

Oregon Children's Choir Girlchoir

About the Conductor:

Jennifer Searl, conductor for Girlchoir, received a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Oregon. She and her husband, Bruce, are local composers and have a music publishing company, **Aardvark Hill**. Jennifer is Director of Music Ministries at her church, has a private piano studio and teaches music at Ridgeline Montessori and at Village School. Mrs. Searl became involved with the Oregon Children's Choir during our 1985-1986 Season.

About the Girlchoir

The Girlchoir is for girls in the 5th - 8th grades. They sing music by local composers, classical and folksongs from around the world. They perform in the local community and have social gatherings throughout the year. The Girlchoir rehearses every Tuesday afternoon and one Friday each month. This choir goes on a 3-4 day performance tour each May.

Time Commitment and Attendance

Girlchoir parents must attend a mandatory parent meeting to be held the first evening of rehearsal.

Parent Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 5:30-6:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
1376 Olive, Eugene, OR 97401

Rehearsals for the 2009-2010 Season begin September 15, 2009.

Choristers must attend all major choir events:

- All rehearsals (no more than 2 absences per term are allowed)
 - Rehearsals for the Girlchoir are Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 and one Friday of every month (usually the second Friday).
- Fall Retreat with Performance – October 10, 2009
- Holiday Concert – December 12, 2009
- Spring Event – March 6, 2010
- Finale Concert – May 8, 2010
- May Performance Tour (Required)

Financial Commitment

The Oregon Children's Choir is a non-profit organization. Its operating expenses, which include music, conductor's salaries, and rehearsal space, are funded by chorister tuition.

- Tuition for the upcoming season, September through June, is \$400.
- Choral Uniforms –approx. \$75
- Oregon Children's Choir polo shirt - \$15
- Spring Performance Tour – approximately \$350