



TO: ALBUQUERQUE JUNIOR ORCHESTRA PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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Congratulations on being selected for the 2008 - 2009 Albuquerque Junior Orchestra! **If for any reason you are NOT planning to participate in the Albuquerque Junior Orchestra (AJO) this year**, please call the AYS Program office at 875-1319 by July 1. This courtesy on your part will allow students on the waiting list the opportunity to perform with AJO. **Please read the enclosed tuition form carefully and note the important deadlines.**

Hummingbird Camp for AJO & AJS

Albuquerque Junior Orchestra and Junior Symphony camp will meet on August 9 – 10, 2008 at Hummingbird Music Camp, in Jemez Springs, NM. **Please see the enclosed registration form.** While the camp is optional, it is a good way for the students to get to know each other and to start working on the music for the semester.

AJO Music Folder

Your AJO music folder will be ready to pick up at Roberson & Sons Violin Shop on August 1, 2008. The folder will contain music for Hummingbird Camp and your first rehearsal. **There will be a meeting of Albuquerque Junior Symphony/Junior Orchestra parents on August 12, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Sandia High School Auditorium, which is located on the NE corner of Pennsylvania & Candelaria.**

First Rehearsal

The Albuquerque Junior Orchestra will have its first rehearsal on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The AJO will rehearse at Valley High School (1505 Candelaria Rd. NW – between 12th & Rio Grande) every Saturday that Albuquerque Public Schools is in session unless otherwise announced. All students will need to bring music stands for all rehearsals at Valley High School. Please refer to the schedule on the back of this letter and enter the dates on your calendar. Please note: students may not miss “Required” rehearsals. Any other absences require prior approval from the conductors. If you cannot get your child to rehearsal, **please** make arrangements with another student for transportation!

Requirements for Participation in the AYS Program

The AYS Program is an enhancement to, and not a substitute for, existing school music programs, each of which has independent rules and policies. AYS Program will coordinate activities with school programs as appropriate, but will neither interfere with, nor participate in establishing the rules or policies of, any school music program. Dismissal from any public or independent school will be viewed as a failure to participate in school band or orchestra and will result in dismissal from the AYS Program.

Students must be enrolled as regular members of their school band or orchestra, if offered. Students accepted into the program on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, string bass and harp) must be enrolled in their school orchestra. Students who are accepted into the program on a wind, brass or percussion instrument must be enrolled in their school band. Home School students who also elect to attend a public school are subject to the same AYS Program membership requirements as public school students.

A list of students will be sent to all Music Directors, Orchestra Directors and Band Directors verifying appropriate participation according to AYS Program policy in your school instrumental music program. If your school has no instrumental program, the school principal must sign this sheet, indicating that no instrumental program is offered.

Transportation

In the past, car-pooling has been a very effective and cooperative way to meet transportation needs. Students from each school generally make arrangements with each other. There will be an address and phone list in your child's music folder.

Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!