choir

The international touring choir. Typical age of boys is 8-14 years old. Boys are invited to join the Viking Choir, usually after singing in the Cadet Choir for a time. They learn to sing complex harmonies and rhythms, in multiple languages, using advanced techniques, based on the Viennese style of singing.

Kantorei

For older boys who have "graduated" from the younger choirs. These boys provide the tenor and bass parts in certain songs and perform their own multi-part songs. They often serve as prefects to help guide the younger boys.

Rehearsals and Voice Lessons

Music Magic: every Tuesday 5:00 to 5:45 pm.

Cadet Choir: every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 to 7:00 pm (senior Cadet boys will rehearse until 7:30 pm). Boys in the Cadet Choir also sign up for a half-hour voice lesson once each month.

Rehearsals and Voice Lessons (continued)

Viking Choir: every Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 pm (optional), Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Saturday 12:30 to 2:00 pm (required for new Viking Choir boys, optional for experienced boys), and Sunday 5:30 to 7:00 pm (optional, at Francis's house with dessert!). Boys in the Viking Choir also sign up for a half-hour voice lesson once each month.

Kantorei: every Tuesday 7:45 to 9:00 pm.

Weekly rehearsals are at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Corcoran (10025 Brockton Lane). Voice lessons are at the church on rehearsal days, or on other days at Francis's home in Elk River (1797 Tipton Circle, Suite 112). A voice lesson sign-up sheet will be at rehearsals.

Concerts, Tours, and Events

Music Magic

- **December:** all-choirs Christmas concert
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **August:** day camp (optional)

Cadet Choir

- **December:** all-choirs Christmas concert
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **August:** choir camp at Parker Scout Reservation (with Viking Choir)
- **August:** day camp (optional)

Viking Choir

- **December/January:** all-choirs Christmas concert; regional concerts and church services during Christmas and Epiphany seasons (may include some overnights)
- **March/April:** church services during Easter season
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **June:** national tour (European tour every third year)
- **August:** choir camp at Parker Scout Reservation (with Cadet Choir)
- **August:** day camp (optional, as junior counselors)

Kantorei

- **December:** all-choirs Christmas concert
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **June:** national tour with Viking Choir (European tour every third year)
- **August:** choir camp at Parker Scout Reservation (optional, as counselors)
- **August:** day camp (optional, as counselors)

Uniforms

Families are responsible for outfitting their boys with the following uniform items. The NSBC items can be ordered through the choir by contacting Rebecca rebecca@northstarboyschoir.org

Music Magic and Cadet Choir

- NSBC navy polo shirt with embroidered logo
- NSBC blue baseball cap with embroidered logo (optional)
- Khaki pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks
- Black dress belt

Viking Choir

- Two (2) NSBC navy polo shirts with embroidered logo
- NSBC grey concert uniform (supplied by the choir)
- White dress shirt, long-sleeved, button-down
- V Neck white undershirt
- Khaki pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Black pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks
- Black dress belt
- NSBC red jacket with embroidered logo
- NSBC red knit hat with embroidered logo
- NSBC blue baseball cap with embroidered logo
- Khaki shorts
- White sneakers
- White socks

Kantorei

- NSBC navy polo shirt with embroidered logo
- NSBC tie with embroidered logo (supplied by the choir)
- White dress shirt, long-sleeved, button-down
- Black pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks
- Black dress belt
- Khaki pants, flat front, no cuffs
- Khaki shorts
- White sneakers
- White socks

Costs

The registration fee covers the cost of the choir baseball cap (Viking Choir), sheet music, folders, concert uniforms and insurance. The choir fee covers the cost of rehearsals, voice lessons, and tour-bus transportation to select concerts.

We want to make the North Star Boys' Choir experience available to every boy. If cost is a barrier to your son's participation, contact a staff member.

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| • Registration (all boys) | \$90 annually |
| • Music Magic | \$35 / mo. Sep to May (\$315 total) |
| • Cadet Choir | \$55 / mo. Sep to May (\$495 total) |
| • Viking Choir | \$95 / mo. Sep to Jun (\$950 total) |
| • Kantorei | \$40 / mo. Sep to Jun (\$400 total) |
| • National/European tour (Viking/Kantorei) | est. \$1,200 national / est. \$3,200 European
(monthly installments start in September) |
| • Choir camp (Cadet/Viking) | \$250 (\$125 for junior counselors) |
| • Day camp (optional) | \$50 (no cost for junior counselors) |
| • NSBC polo shirt (all boys) | \$18 (Youth S to Adult L); \$22 (Adult XL+) |
| • NSBC jacket (Viking Choir) | \$65 |
| • NSBC knit hat (Viking Choir) | \$6 |
| • NSBC concert uniform (Viking Choir) | no cost, uniforms stay with the choir |
| • NSBC tie (Kantorei) | no cost, ties stay with the choir |

NSBC Staff

Francis Stockwell

Artistic Director

Dr. Crystal Rossow

Accompanist (on leave)

Craig Anderson

Associate Conductor and Prefect

Jonathan Kirkham

Marketing Director

Rebecca Matheson

Choir Manager

Parent Volunteers

Many hands make light work. We invite you to share your professional skills and talents to help make the organization run smoothly. Contact a staff member if you'd like to contribute.

Thank you for being a part of the North Star Boys' Choir!