

Chapter Resource Guide



2014-2015

Activities/Events from around the State:

- Workshops:
 - Topics that span the whole field of music education with guest clinicians and presenters from universities and schools around both the state and country.
 - Topics may include: Bullying, Suicide Prevention, edTPA, Music Technology, Adjudication, Publishing, Teacher Panel (New and Old), Instrument Repair and much more!
- Master classes:
 - Many times universities will bring in guest conductors for a short residency. If this is the case have your chapter jump on the opportunity. Many of these noted names would love to present a workshop for such aspiring young educators.
- Volunteer:
 - Find programs in your community that you believe your chapter would be a good fit for helping out with. These programs can be music related or not music related.

- Music Events: Volunteer at a BOA or WGI event in your area. Assist during district solo and ensemble or honors band function. Also research to see if any community or school concerts might need help in regards to ushering or marketing.
- Non-music Events: Salvation Army, OCMEA Fashion Show (collect food items and donate), Big Brothers Big Sisters,
- Social Events:
 - Pizza Party, Potluck, BBQ, Christmas/Holiday Party, School of Music Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Caroling, Karaoke Night
- Professional Development:
 - Many chapters across the state have come together and organized trips not only to OCMEA and OMEA events but others as well! Consider organizing a trip to the Conn-Selmer Institute, NAFME National Convention, Local Orff Chapter meetings, ACDA convention or even the Mid-West Band Conference.
- Instrumental Petting Zoo:
 - Partner with area elementary schools to acquaint the students with musical instruments at a young age to get them excited about the opportunity to join an ensemble later in life.
- Teacher Appreciation Week:
 - Organize a lunch or dinner for the department professors or even area schoolteachers. This is a great opportunity for your chapter to let them know how much the hard work and effort they put forth is appreciated.
- Autumn Festival:
 - The autumn fundraiser is a great way to get both the campus and community together. The event can feature anything from concerts (major ensembles, chamber ensembles, solos, duets, acapella, etc), games, face painting, fashion show, instrument petting zoo, food and so much more!

Ways to Advocate from around the State:

- Music in Our Schools Month:

- Take part in the Share Your Story Campaign. This can be centralized to the university or spread through the community as well to highlight the benefits of a musical education and to thank the many great music teachers there are.
- Advocacy and Public Relations Committee:
 - By incorporating an Advocacy or Public Relations committee not only will more members become involved but your organization will be able to become more active in advocating for the importance of music education.
- Take the Initiative:
 - Don't be afraid to work outside the bubble and have your chapter research for more ways to effectively advocate for music education.
- Adopt a Tri-M Chapter:
 - There has been a strong push to build Tri-M chapters around the state and this is a great way to get younger students more involved in the advocacy efforts for something they are passionate about. By adopting a Tri-M chapter students will also gain better insight on what it is like to study and perform music outside high school encouraging students to stick with their craft long after graduation.
- Local School Outreaches:
 - Reaching out to area elementary, middle and high schools is another great way to advocate. Not only will your membership gain valuable teaching experience but also this is another way to share what the power of music can do for a person. Reaching out and volunteering in this capacity is one way to give back to area music programs that may be facing budgetary issues and lack the necessary resources to make their program grow to the fullest potential.
- Musical Fun Facts:
 - Have your chapter collaborate a list of musical facts that can be cut out and posted around campus to highlight the impacts of music. These facts can be based upon studies that have been done or be facts related to musical history (classical to pop culture). *Share this idea with area schools as well!*
- “Music Makes Me _____”
 - To add on to the musical fun facts above, make posters as well! One chapter in the state had their chapter get together and create handmade posters that were hung throughout campus that read: “Music makes me _____.” The goal was to have students handwrite what music made them feel as they passed the posters.

- Cultivate Music Intern positions at area schools:
 - A music intern position could be built at an area school that is seeking assistance in any way, shape or form. This position could take part in a mentorship manner, someone who assists with sectionals, or even assists with logistical duties. No matter duties assigned the experience will be worthwhile for the future.
 - Students who partake in this experience could in turn write about their experience conducting studies and accumulating data along the way for academic credit.

Effective Fundraising ideas from around the State:

- Cleaning university sporting fields after games:
 - Many universities have found that the Athletics department will pay student organizations a set amount for cleaning sporting stadiums.
- Area Restaurants:
 - Check in with local restaurants to see if there is a way a fundraiser can be set up so that a portion of sales may go towards your chapter's activities. Many chapters have found Five Guys, Insomnia Cookies, Buffalo Wild Wings, CiCi's pizza, Orange Leaf and several others to be the most successful.
- Candy and Coffee for the department:
 - An easy fundraiser for many faculty members to take part includes setting up a box of candy where a monetary donation can be made in the copy room. Likewise, coffee can be done in the same manner. Several chapters have purchased a Keurig and have charged one dollar per K-cup.
- Music Department Apparel:
 - Have your chapter hold a T-shirt design contest for a department apparel sale! This is a great and profitable fundraiser and will allow your chapter and student body to represent the program well in style.
- Christmas Ornaments:
 - There are great Christmas ornament decorating sites on the internet today! Have your chapter create several designs and make it into a fun fundraiser for families, students and faculty all around campus.
 - *Make sure everything is cleared through university licensing!*
- Chili Cook-off:

- Chili Cook-off can be entitled something fun and creative and be ran several ways. The chapter can split into groups, professors can be on teams, or the contest can take place amongst various ensembles. The possibilities are endless for this event and all who participate will have a full stomach at the end!
- Bake Sale:
 - Though bake sales take a lot of preparation and planning they are a classic fundraising option that typically raise a good amount of money.
- Spaghetti Dinner:
 - If you chapter is planning to bring in a guest artist, speaker, or clinician a Spaghetti Dinner is a great fundraising idea. Not only will you generate the necessary funds but also your chapter will grow closer together.
- Button Sale:
 - One fundraising option is to have your chapter purchase a button making kit. Have your chapter pre make inserts that read: “Music makes me _____.” Have the person buying the button fill in what music makes them. This in turn becomes music advocacy!

Thank you to all chapters that participated in making the first annual chapter resource guide a success.

Spread the word as we hope to have 100% participation in the coming years!