

HOPE OF AMERICA 2023!



Dear Parents,

This year we have the amazing opportunity to join with more than 7,000 students from nearly 100 schools in the **HOPE OF AMERICA Student Showcase!** This incredible program, featuring songs of hope, patriotism, and service, will be presented on Tuesday, May 9th; Wednesday, May 10th; and Thursday, May 11th at the BYU Marriott Center. Our school's students will be performing on the evening of _____ at 7:30 p.m.

Hope of America is an unforgettable evening event! It supports the learning we do during the year in song - covering our nation's history, documents such as the Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence, and important rights and responsibilities of our citizenry. The students wear red, white, blue, or yellow *Hope of America* tee shirts. They sit in the shape and colors of the American flag, framed by students in yellow. You'll love this short clip <https://youtu.be/xEb3eG08Xs0> which gives you a glimpse into our show.

There's a \$10.00 fee for each participating student to be paid online. This provides your child with access to a download of the music and a link to the professional recording of the performance & their group photo. It also includes your child's tee shirt, which will be worn at the performance. A portion goes toward the facility, production costs, and the event personnel, who help the evening's program to run smoothly.

The cost for participation in *Hope of America* has been ten dollars since 1995. This is such a memory-making experience that we want ALL boys and girls to be able to participate, regardless of their family's financial situation. A donation to sponsor another student is a wonderful way to help ensure that ALL children get this opportunity. If you're in a position to help support another child, please consider a donation on the website. Conversely, if the \$10 fee is a challenge for your family, let your teacher know. They will connect you to resources which can help with the fee.

Registration and the download of materials are done digitally from the *Hope of America* website. **Registration opens December 5th and closes on February 28th.** Go to <https://hopeofamerica.org> and follow the prompts. If you have trouble, talk with your child's teacher or email a volunteer on the Hope of America team at hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org.

The May 2023 event plus parking at the Marriott Center will be FREE. Final performance details will be sent to you when the date gets closer.

HOPE OF AMERICA PERMISSION SLIP

By completing this form you grant permission for your child's image to be photographed, recorded, and used in any broadcast or promotion, by America's Freedom Festival or any other media in the filmed production.

Be aware, the Hope of America evening performance will begin with a prayer. Each night someone from a different religious organization will be invited to offer an opening prayer.

In the highly unlikely event that we need to cancel the Hope of America performance at the Marriott Center, we will hold the event at an alternate site and keep you posted as plans are made. We will not refund money for the tee shirt, as students will wear their shirt at the alternate venue.

Parents, please complete and return this form ASAP to your child's teacher. Thank you.



STUDENT _____ TEACHER _____

- YES**, my child will perform in the *Hope of America* Chorus. **I will register or I have registered online at <https://hopeofamerica.org>.**
- YES**, I would like my child to perform in the *Hope of America* Chorus, and I'm interested in more information on assistance with the \$10 registration fee.
- Shirt size for my child** (CIRCLE ONE - youth or adult):
 - Youth S - Youth M - Youth L - Youth XL
 - Adult S - Adult M - Adult L - Adult XL
- Optional: I'm interested in being a chaperone for my child's class. I'm available for the 10:00 AM rehearsal AND the evening performance. I will sit with and participate with the group by singing the songs and doing the actions.
- NO**, my child will not perform.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____