



Our Mission & Vision:

Foster personal growth in Decatur area 5th-12th graders through the performing arts; focusing on the following elements: understanding healthy vocal technique, learning choreography skills in varying genres, and promoting proper stage etiquette.

-Decatur Show Choir Complex will offer a unique experience of high-quality musical experiences and performance opportunities.

-Decatur Show Choir Complex seeks to engage ALL 5th-12th graders in the greater Decatur community through music regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, disability, economic background, or sexual orientation.

-Participants of Decatur Show Choir Complex will not only acquire skills in music education and performance, they will also learn how to work as a team, learn to be self-confident, follow through with commitment, and learn how to manage a personal schedule.

-Decatur Show Choir Complex offers the opportunity for students to build lifelong relationships with their peers and with others who share the same passion for performing across the country.

Financial Obligations:

(DO NOT LET THIS SCARE YOU, SEVERAL PARENTS HAVE RAISED THIS MONEY WITHOUT GOING IN THEIR OWN POCKETS):

DSCC is entirely self-supported! Students and parent/guardians are REQUIRED to fulfill all financial obligations. The DSCC Booster Club will provide a variety of fundraising activities for members to meet their financial goals. These funds will cover the costs of costumes, operating expenses, Director's salary, choreographers, music, and travel expenses throughout the year. If a member chooses or is asked to leave the group, all monies raised will be applied to the general fund. Former members are not entitled to any refund.

Each student's family is expected to raise funds in an amount calculated by the Booster Club's finance committee. The overall account goal for 2022-2023 will be determined after auditions by May 1st.

Ways to Earn Money for Your Account:

1. Bingo

Bingo is the largest and easiest fundraiser that we have, but other fundraisers will be offered. Each person working a FULL bingo shift will have a set amount put into your account, the amount will be determined by the DSCC board.

*The JUNIOR HIGH holds a bingo fundraiser every TUESDAY night at the Majestic Hall in Mt. Zion.

*The HIGH SCHOOL holds a bingo fundraiser every SATURDAY night at the Majestic Hall in Mt. Zion.

****YOU CAN WORK TUESDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHT (OR BOTH NIGHTS)!**

***PAYOUT AMOUNTS WILL BE SET BY THE BOARD FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON**

We are contractually responsible for staffing to efficiently run bingo for the 2022 - 2023 session. In order to staff bingo, every family NOT PAYING CASH is REQUIRED to work at least **TWO (2) bingo sessions per month**. A bingo shift can be worked by family, friends, or other show choir parents 18 years or older. If you fail to work bingo for the 2 required monthly session, it is mandated that you will give cash payments or earn money with other fundraisers to equal what you would have earned working bingo.

2. Cash Payments

Families choosing NOT to work Bingo, are REQUIRED to submit consistent **MONTHLY** cash payments toward their account. Cash payments should be submitted by the 5th calendar day of each month.

Rehearsals/Schedule:

Attendance and participation in all rehearsals is expected and required. Students must be prompt at all calls, including but not limited to rehearsals, clinics, dress rehearsals, loading/unloading of equipment, and performance calls. Time commitment includes but will not be limited to the following:

***Collective Sound (JUNIOR HIGH): Thursday (5pm-7pm)**

***Elite Energy (HIGH SCHOOL): Wednesday & Thursday (6-9pm)**

*Choreography Clinics

*Additional rehearsals as scheduled by the Director

*Public/community performances throughout the year

*Fall, Christmas, and Preview Show

*5-7 show choir competitions

*Premier Choice Show Choir Invitational

*Participation in fundraisers, by both student and parent/guardian

*Getting your child to and from rehearsals. The kids travel as a group to out-of-state competitions.

The Director will provide members with a detailed calendar outlining all show choir functions and events for 2022-2023. All students must inform the Director in advance of known absences. If a student is absent from a rehearsal without prior knowledge, they will have 24 hours from the end of the rehearsal for a parent/guardian to contact the Director.

Absences will be defined as excused or unexcused according to the Director's policy and guidelines. **ONLY personal illness (with doctor's note), death in the IMMEDIATE family, or ACADEMIC school related function will be considered excused absences. WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE!**

Show choir members who are involved in other school activities must IMMEDIATELY notify the Director of potential conflicts so these may be resolved. Students WILL NOT be excused for activities outside of school.

Parent Support:

Parent/guardians are expected to support the work of the booster club by being an involved parent.

Parental involvement includes but not limited to:

- *Participating in fundraisers. We are always looking for ways to earn money. New and inventive ways are welcome. Your willingness to head up a fundraiser is encouraged.
- *Attendance at booster club meetings is a necessary part of your commitment along with the financial obligation.
- * It is necessary for the parent/guardians to arrange for the student to get to every practice. Carpooling helps with this.
- *Assist with costumes, food for practices, keeping the complex clean, helping with hair/makeup, and costumes at competitions.

The DSCC board will work closely with any parent/guardian to resolve any transportation, financial, or academic issues that may arise. If your student WANTS to be in show choir, the board will work with your family to assist you in making that happen. Communication with the DSCC board and Director IS IMPORTANT!

Parent/guardians will provide a working phone number to the DSCC board for use of DSCC only. However, we will communicate primarily on our CLOSED Facebook page (Decatur Show Choir Complex) or via Elite Energy's website (eliteenergyshowchoir.com). You will need to request acceptance on the Facebook page and create a login for Elite Energy's website. Watch it closely, as we post about bingo openings, fundraisers, practice schedules, cancellations, upcoming events.