



LCC FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

 What is the Logansport Children's Choir?

The Logansport Children's Choir was founded in October 1988 by its directors, Tim and Susan Cahalan, and is beginning its 34th season this year. The purpose of the choir is to offer interested students opportunities to learn more about music in general and choral singing in particular, than can be learned in the classroom or in the school choir. It is our hope that our students will develop a life-long love for singing and for fine music, and that they will understand the value of excellence. We believe that this striving for excellence together with other children helps give each child a feeling of accomplishment, self-worth, and self-confidence.

 How does a child join the Logansport Children's Choir?

Girls in grades three through twelve and boys in grades three through eight are eligible to audition for the Logansport Children's Choir.

 Why does the choir hold auditions instead of accepting everyone?

The Logansport Children's Choir is meant to give talented singers an opportunity to go beyond what they may be able to do in their music class. In recent years, a tremendously high percentage of those trying out are accepted. If, however, a student has the interest, but cannot match pitch whatsoever, it is to no one's advantage for that student to be accepted into the group and be uncomfortable. Often, in younger students, especially, their musical abilities will develop further, and they may wish to try again the next year.

 Does my child have to prepare a song for the audition?

No. The audition consists of listening to each child sing to determine if the child can match pitch. The child also will sing a simple "round" (like "Are You Sleeping?") to determine if the child can sing one part while hearing another one.

 Where are auditions held?

Auditions will be held in the Logansport High School Choir Room on Tuesday, August 24th, Wednesday, August 25th, OR Thursday, August 26th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Please use Door 12 in the back of the school (next to the Fitness Center) to enter and leave LHS. As per current LCSC guidelines, masks are optional.

 Can the parent be present during the audition?

Yes. Parents are welcome to attend the audition (but some children prefer not to have the parent listen to them). You can decide with your child whether he or she is comfortable with you listening to them audition. However, due to the LCSC Covid-related visitor policy, we ask that only one parent (and no other siblings – unless they are auditioning – attend the audition with your child.



When will I know if my child has been accepted to the Logansport Children's Choir?

All students who audition will be notified by mail no later than Saturday, September 4th. Rehearsals for Concert Choir (grades 3-8) begin on Tuesday, September 7th (Due to the Labor Day holiday, the first Concert Choir rehearsal is on Tuesday this year.) Rehearsals for Chamber Choir (grades 6-12) begin on Wednesday, September 8th. In addition, there is a mandatory meeting for parents of ALL members on Tuesday, September 14th.



When and where does the choir rehearse?

The Logansport Children's Choir is comprised of two groups. The Concert Choir is for kids in grades 3 thru 8 and rehearses every Monday from 3:45-5:00 in the LHS Choir Room, September thru May. The Chamber Choir is for kids in grades 6 thru 12 and rehearses every Wednesday from 3:45-5:15 in the LHS Choir Room. (Chamber Choir rehearsals ARE 15 minutes longer than Concert Choir rehearsals.) In addition, as we get closer to our local concerts, we have additional practices for the entire group on Wednesdays. Please note that kids in grades 6, 7, and 8 have rehearsal on Mondays AND Wednesdays.



My child is in other extra curricular activities or sports. Can my child continue to participate in these other activities?

By joining the Logansport Children's Choir, children and parents are making a **year-long** commitment to regular attendance at rehearsals and mandatory attendance at concerts and on minor trips. However, the choir would not exist if we did not compromise with our many talented members who participate in a variety of activities and/or sports. The key word here is "compromise". When conflicts occur, the choir is willing to work things out, but it is expected that there is some "give" on the part of the student's other activity as well. We do not want to lose musically gifted students just because they are also athletically gifted.



How many concerts and performances does the choir present each year?

