

Philosophy and Rules of *HeatWave* – Specific to 2017

Please read the rest of the document at <http://www.heatwave4hshowchoir.org/Announcements.htm>.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The primary source of information for members and parents is the *HeatWave* website: <http://www.heatwave4hshowchoir.org/Announcements.htm>.
- E-mail and the Facebook Group page *HeatWave 4-H Show Choir* at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/390135971033528/> will also be used for reminders and to distribute time-sensitive information.
- Members are expected to make all rehearsals and performances. Lisabeth Kasprzak, the Director, must be notified of any anticipated absences. To be excused, members are required to notify Lisabeth 24 hours prior to rehearsal or performance.
 - **Call or text Lisabeth Kasprzak at 608-352-1355 (preferred method).**
 - **You may also email 4h.heatwave@gmail.com or send a Facebook message.**
 - **For emergencies on the same day as rehearsal or performance, call or text Lisabeth at 608-352-1355.**
- Members are expected and encouraged to communicate with the Director and/or Coordinating Team concerning suggestions, complaints, or other difficulties. This may be done by phone, text, Facebook message, email, USPS mail, or other correspondence including the rehearsal "Suggestion Box". The Coordinating Team members for 2017 are Lisabeth Kasprzak, Daryl Hansen, and Dennis and Barb Francis.

REHEARSALS

- Wear comfortable clothing you can move in such as athletic clothing that "gives" and is suitable for dancing as well as meeting "4-H appropriate" expectations (for example...loose fitting t-shirts and sweatpants).
- Members should arrive by 9:45 to help with set up and to prepare themselves for rehearsal.
- All members are expected to participate in cleanup at the end of rehearsal and shows.
- Families are asked to sign up for specific dates to bring healthy snacks for the group.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

January	7, 14, 21, 28	10 AM to 4 PM	April	1, 8, 22, 29 (15 - no rehearsal)	10 AM to 4 PM
February	4, 11, 18, 25	10 AM to 4 PM	May	6, 13, 20	10 AM to 4 PM
March	4, 11, 18, 25	10 AM to 4 PM			

Dates are subject to last-minute changes.

You will be notified by phone, email, postcard, Facebook, and/or website announcement if changes occur.

Unless otherwise notified, all rehearsals will be held at First Lutheran Church (in the gymnasium), 612 N. Randall Ave., Janesville.

COSTUMES

- ✓ Members shall keep costumes in good condition and have them clean and pressed for all performances. **No wrinkled or soiled costumes will be allowed on stage.**
- ✓ Members shall keep costumes on hangers in a costume bag. Member names must be on bags. Names must be on all costume pieces. *Members must keep extra CLEAN socks and T-shirts, make-up, deodorant, etc., in bag.*
- ✓ Members shall wear a *HeatWave* T-shirt to and from all performances.
- ✓ Members must ALWAYS BRING all costume pieces to all performances. As the performance season approaches, please refer to the Member Announcement page of the website for a list of costume pieces to bring.

MEMBER EXPENSES

Members will be expected to provide (pay for) their own member T-shirt, socks/stockings, shoes, etc. The Prop/Costume Rental Fee covers costume, other costume parts, staging materials, music, and props. Prop/Costume Rental Fee will be \$150.00 and is non-refundable.

- Dance shoes cost around \$40.00 to \$95.00. Information on shoes will be discussed at rehearsals.
- One *HeatWave* t-shirt per member at a cost of about \$15.00.
- State Fair fees vary year to year but are close to \$150.00.
- Other miscellaneous fees may arise; members will be informed in advance of these situations.

IF ANY OF THESE EXPENSES PRESENTS A HARDSHIP, TALK TO THE COORDINATING TEAM.

Alternate payment arrangements will be considered. Some payments may be waived.

MONEY SHOULD NEVER BE THE REASON SOMEONE FEELS THE NEED TO QUIT HEATWAVE!!!

No matter what the financial contribution, all members are expected to be committed to *HeatWave* as a whole by participating in fundraising and other required duties throughout the season, such as set up/take down and cleanup.