

**• 2023-24 • HOPE OF AMERICA •**

**TIMELINE FOR TEACHERS**

**SEPTEMBER**

* Hope of America performance dates announced
	+ Tuesday, May 7 (with a Monday, May 6th morning rehearsal)
	+ Wednesday, May 8th (Alpine buses for Orem-area schools only)
	+ Thursday, May 9th
* Teachers may start teaching songs at any time. Recordings, videos, and lyrics pages can be found on our HOA website

**OCTOBER**

* October:
	+ Each school or group registers on our HOA website their intent to participate
	+ Indicate preference of performance date/ provide other notes
	+ Optional: request informational meeting with HOA team
* Early November: Confirmation of performance date returned to teachers
* Lead teacher orders bus(es) for May’s 10 a.m. rehearsal at BYU Marriott Center.  Request a 9:30 arrival or as early as your transportation department is able to get you to BYU, knowing that we’ll start promptly at 10.  Some schools make a day of it and visit a BYU museum, local park, or other site on the way back to school. Schedule BYU campus tours/visits early, as there’s a lot of interest on HOA dates.

**DECEMBER**

* Promotional email for parents about Hope of America available to teachers
* January 8th:  Student online registration window open thru February 28.
	+ Your team will choose when to send parent note out within this window
	+ $10/child - contact HOA Team at hopeofamerica@freedomfestival.org if there are students needing financial assistance
* Permission slips will be tracked digitally on our website. No need for paper copies this year.

**JANUARY**

* If your school has not already begun weekly practice, you will do so immediately after students return from winter break
* Download lyrics sheet from Hope of America website
* Check on your stock of American flags. If you’re 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**

* All groups continue practicing songs and actions in classrooms
* This is your month to push for student registrations before the March 1st deadline
* Be sure to order tee shirts for your volunteers/teachers, deadline March 1st

**MARCH**

* March 1st, Deadline for registration and ordering T-shirts!

**APRIL**

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

**MAY 6, 8, & 9**

* **1 ½ hour AM dress rehearsal at the Marriott Center** will begin at 10:00 AM 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 to bring your school sign.
* Exit the rehearsal through your assigned portal. Proceed to your assigned meeting place/patio outside. Have your students get their bearings.  Explain that they will exit this same way tonight
* **All students arrive to the Marriott between 6:00 and 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 students’ American flags, and your school signs.
* If students arrive after 7:15, they may not be able to sit with your class in the flag.
* Follow exit instructions.  Move quickly, but 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 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 be working with you this year!***

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