

ABOUT THE UU CHILDREN'S CHOIR

THIS WEBSITE

is dedicated to the Unitarian Universalist Children's Choir Camp which will be meeting at Macalester College in St. Paul and performing during the UU General Assembly in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 23-27, 2010.

Here you will find all the information you need to apply to be a singer, a chaperone or a volunteer. Please check it periodically for updated information. During the camp, you will find daily photos and reports of activities!

If you have any questions not already addressed, please email or call me. Annease Hastings and I promise to do everything we can to make this a rewarding experience for all participants. Thank you for logging in!

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WHAT IS THE UUCC?

The Unitarian Universalist Children's Choir is an auditioned group of at least 60 UU children singers from all over the USA and Canada who gather for a camp experience during the UU General Assembly. They learn their music (@ 10 pieces of 3-parts) before they come to camp, and rehearse at least twice a day under the leadership of a nationally known children's music conductor. The camp takes place on a college campus. Adult chaperones also reside at the camp and are assigned a small number of children who they are responsible for at all times. We fondly call these groups "families". When the children are not rehearsing, they have a strict schedule planned which includes going on field trips to see the local sights, easy recreational play, fun workshops, eating, sleeping, resting and worship.

This is a very special experience: to be surrounded by so many UU's, learning new musical skills of perfection, and performing for thousands of people at the General Assembly! The children who have participated in the past have told us this is a truly moving experience. When a child, who may be the only Unitarian they know in school, has the experience of living and bonding with 75 new Unitarian friends and then performing for a convention of thousands, they find new strength in their UU identity.

WHO WILL SING?

The children who will be accepted into the choir will be talented singers who were born between June 28, 1997 and June 22, 2000. They will submit an application

with good recommendations from their church leaders and provide a clean, recorded audition.

We regret we will not be able to accept all who apply. Therefore, the selection process will focus upon creating a balanced, 3-part choir of sixty to seventy-five 10, 11 and 12 year olds. The audition committee will listen for accuracy in matching pitch and for pleasant tone. They will take into account supporting comments from church leaders. Participation in a church, school, or community choir will be a plus.

We chose these ages because we have found that children younger than 10 have more trouble with homesickness. 13 year olds do not seem to bond as well with the younger children and their voices tend to start changing. We are not using school grades because so many schools have different cut off ages, and because of the increase in home schooling. School grades just seem irrelevant for this.

***PLEASE NOTE:** If a singer wants to apply but their birth date is **JUST OUTSIDE** the required dates, we suggest they go ahead and apply, being truthful about their birth date. We will accept their application conditionally. We may make an exception and accept them into the choir **ONLY IF** they pass the audition **AND** we have room in a vocal section.