

**We want YOU to join the
Central Minnesota Boys Choir!**



Dear Singer!

We are EXCITED to have you join us for the 2019-2020 season! We are glad that you are making this commitment to the choir and to yourself! Being in the choir is a lot fun, but it is also quite a bit of work, so we want you to know how important we think you are! Please remember that if you sign up this spring then you are making a commitment for all of next season.

I know that singing at the sign-up might seem rather scary, but I want you to know that it isn't anything to be nervous about! Just learn the song that is in this packet (you can google it!) and do your best! The sign-up is a chance for me to see how confident and brave you can be!

We are looking forward to meeting you and hearing you sing!

**Mrs. Moen
Central Minnesota Boys Choir**

~ Watch our video on Facebook and at: centralmnboyschoir.com ~



2019 Voyager Choir



2019 Explorer Choir

Central Minnesota Boys Choir

Sign-up Information for parents and singers

Thanks you for showing interest in the Central Minnesota Boy's Choir. Before you decide to sign-up, please read the following information.

What is the Central Minnesota Boys Choir?

- This choir, which is completing its nineteenth season; is open to boys in the central Minnesota area who love to sing, are committed to being at rehearsals and performances, who have finished (or are finishing) **second** grade and have an unchanged voice. When the boys reach the end of 7th grade they can “graduate” or stay with the choir until voice change.

When and where will the choir practice?

- When you sign-up for the choir, you will be a member of the **Explorer Choir**. Rehearsals will start in September of 2019 and are held in Staples, Minnesota on Thursday nights from 5:00 to 6:00. **When you sign up for the Central Minnesota Boys Choir you will be expected to stay through at least one season.** If you leave the choir mid-season you will be letting the choir and the other boys down and affecting the quality of the choir. After two years in this choir you **may** be asked to move up to the **Voyageur Choir**, which is a more experienced choir that travels overnight.

Who directs the choir?

- The Central Minnesota Boys Choir is directed by Mary Moen, who is an elementary music specialist in the Staples-Motley Schools.

How do I sign-up for the choir?

- **Fill out the Information/Registration form.** Both parents and singer should sign the form and mail it to the address given at the bottom of the form. **Come to Staples-Motley Elementary School** the date and time indicated. Boys will sign in the order they arrive at the school.

What will I do at the sign-up?

- You will vocally echo some slide whistle melodies.
- You will sing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” which is included with this letter.
- You will read some simple musical rhythms.
- You will visit with Mrs. Moen so you can get to know each other better!

What happens next?

- We will welcome you into the choir and look forward to seeing you in September!
- You can come FREE to our concert in June, so you can hear us sing!
- In the fall, your parents will pay the yearly participation fee (currently \$85) either in a lump sum or in payments. There is a scholarship fund to pay for those who cannot afford the fee.
- You will receive further information about the first rehearsal for the Explorer Choir in August.

Please discuss this commitment as a family. This will be a great opportunity for you, but you will be expected to have good attendance at rehearsals and be at all the performances.

If you have questions, you may contact:

Mary Moen at mmoen@isd2170.k12.mn.us ~ or at (218) 894-2433 ext. 3306

Central Minnesota Boys Choir

Information/Registration Form

Name
Grade this year
Parent name(s) Full Mailing Address
Email Address (required)
Telephone #
Name of school (or home school)

Sign-up and Sing registration! Please check the date that you will attend:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Location: Staples-Motley Elementary School Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Time: 3:45 p.m. *we will take boys in the order that they arrive	<input type="checkbox"/> Location: Staples-Motley Elementary School Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 Time: 3:45 p.m. *we will take boys in the order that they arrive

Boy's commitment:

I agree to attend weekly rehearsals, practice assignments given by the director, and be at performances on time, ready to sing. I will behave appropriately always and will give my full attention to the director and others in charge. I understand that this is a one-year commitment.

Boy's Signature

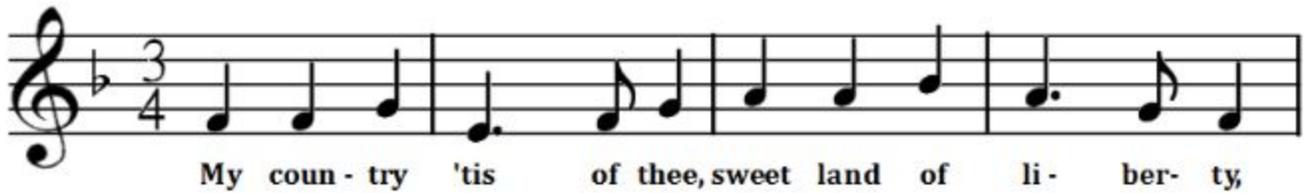
Parent's commitment:

I give my permission for my son to participate in the Central Minnesota Boy's Choir. I understand that this is a one-year commitment. I agree to transport him to and from weekly rehearsals and any local performances. I will support him in his practicing and in his commitment to the choir.

Parent's Signature

Please return this form to the following address: Mary Moen – Staples-Motley Elementary School - 1025 4 th St. NE - Staples, MN 56479
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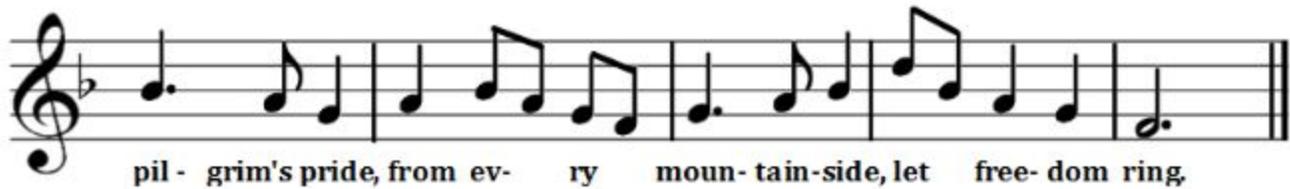
My Country 'Tis of Thee



My coun - try 'tis of thee, sweet land of li - ber - ty,



of thee I sing. Land where my fath - ers died, land of the



pil - grim's pride, from ev - ry moun - tain - side, let free - dom ring,

Note: You do NOT have to memorize this song, we will have a copy for you or you can bring your own! Do your best to learn the song or get help from an adult. We will help you learn it at the audition if you need us to!