

CHATTANOOGA BOYS CHOIR

Frequently Asked Questions



How is the choir structured? There are four different ensembles in the Chattanooga Boys Choir: **Mozart**, **Schubert**, **Concert Choir**, and **Cantabile**. Choristers generally spend one year in **Mozart** and one year in **Schubert**, learning the fundamentals of voice building, music literacy, and ensemble skills. Choristers spend the rest of their time in the **Concert Choir**, the main touring and performing treble (soprano-alto) ensemble. As a chorister's singing voice reaches a specific advanced point in the voice change process, they move into **Cantabile** (tenor-bass), typically beginning in high school.

What is the cost to participate in the CBC? Tuition is determined by the ensemble. For 2024-2025, Mozart and Cantabile tuition was \$450 annually. Schubert and Concert Choir tuition was \$650 annually. Yearly tuition can be paid in two installments at the beginning of each semester (fall and spring). Additionally, Summer Music Camp is required of all choristers entering **Schubert** and **Concert Choirs**. It takes place July 21-25 and costs \$280 for the full week (9:00a-4:00p). Students entering the **Mozart Choir** have a half-day camp experience which costs \$140 for the week (9:00a-12:00p).

Tuition only covers a portion of the CBC's annual operating expenses. In addition to tuition, two additional avenues of family support are requested each year: 1) the annual fall nut & pecan sale (Sep-Nov.) and 2) Parkplatz automobile parking at Memorial Auditorium events. These efforts require minimal time from families but help keep tuition costs low for chorister families, and the choir is grateful for these efforts.

When are Chattanooga Boys Choir Rehearsals?

Mozart **Mondays** 4:30p - 5:30p

Schubert **Tuesdays** 4:30p - 6:00p

Concert **Mondays** (5-6 times per semester...check semester schedule for details), 5:00p - 6:15p

Tuesdays 5:00p - 6:30p

Cantabile **Tuesdays** 5:45p - 7:30p

Does the CBC operate year round? The CBC generally follows the Hamilton County school calendar, as a majority of choristers (though certainly not all) attend Hamilton County schools. That means when Hamilton County is on a break, the CBC is as well. Rehearsals generally begin the second week of school and continue up to the *Finale!* Spring Concert in mid May. Members of the Concert Choir and Cantabile choirs who are going on tour continue to rehearse until the tour. Summer Music Camp for choristers returning the following year is always the third full week in July.

My son participates in sports/other activities. Can he still participate in the choir? Absolutely! Most CBC members participate in many other activities. We distribute our schedule, which includes performances and special events, at the beginning of the year (August), if not earlier. We ask that as soon as you are aware of unavoidable conflicts that you let us know. Keep the rehearsal schedule in mind as you are planning other activities – once a week isn't much time and choristers should be in attendance at all rehearsals except for illness, family emergencies, etc.

Will my son be attending Summer Music Camp this year? Yes! All new choristers (and current members) will attend camp this summer. Camp takes place July 21-25, 2025 on the Baylor School campus. Those choristers who will be in the Mozart choir in August will attend a half-day camp on the same dates. This allows the Mozart group to interact and get to know each other and the choir staff before they start rehearsals in August. Choristers who are placed in **Schubert** or **Concert Choirs** will attend the full-day camp for the week. Camp is filled with music classes, recreation, and team building activities.

For any additional questions, contact the CBC at 634-2299 or e-mail info@cbchoir.org