

## AYS CHECKLIST 2009-2010

### ▪ **DUES**

AYS season dues are \$330 for each member, payable by August 30. You may pay by check, VISA or MasterCard. To apply for a scholarship based on financial need, please complete the enclosed application by August 30, or download an application from the AYS Web site [www.anchorageyouthsymphony.org/](http://www.anchorageyouthsymphony.org/), or call 566-7297 for a form.

### ▪ **ATTENDANCE**

Please sign and return the 2009-2010 AYS attendance policy to acknowledge you've read and agree to policy terms. Signatures from both members and parents are required.

The Anchorage Youth Symphony is dedicated to professional-level performance. Attendance is required at regularly scheduled concerts and at all rehearsals, for the entire rehearsal. Members who foresee ongoing schedule conflicts are urged to consider whether they can meet AYS attendance requirements. Poor attendance will be reviewed by the Music Director and the AYS Board Attendance Committee.

### ▪ **TOUR**

AYS is considering a tour during summer 2010 (possible dates are either late May after school is released, or during July). Based upon surveys from prior years, European destinations are under consideration. If you would like to be involved with decisions about a possible tour, please contact us at [youthsymphony@gmail.com](mailto:youthsymphony@gmail.com).

### ▪ **FUN, FOOD AND YOU ANNUAL RETREAT**

Our preseason get-together and family barbecue was held on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Alpenglow Ski Resort. The retreat was a great time and we hope you were able to attend.

### ▪ **ANNUAL PARENT MEETING**

Our annual meeting for AYS parents is 6 p.m., Monday, September 21st. Board members will be on hand to discuss planning and gather ideas for tours, fundraising, volunteering and other projects. Meet in the classroom adjacent to the East High rehearsal room.

### ▪ **REHEARSAL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE**

Regularly scheduled rehearsals are 4:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays in the band room at East High School, 4025 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Please plan now to be picked up promptly after rehearsal. Our first rehearsal of the season is Monday, Aug. 24.

Please see the calendar in this mailing and be attentive for any time or day changes. You'll also find our rehearsal and concert schedule on the AYS Web site [www.anchorageyouthsymphony.org](http://www.anchorageyouthsymphony.org/).

### ▪ **CONCERT DRESS**

To achieve professional appearance, AYS members must adhere to a dress code:

Males: black or dark suit, white shirt, black bow tie

Females: Long black dress or black blouse with long black skirt. Shoulders must be covered.

No low necklines.

All: Black shoes. Jewelry must be minimal and discreet. Avoid scents such as perfume or cologne. The Anchorage Youth Symphony is not responsible for loss or theft; leave valuables home.

- **CONCERTO COMPETITION**

At the conductor's discretion, a concerto competition may be scheduled in the spring. Please look for the announcement at our web site later this year.

- **GRANDPARENTS CIRCLE**

Please consider sharing the mailing address of grandparents who may wish to support AYS with a donation. We'll send one follow-up letter and never share addresses with other groups. We acknowledge members of the AYS Grandparents Circle in each concert program.

- **MEDIA AND MEDICAL CONSENT**

Please read, sign and return the media and medical release form in this packet.

- **SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

AYS seniors, please use the form in this packet to tell us about your musical and academic accomplishments and plans after graduation. We'll showcase your achievements in Senior Spotlight sections of concert programs.

- **SEASON TICKETS**

Please consider buying season tickets now and ordering extras to share. We're often asked to report ticket sales on grant applications but just as important, season ticket holders help fill the hall on concert nights. The Anchorage Daily News calls AYS the "brighter future for Anchorage" and praised our "admirably professional sound."

- **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

Parents, please use the volunteer form enclosed to let us know about your interests, skills and how you'd like to help AYS this season. Please note if your workplace matches employee donations.

- **REFRESHMENTS**

Please note on the AYS roster list that each AYS member is being asked to provide refreshments for one rehearsal during the AYS season. The column after the name has your child's assigned refreshment date. Please mark this date on your calendar. If you want to coordinate your refreshments with the others on the list please note that we have included their contact phone numbers. If for some reason you cannot bring refreshments on that date please trade dates with someone later in the season. A parent volunteer will make a reminder call to you the week prior to your snack.

AYS has had parent provided refreshments for the past 5 years. To make sure there are enough refreshments each week, 2-3 families have been assigned for each rehearsal date. Plan enough snacks for 99 AYS members. Generally the rehearsal break is between 5:15 and 5:30 PM. Snacks need to be set up by about 5 PM. Someone needs to stay through the break and make sure that everything is cleaned up. If you can't be there, check to see if one of the other parents can stay.

Popular snacks in the past have included bagels with cream cheese, vegetables and dip, fruit, cold juices, cold water, granola bars, crackers, cheese, salami, and cookies. Try to avoid overly sugary drinks or salty snacks.

Most AYS members come to rehearsal straight from after-school activities and really appreciate something to eat.

- **YOU'LL ALSO FIND THIS CHECKLIST ON THE AYS WEB SITE**

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