**HOPE OF AMERICA TIMELINE FOR TEACHERS**

**OCTOBER**

* Hope of America performance date announced
	+ Tuesday, April 15 rehearsal, 10:00 a.m. at the SLC Tabernacle
	+ Each school or group registers on our HOA website their intent to participate
	+ Optional: request informational meeting with the HOA team
* Set list announced. Teachers may start teaching songs at any time. Recordings, videos, and lyrics pages to be found on our HOA website
* We challenge schools to teach at least one song per month in the fall, or four songs by winter recess.
	+ We suggest In America’s History and The Bill of Rights (September Constitution Month) or Thank You Military (November Veterans’ Day)
* Download lyrics sheet from Hope of America website. Start with video instruction, transition to practicing with audio recordings only

**NOVEMBER -**

* Lead teacher orders bus(es) for April's **10:00 a.m.** rehearsal at Salt Lake Tabernacle.  Request a 9:30 arrival or as early as your transportation department is able to get you to the Tabernacle, knowing that we’ll begin our 75 minute rehearsal promptly at 10:00.  Rehearsal will end at about 11:30, allowing time to practice the exit from the arena and meeting outside on the patios.  Some schools make a day of it and visit a museum, local park, or other site on the way back to school.  Schedule tours or visits early as there’s much interest on these dates.

**DECEMBER**

* Promotional email for parents about Hope of America provided for teachers to use
* Practice challenge: Do your students know at least four HOA songs with actions?

**JANUARY**

* January is your month to double down and really focus on teaching HOA songs.
* January 6th:  10-week online registration window for students is open thru March 17th.
	+ Your school will choose when to kick off your school’s registration within this window
	+ $10/child - contact HOA team at hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org if students need assistance
* Permission slips will be tracked digitally on our website. No need for paper copies for students registering online.
* Check your stock of American flags. If you’re new, or if you need to order additional, get your 8” x 12” flags ordered. They can easily be purchased in bulk online.

**FEBRUARY**

* Continue working to teach HOA songs and actions, and get students registered. Get students excited about our May event.

**MARCH**

* March 3rd  - start checking your class’s progress on registration. Begin making follow-up contact to parents as needed, to get your students registered by mid-month
* Continue practicing and perfecting songs and actions. It’s time to work on memorization of lyrics.
* Buses should be ordered, flags inventoried from last year or purchased
* March 17th – all student registrations from your class are finalized, teacher/chaperone tees are ordered
* March 20th – Our composite tee shirt order for tees gets turned in to our vendor and we start work on assigning schools’ flag placements.
* Students should be weaned off of videos with lyrics and should be practicing using audio recordings only. Looking for a challenge? Minus tracks are available in the Additional Resources section under Teacher Resources.

**APRIL**

* **Date TBA - MANDATORY FINAL MEETING for all lead teachers.  We will finalize and announce this date by Jan 2025.**
* T-shirt pickup, receive exit plan and flag placement, final instructions, final parent information – one teacher per school MUST attend.

**APRIL 15th**

* **1 ½ hour AM dress rehearsal at the Salt Lake Tabernacle**will begin at 10:00 AM sharp!

·        Students and teachers/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.

·        Rehearsal will last about 75 minutes (11:30) followed by us practicing our exit from the arena

·        Exit the rehearsal by your assigned route. Proceed to your chosen meeting place on the patio outside. Have your students look around.  Explain that they will exit and report to this same spot tonight.

* **All students return to the Salt Lake Tabernacle by 6:15 PM**, transported by their parent.

·        Teachers, arrive by 6:00!  Your students panic when they don’t see you.

·        All performers (including volunteers/teachers) return wearing their Hope of America t-shirt, and dark pants. They bring a flashlight and sunglasses.

·        Teachers, remember to bring students’ American flags, and your school signs.

·        If students arrive after 6:50, they will not be able to sit with your class 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 after the performance night.

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

**Detailed information will be sent as each important date nears.**

**QUESTIONS?  Contact our Hope of America team at****hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org**

***We’re excited to work with you this year!  •  Susan Alldridge   •  Dalane England  •***