



Your First Visit!

We hope you enjoyed your first visit to our chorus. We will answer your questions and give you the tools you need to learn about the chorus and the art form of 4-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style.

Your Chorus Sister is: _____

Email: _____

Our Master Director, Kathy Scheel, is an experienced musical educator and under her leadership, you will learn vocal skills, lyrical musical expression, characterization, synchronized singing, rhythms, choreography, and showmanship. Kathy conducts fast-paced and dynamic rehearsals which always include lots of laughter and fun! We often don't realize how hard we're working because we are enjoying ourselves so much.

OSC chartered with our parent organization, Sweet Adelines International (SAI), on May 8, 2007; you can get an overview of SAI by logging onto www.sweetadelines.com. We value the opportunities this worldwide non-profit organization offers us in musical education and personal growth in a wide variety of areas. You can also see what's happening in our Pacific Shores Region 12 by logging on to www.sairegion12.org. Our region stretches from Salem, south to San Jose, east to Reno, and west to Hawaii!

You will get binder with copies of the music we're currently working on. When you make the decision to continue attending rehearsals and pursuing membership in the chorus, you may retain this binder for just \$10.00 (to cover the costs of materials). This is non-refundable.

OSC Website: How to Access – for Music, Videos, Information

The information you need is available on our website and you **MUST BE LOGGED ONTO THE GOOGLE ACCOUNT** in order to access the documents, music, learning tracks, etc.. Below are instructions on how to access the information available.

1. Go to our website: <http://www.oregonspirit.org>
2. Scroll to lower left screen and click on **OSC Member Site**.
3. Sign in with the following;
 - User name: guest@oregonspirit.org (no 'S' on the end of guest)
 - Password: [welcome2osc](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you already use a gmail account for your personal email, you will need to sign out and then sign back in as a guest. After you sign out (upper right corner of screen, tiny arrow under your name), choose **Add Account** and enter guest@oregonspirit.org. (Note: There is no "S" on the end of "guest".) The password is [welcome2osc](#) for the password. Then repeat steps 1-2-3 above.

Prospective Member Resources

1. Click on the tab, **Resources**, and click on **Prospective Member Resources**.
2. Many documents are made available in order to keep you well-informed. You can “read ahead” if you’d like, and then let us know what questions you may have. We want you to have the information needed to make an informed decision on joining OSC.
 - 01_Your First Visit
 - 02_Your First Month
 - 03_Finances & Time
 - 04_OSC Culture-Rehearsal Tips
 - 05_APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
 - About Sweet Adelines International
 - About Oregon Spirit Chorus
 - Song Priorities List
 - How to Learn a Song Quickly
 - OSC Culture / Rehearsals / Tips

Music Files– How to Download

1. Refer to the Song Priorities List
2. Log onto the website, OSC Members and click on the tab, **Music Library**.
3. Go to the **Current Music** folder which contains samples of our songs, learning tracks, performance recordings, sheet music, and word sheets.
4. Click on any folder to open and download it. The learning tracks are in **mp3** format and most have part-dominant recordings to aid you in learning songs. Sheet music is in PDF format.
5. You can also save recordings and sheet music on your computer into your own music folders by click on the downward arrow at the bottom left of your screen.
6. If you have problems with anything on the website, let your Chorus Sister know, or contact Janet.Owen@oregonspirit.org.

We hope you have a wonderful time! Please feel free to browse through our website for videos and more information about our chorus. We know that this chorus will provide you with a unique and exciting musical experience as well as friendships that will last a lifetime.

We will do our best to help you get settled in and become a member. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact one of the following people:

- Music Related: Kathy Scheel – kathy.scheel@oregonspirit.org
- Member Related: Lynne Rice – lynne.rice@oregonspirit.org

Oregon Spirit Chorus welcomes you!