

Peninsula Youth Orchestra

And

Sinfonia

2009-2010 Guidelines for Members

***Auditions:** All wind, brass and percussion players (including former members) must audition for membership and chair placement in the PYO. All new string players audition for membership and chair placement in the PYO or Sinfonia. Returning PYO string players and Sinfonia members audition for chair placement. All seating assignments are based on ensemble balance, both within sections and by stand.

Conditions of Membership: The Peninsula Youth Orchestra and the Sinfonia are full-year commitments. By accepting membership, each PYO member agrees to:

- Attend all regularly scheduled rehearsals
- Attend all scheduled performances and dress rehearsals
- Practice PYO music at least 15 to 20 minutes, at least 5 days per week
- Conduct him/herself in a professional manner at all PYO & Sinfonia functions

Membership Fee: A membership fee of \$225.00 per student is required. Families that have more than one child participating in the PYO and/or Sinfonia may pay \$225.00 for the first child and \$200.00 for each additional child. All fees are nonrefundable and cover the entire nine month season.

PLEASE NOTE: No player will be excluded from participation in the PYO or Sinfonia for financial reasons. If financial assistance is needed, potential members MUST contact the PYO orchestra manager for further information. Extended payment plans can also be arranged.

Parents' Group: A parents' group has been established to organize, recruit and lead parents and friends of the PYO and Sinfonia who wish to help with fundraising or other PYO activities. Parental involvement is always welcome.

Fundraisers: The PYO is a non-profit organization, which receives its support from outside funding and donations from the community. In addition, the PYO will sponsor fundraising activities each year. Each member family is asked to participate in these activities.