The choir presents an annual concert in both winter (December) and spring (May) each year. In addition, the choir travels to Indianapolis in December each year and some years will host a visiting choir in the spring. The Chamber Choir (grades 6-12) presents several community performances throughout the school year and has a major tour every other year. These major tours have included trips to England (twice), France, Italy, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic & Canada as well as U.S. destinations including New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, Boston, Stowe, VT, and Hershey, PA. In the summer of 2011, the Chamber Choir returned to the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans as part of a twelve state tour of the southern United States. In the summer of 2013, the choir participated in the Pacific Rim Choral Festival in Hawaii. The Chamber Choir traveled to Canada and the northeastern US in the summer of 2015 and traveled to Columbus, Ohio, Hershey & Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and New York City and performed in Carnegie Hall in June of 2017 as part of the National Children's Choir Festival. In June 2019, members of the Chamber Choir traveled to the southeastern US with stops & concerts in Atlanta & Savannah GA, Charleston SC, Colonial Williamsburg, and Lexington, KY. The Chamber Choir will be making its 13th major tour to Washington DC in June 2022. Please note that when our choir tours, parents – especially those of younger students - are encouraged to go along. Also note that, through our fundraisers, our major tours are kept affordable for our students.



Is transportation provided for rehearsals?

No, LCC does not provide transportation to rehearsals or concerts. All transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the parent; however, we do have several kids at most all of the elementary and middle schools in Logansport, and many parents are able to work out carpool situations with other parents or even use LCSC buses to travel to LHS.

 My child is not a student in the Logansport Community School Corporation. Can my child still be a member of LCC?

YES! LCC welcomes all students from Logansport and the surrounding area – regardless of what school they attend. The only stipulation is that the student is able to make it to rehearsals at LHS by 3:45 (or even a few minutes late, if necessary). Again, carpooling is sometimes an option.

 What is the cost of membership in the Logansport Children's Choir?

For the 2021-2022 season, membership costs will remain the same as the past several seasons; therefore, students in grades 3 thru 5 and 9 thru 12 will have an annual membership of \$150.00. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will have an annual membership of \$200.00 (since they attend two rehearsals per week). In addition, each choir student – or family if more than one sibling is in the choir - is expected to come up with at least \$25.00 in donations during our annual "Friends of the Logansport Children's Choir" fundraising campaign. Membership dues can be paid in a variety of ways: one payment; three payments due on the first of October, November, and December; or payments made by special arrangement with the director. There is an additional cost for choir uniforms and tours. *No child is refused admission to the choir because of lack of funds, but communication from the parents regarding financial hardship is essential.*

 What is the uniform for the choir and how much does it cost?

LCC members have both a formal and informal choir uniform. The formal uniform consists of a white dress shirt, black pants (boys) or skirt (girls), black shoes and a choir-issued tie. The choir wears the formal uniform for all major concerts. The informal uniform consists of a polo shirt with the LCC logo, stone colored pants and white tennis shoes. This outfit is worn for travel and for informal performances. The cost of the uniform can be anywhere from \$50.00 on up, depending upon the age of your child (Chamber Choir members have more uniform pieces). The choir does offer used uniform pieces on a first-come, first-served basis in September.

 How much fundraising does LCC do?

LCC would not exist without the support of the Logansport community and surrounding area. Our annual "Friends of the Logansport Children's Choir" campaign every fall is an opportunity for local businesses and individuals to support the activities of the choir. In addition, the choir holds a candy sale every February and another group fundraiser every spring. Other fundraisers are added as necessary, but we try to keep them to a minimum.

 How can parents get involved with choir activities?

Parent involvement is an important part of LCC. Every September there is a mandatory parent meeting where the events for the year are discussed. At this meeting, parents have an opportunity to sign-up for various committees – from helping with uniforms to serving refreshments at concerts. In addition, the Logansport Children's Choir is governed by a Board of Directors who are primarily parents of current LCC members. Two board members are replaced each year and each board member serves a three year term.

 Where can I get more information about the choir?

If you need more information about the choir or have further questions, please contact the director, Tim Cahalan, at 574-722-6457 (home) or 574-721-6250 (cell) or e-mail the choir at logansportchildrenschoir@gmail.com. You may also check out the choir's website at www.logansportchildrenschoir.org for more info and pictures of past choir seasons and tours as well as a link to our LCC recruitment video which highlights songs and pictures from our recent choir seasons. You can also follow us on Facebook or Twitter @logansportchoir.

Thank you for your interest in the Logansport Children's Choir!