



COLT CHORALE

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Congratulations on earning a place in Arlington High School's varsity mixed choir, Colt Chorale!

Being selected for this ensemble is an accomplishment you should be proud of. Your dedication, musicianship, and work ethic have helped you reach this level.

Membership in Colt Chorale comes with high expectations, and we are excited to see the leadership and commitment you will bring to the group this year.

As we begin a new season together, please review the information below regarding choir expectations, Camp Chorale, and important commitments for the year ahead.

Choir Placement

Placement in Colt Chorale reflects consistent excellence in both character and musicianship. Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior, preparation, and professionalism both on and off campus. Members should represent Arlington High School and the choir program with integrity, respect, and pride in every setting.

All-State Participation

Members of Colt Chorale are strongly encouraged to participate in the All-Region audition process (required for sophomores enrolled in a varsity ensemble). Students interested in auditioning should plan to attend summer camp and enroll in voice lessons to best prepare for the audition season.

Voice Lessons

Private voice lessons are highly encouraged for all choir students and are especially important for members of Colt Chorale. Students not currently enrolled in lessons are encouraged to begin in the fall. Voice lessons provide individualized instruction that strengthens vocal technique, musicianship, confidence, and overall performance ability.

Performance Expectations

Colt Chorale serves as one of the most visible performing ensembles at Arlington High School. Members regularly perform at football games, school and community events, concerts, and special functions throughout the year. Students are expected to participate in all required performances and represent the choir program with professionalism and enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to an incredible year of music-making together. Congratulations again on being selected as a member of Colt Chorale!



Camp Chorale @ Camp Lavon

August 14-16, 2026

Colt Chorale will leave for our first retreat on the first weekend after school starts. This will be Friday - Sunday, August 14-16. We will leave after school on Friday for Princeton via school buses and stay in cabins at Camp Lavon for the weekend. We will return Sunday the 16th around noon.

The weekend will be spent bonding with new members of Chorale, working on team building, skits, swimming, and working on fall repertoire. A detailed itinerary is in this packet and will be handed out again during the first week of school. Food will be provided for the weekend, so meals are already covered. Students will however need to bring their favorite cereal for breakfast each morning. Milk will be provided! ALL members of Colt Chorale will attend, so start planning now!

PARENTS: You are welcome and highly encouraged to join us at Camp Lavon as a chaperone. It is a wonderful opportunity to see what Colt Chorale is all about and to see your students hard at work. This weekend cannot happen without parent volunteers! If you are interested, please email Mr. Barlow at mbarlow@aisd.net

COST

The cost for each student and/or parent to attend is \$70 if paid by August 1. Payments after August 1 are \$80. Payments can be made online at www.ahschoir.org.

FORMS

Each student will need to turn in the attached Medical Authorization form and Permission to Travel form. Please note that the Medical Authorization form must be notarized. Forms must be received before departure on August 16th. Final itineraries, details, and logistics will be given the first week of school. If you have questions before then, please email Mr. Barlow - mbarlow@aisd.net

CAMP CHORALE

Things to Bring

- Sunscreen
- Comfortable shoes
- Modest swimsuits/trunks (no bikinis - one pieces or cover-ups only)
- Sunglasses
- Your favorite cereal for your own breakfast
- Choir folder, music, and pencils
- Any props for skits (details when school starts)
- Flashlight
- Pajamas!
- Reusable water bottle
- Snacks
- Toiletries
- Bath towel
- Swim towel
- Pillow
- Sheets and blanket (or sleeping bag)

The weekend is not a fashion show, and it will definitely be HOT! Please pack light and bring appropriate clothes - dress code still applies!

All guys will have a shared cabin, and all girls will have a shared cabin. You will need to bring your own linens. This a time to meet NEW people, not stick to what you know! Cabins are air-conditioned and have electricity, however you may not bring electronic devices other than a cell phone. **You may not have your cell phone out at any group activity, meal, or rehearsal.**

HANG UP AND HANG OUT.



Itinerary

Friday, August 14

4:45 PM Meet in Choir Room
5:00 PM Depart AHS
6:30 PM Arrive Camp Lavon
Unpack in cabins
7:00 PM Meet together (sections)
7:15 PM Dinner/Posters
8:00 PM Rehearsal (1.5 hrs)
9:30 PM Swim (lifeguard provided)
10:30 PM Back to cabins
11:00 PM Lights out

Sunday, August 16

8:30 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Group chat
9:30 AM Clean-up/cabin checks
10:00 AM Load buses
10:15 AM Depart for AHS
11:30 AM Arrive AHS

Saturday, August 15

8:30 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Rehearsal (1.5 hrs)
10:30 AM Games
11:00 AM Rehearsal (1.5 hrs)
12:30 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Rehearsal (1.5 hrs)
2:30 PM Swim (lifeguard provided)
3:30 PM Work on Cabin Skits
4:30 PM Rehearsal (2 hrs)
6:30 PM Dinner
7:15 PM Cheers/Cabin Skits
8:30 PM Swim (lifeguard provided)
10:00 PM Games
10:45 PM Back to Cabins
11:00 PM Lights out

**AHS Choir
Important Dates
Fall 2026**



July 23-26	Choraliers Choreo Bootcamp
August 12	First Day of School
August 14-16	Colt Chorale Camp @ Camp Lavon
September 5	Get Fit Day (9 AM - Noon)
September 5	Howdy Party (6-8 PM, Location TBD)
September 11	Homecoming (Colt Chorale sings National Anthem)
September 19	All-State Round 1 (Martin HS)
October 7	AHS Fall Concert @ AHS
October 17	All-State Round 2 (Mansfield HS)
October 24	AHS Cluster Concert @ AHS
October 26	9/10 Honor Choir Auditions (AHS)
November 12	All-Region Clinic/Concert (Mansfield PAC)
November 19	All-State Round 3 (Legacy HS)
December 12	Colt Christmas Pops (Varsity) @ AISD CVPA
December 15	Choir Winter Concert @ AHS

ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Permission to Travel

To: Parent/Legal Guardian of: _____
Student's Name

I give my permission for the above student of the Arlington Independent School District to attend the following district approved trip(s) this school year:

Description of Trip	Date	Means of Transportation
Camp Lavon - Princeton, TX	Aug. 14-16, 2026	AISD School Bus
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The supervising sponsor for the trip(s) listed above is: _____

The local board policies governing student conduct and discipline are applicable to students on all district approved trips and the behavior of all participating students is expected to conform to the standards set forth in such policies. All violations of such code of conduct by any student shall be reported to the principal.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Persons to Contact in Case of Emergency:

1. _____
Name Home Number Cell Number
2. _____
Name Home Number Cell Number

