

CENTRAL COAST CHORAL FESTIVAL  
**Thursday April 23rd and Friday April 24th, 2026**  
Performing Arts Center, Cal Poly Campus  
Sponsored by San Luis Obispo Vocal Arts Ensemble

The Central Coast Choral Festival was established over 46 years ago to provide an opportunity to come together for the sharing of the choral arts. It is a way to reinforce what we've been teaching our students in daily rehearsals. It also gives your singers a chance to do their very best in front of the other schools. In short, the CCC Festival is a great motivator.

The festival will be graded in each of the 8 sessions. Each director should decide which session will best serve the needs of his/her students. The Novice Session is for entry level and beginning groups. The Intermediate and advanced Sessions are for more experienced singers. We are being very strict about limiting each high school session to 7 choirs so we do not run over our allotted time, although middle school sessions may have 8 choirs.

NOTE: Although we are still allowing high school choirs to register for the 1:00 pm session, we remind directors that it is a middle school session.

We will no longer record onto CDs as many directors no longer have CD players. Your performance will be recorded in sound files with the judge's comments, as well as a sound file recorded from the overhead microphones without comments. These sound files will be emailed to you as soon as possible after the Festival has finished.

**The fee for the Spring Choral Festival is \$400 per choir. The fee is NON-REFUNDABLE, however, if your choir can no longer attend, the fee can be rolled over to next year's choral festival. Payments are due by February 2026.**

Each choir will be given a 7-10 minute warm-up time immediately before their performance time. You will have a 12 - 15 minute time slot to get on the risers, sing, and retire to the audience to watch the other choirs. Please be aware that the adjudicators will want some time between each piece, so please plan on performing only three pieces. It is mandatory for all choirs to be in attendance for the entire session. If you can't do this, please come another year when you are able to stay for the entire session. At the end of the session, your adjudication packet and music will be given to you as you exit the building.

**We register choirs in order of applications received. The demand for places in the festival is high, so we know the slots will fill quickly, please turn in your application as soon as possible. Applications are due no later January 2026. Your spot will be saved without payment, as payment isn't due until February.**

San Luis Obispo County is a great place to take your choir for a mini tour. Have the students sing, then take them to a local beach for a celebratory party and BBQ. Some directors take their choirs to the [Morro Bay](#) Embarcadero or take in the Thursday night [Farmers Market in downtown SLO](#). While you are here you could tour [Hearst Castle](#), which is always popular and educational. Step into our historic [Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa](#) with its wonderful acoustics - a great place to sing informally. North of us in [San Miguel](#), [Mission San Miguel](#) is now reopened after undergoing earthquake retrofit and is also a wonderful place to sing.

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Directors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principles Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of choir (To be printed in Program): \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Number of Singers: \_\_\_\_\_

Age range of singers in Choir: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your first and second choice for session times**

**April 23rd 2026 Sessions:**

Session 1: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Elementary / Intermediate / Middle / Junior High / Novice High

Session 2: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Elementary / Intermediate / Middle / Junior high / Novice high

Session 3: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM- Intermediate / Advanced High School Choirs

Session 4: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM - Intermediate / Advanced High School Choirs

**April 24th, 2026 Sessions:**

Session 5: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Elementary / Intermediate / Middle / Junior high / Novice High

Session 6: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM- Elementary / Intermediate / Middle / Junior high / Novice high

Session 7: 3:30PM to 5:30 PM- Intermediate / Advanced High School Choirs

Session 8: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM - Intermediate / Advanced High School Choirs

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