

## **Audition Information**

We offer a friendly audition process and strive to make each child's audition a worthwhile experience, as welcoming and encouraging as possible. Children are asked to sing a prepared song of their choice. Auditions are held in June, July and August, and at other times by appointment.

The Deer Creek Youth Choir is currently open to singers entering grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 (some 3rd graders will be considered) with unchanged treble voices. Prior experience isn't required, but a love for singing and working with others is a must!

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **How can my child prepare for the audition?**

- Practice singing "Happy Birthday to You"
- Choose another song to sing, for example, a song learned in school, a holiday song, patriotic song, folk song or lullaby.
- No musical score is needed - children will sing without accompaniment. Some examples:
  - My Country 'tis of Thee
  - Jingle Bells
  - Row Row Row Your Boat
  - My Favorite Things
  - Do, a Deer
  - Are You Sleeping?
  - Twinkle Twinkle

#### **Who is accepted into the chorus?**

We are looking for singers whose voices sound healthy, who have a good sense of pitch, who are focused and pay attention in their audition, and who are willing to commit wholeheartedly to the group.

### **Rehearsal information:**

Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 5-6:30pm from September through May at Bethel Presbyterian Church in White Hall, MD. Rehearsals include music reading, sight-singing, aural skills, vocal training, and performance preparation.

### **Tuition**

Tuition for each singer is \$400 for the year. Tuition covers all materials except for concert attire. DCYC is committed to offering an affordable choral music education to our singers. Tuition is per child for the school year and can be paid all at once or in two payments of \$200 (due at time of registration and 2nd payment by November 1st).

We believe that all children should have the opportunity to participate in a high level choral ensemble, and therefore need-based Scholarships are available through the Betty Banghart Scholarship Fund. Applications for Youth Choir Scholarships are available on our website [www.deercreekchorale.org](http://www.deercreekchorale.org) and are due by September 1st.