

## **Chester Children's Chorus Reading Volunteer Program, Summer 2008**

This summer we will need 50 adult volunteers, both men and women, to read one-on-one with our 8- and 9-year old children. Reading takes place in Lang Music Building at Swarthmore College.

Our reading hour is 11 a.m. to noon.

We will need volunteers on the following days:

Week of June 23: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Week of June 30: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Week of July 7: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Week of July 14: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Week of July 21: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Opportunities are greatest for men and women who can be here every day for two weeks or more**, as this allows us to pair the volunteer with the same child every day. This extended commitment is educationally and emotionally helpful to the child; it also offers the volunteer the rewarding opportunity to develop a relationship with a child.

**We especially welcome male volunteers to read with our boys.**

The volunteer and child choose books together from our library of more than 300 titles. Volunteers are also welcome to bring books they know and love. Each adult-child pair finds a nook somewhere in Lang Music Building where they can read without interruption. We also have other literacy related materials, including a journal for each child and word and grammar games that children can play as a reward when they have finished the day's reading.

We ask our volunteers to be active in helping the children understand what they read and in expanding their vocabularies. Of course the reading should be fun, but it's easier to enjoy something you're good at! We have lots of tips about how to do this and encourage all volunteers to attend our:

**Reading Strategies Workshop  
Thursday, June 19, from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Lang Music Building**

This workshop will include opportunities for discussion and questions and will include an overview of our volunteer guidelines and policies.

**To volunteer, please download or print the form below, fill it out, and return it to us. Our mail and email addresses are on the form. We suggest you keep a duplicate as a reminder of the dates you've selected.**

If you have questions, please call the chorus office at 610-328-8180 or email us at [ccc@swarthmore.edu](mailto:ccc@swarthmore.edu). Volunteers will be paired with children in early June and will be contacted by June 10 with their reading schedules and children's names.

**Chester Children's Chorus – Summer 2008 Reading Volunteer Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if under 21) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Our reading hour will be from 11 a.m. to noon on the following days. Please check the days that you will be available.

Week of June 23: Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_\_\_

Week of June 30: Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_\_\_

Week of July 7: Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ (no Thurs)

Week of July 14: Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ (no Thurs)

Week of July 21: Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_\_\_

If you are uncertain of some days, please mark them with a question mark.

Please tell us of any special interest (Age of child, gifted reader, struggling reader, etc.)

Are you a teacher, reading specialist, or librarian?

**Please return to: Chester Children's Chorus, Dept. of Music & Dance, Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore, Pa. 19081, or [ccc@swarthmore.edu](mailto:ccc@swarthmore.edu).**