

Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra and Yakima Ensemble for Strings  
Parent Volunteer Policy

History: In past seasons, we worked to have parents sign up to volunteer early in the season and filled in volunteer slots as the seasons went along. Over time, fewer and fewer people have volunteered placing an undue burden on the generosity of those who do volunteer.

Parent Volunteer Policy: In order to implement a full season of rehearsals, concerts and fundraisers, parent volunteer support is needed. The season sign-up period will occur in the first month of the season. This will allow us to launch the season and support our children and conductors fully.

All parents must:

1. Attend mandatory parent meeting(s); send a substitute adult if you cannot attend.
2. Chaperone a fall rehearsal (YYSO families also must bring snacks for their rehearsal); arrange for another parent to substitute if you cannot participate and inform the Governing Committee ahead of time of the same (some Governing Committee assistance with scheduling is possible if we have sufficient notice).
3. Chaperone a spring rehearsal (YYSO families also must bring snacks for their rehearsal); arrange for another parent to substitute if you cannot participate and inform the Governing Committee ahead of time of the same (some Governing Committee assistance with scheduling is possible if we have sufficient notice).
4. Actively help with 2 of 3 concerts: Winter Concert (22 parents) and/or Spring Concert (22 parents) and/or KinderKonzert (22 parents). You will not miss seeing your student perform.
5. Actively help with the fall fundraiser (6 parents) and/or the spring fundraiser (30 parents).
6. Support their student in selling Butter Braids for the fall fundraiser or in soliciting donations for the same.
7. Donate or procure at least 2 silent auction items for the spring fundraiser.

Other volunteer opportunities include, and we will be grateful for your support:

- Helping at the Concerto Competition (2 parents)
- Staying late on YYSO chair seating audition nights (2 parents, 4 nights)
- Helping manage auditions (multiple nights)
- Serving on the Governing Committee

Still other volunteer opportunities include, and we will be grateful for your support:

- Helping secure sponsorships (we will provide forms)
- Helping solicit donations (we will provide forms)
- Helping secure advertising for the concert programs (we will provide forms)
- Helping share information about the youth symphony
- Helping recruit students for the youth symphony