



Welcome to Adagio Teen Orchestra and Choir.

Each group will be meeting at the Bingham Creek Library unless otherwise noted on the calendar below/on our GroupMe. We will have a Christmas recital and an end of year recital. You will be notified of the dates of these about three months in advance. The advanced orchestra and choir will have other opportunities to perform or give service with our performances throughout the year. These extra performances are not mandatory.

Have questions? Reach out to Jenelle at writejenelle@gmail.com or at 801-541-9829

Beginning Orchestra

Ages 9 and older

Meets for 45 minutes every week on Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 1:15pm

Price for one semester is \$160 if you pay by September 15th or \$45 if you pay monthly, due by the first. We will also do a group buy of shirts and you will reimburse Jenelle \$10 to cover the group buy. If you have a shirt from last year, you don't need a new one unless you want one.

This is an orchestra for players who are either new or would like a review of the basics and a chance to play in a group. This orchestra plays from a curriculum, and each player must bring their own copy of Strictly Strings Book 1 for whichever instrument they are playing. For our formal concerts, members will be expected to wear black dresses and black suits (no coat is fine). Students must bring their own instrument (violin, viola, cello, or upright bass) and their own stand.

Sign-Ups: <https://forms.gle/CWDEPgdkKkpZbLrH8>

Teen Choir

Ages 13 and older (turning 13 this calendar year)

Meets for 45 minutes every week on Wednesdays from 1:20pm to 2:05pm

Price for one semester is \$100 if you pay by September 15th or \$30 if you pay monthly, due by the first. We will also do a group buy of shirts and you will reimburse Jenelle \$10 to cover the group buy. If you have a shirt from last year, you don't need a new one unless you want one.

This choir is not designed to be vocal lessons, but a fun singing group where we have a blast learning songs, performing as a group, and studying how to read the music. Jenelle has been a music teacher for many, many years, but she is not a vocal coach. For our formal concerts, members will be expected to wear black dresses and black suits (no coat is fine). Teens might have the opportunity to play the piano for the choir if they wish.

Sign Ups: <https://forms.gle/ob9pYQunyM5cGFbK7>

Advanced/ Intermediate Orchestra

Ages 13 and older (turning 13 this calendar year)

Meets for every week on Wednesdays from 2:15 to 3:00pm

Price for one semester is \$175 if you pay by September 15th or \$49 if you pay monthly, due by the first. We will also do a group buy of shirts and you will reimburse Jenelle \$10 to cover the group buy. If you have a shirt from last year, you don't need a new one unless you want one.

Players must get permission to join this orchestra. For our formal concerts, members will be expected to wear black dresses and black suits (no coat is fine). Students must bring their own instrument (violin, viola, cello, or upright bass) and their own stand.

Sign Ups: <https://forms.gle/pmKsdxeB4yoTz5zL7>

About the conductor:

Jenelle has been an orchestra teacher in the public school system for many, many years, and a private music teacher for longer. She loves teaching different types of music classes and is the author of *CHANGING THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT PRIMARY MUSIC* from Cedar Fort Publishing. Jenelle can't garden to save her life and is partial to anything that involves cheesecake.

Policy:

We are keeping the cost low on this comparatively because we are handling this more like a group buy of materials (music, materials for giving a concert, party at the end of the year, etc.)

By registering for classes, parents agree to be one hundred percent responsible for their child's actions. Any damage caused to the facilities or another student or student's instrument will be the responsibility of the parents of the child who caused the damage. That being said, it is the

responsibility of each student to take care of their instruments. If they do something preventable (like leaving a violin on the floor and it gets stepped on), then the owner will be responsible. Normal wear and tear of instruments will be the responsibility of the owners. I have never broken a string before, but accidents do happen with tuning and possibly having to replace a string in normal wear and tear.

Students participate at their own risk. We expect students to be respectful and kind. Bullying or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and such actions will risk expulsion. Tuition is a group buy and is non-refundable at any point. Students will be issued a music folder at the beginning of the semester to be able to keep track of their music. Every copy they receive will need to be returned at the end of the semester. If they lose any piece, a fee of \$10 per piece of music lost or not returned in good condition will be assessed. No pen allowed on the sheet music, only light, erasable pencil. You are responsible for the upkeep and repair of your instrument. If an accident happens, it is up to you to maintain the instrument. I will go over safety rules and expectations of conduct at the beginning of the semester, but in the end only your student can protect their instrument.

Cancellations of class attendance must be made in writing and emailed to Jenelle at writejenelle (at) gmail.com.

FAQ:

1. If I join more than one group, do I need more than one shirt?

No

2. Will the kids in choir ever sing a swear word or the Lord's name in vain?

No

3. What instruments can play in the orchestra?

Violin, Viola, Cello, Upright Bass. If you play the harp and want to join, reach out to Jenelle at 801-541-9829

4. My student plays one of those instruments really well, but they are younger than 13. Can they join the teen classes anyway?

Sorry, no. Students who play really well can join the beginning orchestra for an opportunity to play in a group and play the harder parts/pieces.

5. Why should my student learn an instrument?

Not only is reading music a helpful activity, but it also can be a sometimes fun, sometimes calming experience. As a musician, I have been invited to do performances, tours, get scholarships, etc.

6. What do I need to bring to orchestra?

Your instrument, a rock stop for Cellists, a shoulder rest for violinists and violists, a stand, and either your music book or the music you are issued. You will also need rosin for your bow.

7. Where is a good place to get an instrument?

Summerhays or Charles Liu Fine Violins. Summerhays is great for student instruments, Charles Liu is where you go for more advanced craftsmanship.

Calendar:

First Semester

September

2- Class at Riverton Library.
9- Class at Bingham Creek
16-Class at Bingham Creek.
23- Class at Bingham Creek
30- TBD

October

7- Class at Bingham Creek
14- Class
21- Class
28-Class.

November

4-Class

11-Veterans Day Service Performance for teen classes. Beginning Orchestra may participate, or may be cancelled. More info to come.

18-Class

25-No classes- Thanksgiving Break

December (Service Project to be scheduled soon)

2- Class

9- Class

15- tentative end of semester concert

16- End of Semester Party