

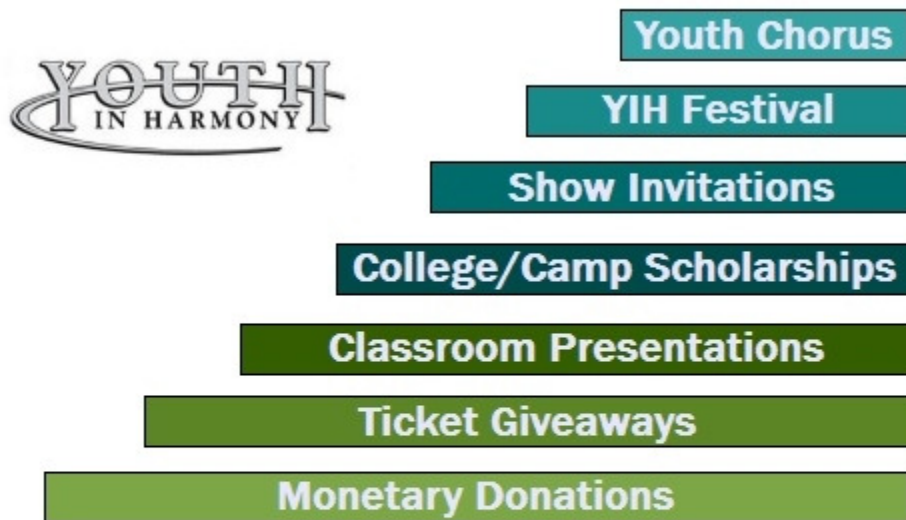
YIH – A New Way to Get Started!

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The year is in full swing now as everyone is in the Spring Show and Division Contest spirit. But, this is also the perfect time of year to get involved with YIH and your LOL district committee would like to show you a bunch of ways to get involved. For example, this is the time of year that High Schools are having their spring concerts. It might mean a lot to the Music Educator if you found them after the concert, gave them a business card, and told them how much you enjoyed it. Don't tell them anything else, just that you enjoyed it. Then, you can contact them a couple weeks later with information about your chorus and what you would like to do to help their music program.

The Seven Tiers

The Seven Tiers Graphic below shows the many ways a chapter can get involved with YIH in addition to seeing a local performance. The bottom of the pyramid shows activities that involve little effort or planning, while the top of the pyramid shows activities that require more planning. This graphic will be added to the YIH portion of the district website (under the directory tab) with greater detail on each step in the pyramid. Until that gets updated, feel free to contact me by email (frustratedinternetuser@hotmail.com or yihdir@loldistrict.com) or phone (920-410-4564) to get more information about each item.



7 Tiers of Youth-In-Harmony Activities

Land'o'Lakes District YIH Committee

Also, be sure to check on the YIH website space for news of chapter YIH events around our district as well as a quarterly newsletter my committee will be putting together.

Communication and YIH Activity

I would like to remind all the chapters out there that I would love to hear about your YIH programs, even if you have got nothing working right now. Big congratulations go out to all the chapters that had YIH festivals in the first part of this year already! This includes (but is not limited to) Polk County – St. Croix (100 girls, 24guys), Racine (33 guys), Windom (72 guys), and Willmar (60 guys). Also, “SNAP!” made a presentation in a High School to a group of students. That gives us 5 chapters and one quartet involving at least 289 students/educators. Below is a quote that shows how much of an impact these types of events can have...

“My son, Gaelan Hanlon, had a wonderful experience participating in the “Youth in Harmony Festival” this past Saturday. I just wanted to express my personal thanks for the time and efforts that you all put in to introduce Barbershop music to young people and support and encourage them in their participation. Learning and singing with you has and will continue to be a real highlight in Gaelan’s high school experience. And, from what I can tell, I think he is “hooked” for life. Thank you again!”

- Pastor Amy Hessel, Bethany Lutheran Church

Keep up the good work and we will soon have 1000 students involved in barbershop this year! That’s great!

PLEASE, send me an email telling me about your recent YIH activity (or lack of YIH activity)! It doesn’t have to be much; I just want to know what we are doing out there.

Thanks to everyone!

-Joshua