

## • 2023 • HOPE OF AMERICA • TIMELINE FOR TEACHERS •

### SEPTEMBER

- Hope of America performance dates announced
  - Tuesday, May 9 (with a Monday, May 8th morning rehearsal)
  - Wednesday, May 10th (no bus service to rehearsal for Alpine School District)
  - Thursday, May 11th
- Welcome email sent - Return google form for your school's preferences and contact information ASAP
  - Send your teachers' names/contact information
  - Indicate preference of performance date/other notes
  - Optional: request informational meeting with HOA team

### OCTOBER

- End of October: Confirmation of performance date returned to teachers
- Lead teacher orders bus(es) for May's 10 a.m. rehearsal at BYU Marriott Center. Some schools make a day of it and visit a BYU museum, local park, or other site on the way back to school

### DECEMBER

- Promotional email for parents about Hope of America provided for teachers to use
- December 5th: Student online registration window open thru February 28.
  - Your team will choose when to send this out within this window
  - \$10/child - contact HOA Team at [hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org](mailto:hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org) if there are students needing assistance
- Download and distribute permission slip to parents, keep returned forms on file

### JANUARY

- Many schools begin weekly practice when students return from winter break
- Download lyrics sheet from Freedom Festival website
- Check on your stock of American flags. If you are new, or if you need to order additional, get your 8" x 12" flags ordered. Here is one possible site for ordering flags <http://www.united-states-flag.com/us-stick-flag-8x12-standard-wood-stick-with-spear-tip.html>

### FEBRUARY

- By now, you should be practicing songs and actions in your classrooms
- This is your month to push for student registrations before the March 1st deadline
- Order tee shirts for your students, volunteers/teachers, deadline March 1st
- Gather and file permission slips as they are returned. You will need these in May

## **MARCH**

- March 1<sup>st</sup>, Deadline for registration and ordering T-shirts!

## **APRIL**

- **MANDATORY FINAL MEETING** at Maeser Preparatory Academy **date TBA**
- T-shirt pickup, exit plan and flag placement, final instructions, final parent information

## **MAY 9, 10, 11**

- **1 to 1 ½ hour AM dress rehearsal at the Marriott Center** will begin at 10:00AM sharp.
  - Students and volunteers wear Hope of America shirt, bring flashlight and sunglasses
  - Teachers bring flags (one per performer), and collect them at the end of the rehearsal for the evening performance. Also remember your school sign.
  - Exit the rehearsal through your assigned portal. Proceed to your assigned meeting place/patio outside. Have your students look around. Explain that they will exit this same way tonight
- **All students arrive at 6:15 PM**, transported by their parent.
  - Teachers, arrive by 6:15! Your students panic when they don't see you.
  - All performers (including volunteers/teachers) wear their Hope of America t-shirt, dark pants and bring flashlight and sunglasses
  - Teachers, remember to bring permission slips, students' American flags, and your school signs.
  - If students arrive after 7:15, they will not be able to sit in the flag.
  - Follow exit instructions. Be patient with those ahead of you! Exit through your assigned portal as you practiced in the morning.
- Event photos and video of the performance will be available for download from the website. Instructions will be given after the performance night.

**THIS TIMELINE IS A BROAD OVERVIEW FOR YOUR PLANNING**

**More detailed information will be sent as each important date nears.**

**QUESTIONS? Contact our Hope of America team at**

**[hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org](mailto:hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org)**

*We are so excited to be working with you this year!*

• *Shannon Moedl* • *Deborah Reed* • *Talia Strong* • *Lynn Teuscher* •