





WHY A CHOIR?

A youth choir provides an opportunity through music to positively influence young people for Christ while encouraging them to build relationships within the church. It also creates a tremendous opportunity to invite young people and their families into the corps setting. It promotes positive character building in each young person.

STEPS

Assemble a Team

- **Find a music leader**

The music leader selects and leads the choir in rehearsal and performance. They should be a member of your corps and a positive example of Christian living.

- **Find a choir manager**

The manager supports the music leader by assisting with set-up and logistics, as well as personnel management. This person is also the first point of contact for members.

- **Find an accompanist**

Identify a capable accompanist for your choir. Other accompaniment options can be used where needed. These options can be found on the Everybody Sings website.





Time and Place

Find a rehearsal time that works for your leaders and choir members while considering other activities already being held at your corps. Consider a typical schedule for the young people at your corps and try to find a day and time where they will engage in the choir most readily. The corps sanctuary or fellowship hall could provide the rehearsal space you need.

Recruit Members

An announcement, email or poster in your corps will inform young people and their parents about the choir. Flyer handouts to schools in the community can promote your choir and invite new families along. Spreading the word by talking about the choir is the best way to encourage new membership. Be careful using social media to advertise your choir as it involves children and teens.

Find Music

When looking for music, keep in mind the number and level of the singers in your group. Try to choose music that they will enjoy singing. For a list of websites to purchase music from, see the Everybody Sings website. Some music is also available for free!





Funding

Even if the corps provides financial support to your choir, additional funds may be required on occasion. Examples could include additional music purchases, concerts, social events, or travel. For ways to further support the choir financially, consider having a concert and charging admission, set up a system for dues or membership fees, or try fundraisers. Be sure to seek approval from your corps officer before planning these events.

Make Plans

Find opportunities for the youth choir to sing in church services and out in the community. While they may not sing every Sunday, special occasion services are something to work towards. Community events could include festivals, senior's homes and park concerts. Plan fellowship events for the choir as an opportunity for members to get to know each other and hang out.

GET STARTED

Follow these steps to start your youth choir. You may experience some hurdles along the way, but there is an answer to every problem.

Find it here:
www.samagacb.com/everybody-sings

