

Tomball Memorial High School Choir **Winter Park, CO Music Invitational**

The Tomball Memorial High School Choir Program has been invited to compete in the Winter Park Ski-Music Festival to be held on March 27-31, 2019.

In Winter Park, the students will participate in rehearsals leading up to competition, perform at said competition and attend the awards ceremony on each of the respective days. The choirs will be assessed by three nationally acclaimed adjudicators who will provide feedback and rating, as well as rank each choir according to best performance exhibited.

During the downtime, the students will attend the extensive Ski School, in which students must achieve certain benchmarks in order to be promoted to the next skill level. Once the instructors believe the student has achieved mastery of ski, they graduate to the next level. Students may snowboard if they already know how, otherwise they spend the entire trip learning to snowboard. It's always more difficult than they know.

There is also an optional 'Non-Skier' package that students and chaperones may choose, should they not feel inclined to participate in ski activities. Every non-skier has had just as much fun as the skiers!

As a director, this would be my 4th choir trip to Winter Park. I feel very secure taking students to the Winter Park Resort, which is self-contained and accessed only through a guarded security gate. I will have a meeting with all participants, parents and chaperones approx. 1 month prior to the trip to finalize details, policy and guidelines, attire and discuss precautionary measures to exercise leading up to and while at Winter Park.

Approximate Cost per student:

- A. Air Fare: \$500
- B. Ground Transportation once in Denver: \$200
- C. Lodging/Ski equipment/lift ticket package: \$575 (6 students per 2-bedroom Condo)
- D. Groceries/meals: \$ 75
- Approximate total cost prior to fund raising: \$1350.

Approximate cost per Chaperone is: \$1550, for those that don't want to fit 6 people to a 2-bedroom condo. Comfortable is 4 adults to a Condo. Cost for having your own condo: Astronomical.

All payments are to be made at www.tmhschoir.com on the 'Payments' tab.

Keep in mind, weather is always changing! It could be perfect, warmer than usual, or a blizzard. We always keep our fingers crossed! Whatever the weather, you know the kids will have a great time!