

# What is the Club Plan?

## The Club Plan

Although the club program is written with children's choirs in mind, Patch the Pirate Club is easily adaptable to a variety of teaching situations. Church and Christian school choirs, Sunday schools, church time programs, and home schools have used this curriculum since its inception in 1984.

## Daily Duties

Each day the sailors, captain, and co-captains complete the daily devotional assignment found in the *Sailor's Log*. Rehearsing the monthly song and Scripture memory is also helpful.

## Weekly Meetings

The weekly club meeting can be completed in 45-60 minutes. The following is a suggested schedule for using Patch Club materials in your children's choir program. This schedule can be adapted according to the children's ages and the instructor's allotted time. We recommend changing the order of events to add variety and to increase anticipation. A beautiful four-color attendance chart and devotional record is available for sailor check-in at the weekly club meeting.

### Schedule for a Weekly Meeting

- Attendance
- Opening Exercises
- Awards Presentation  
(first week of every month)
- Rehearsal Time
- Games and Activities
- Music Lesson
- Story
- Fun Page
- Lesson Application
- Closing Exercises

## Monthly Ministry

After four weekly meetings, the sailors have the privilege of performing the monthly song. Several sailors present the speaking parts; the group recites the monthly Scripture memory; and then the choir sings.

Some churches provide a performance time during a Sunday service, while others find it more convenient to have a Wednesday night presentation. In a school setting, the chapel hour seems to work best. Home educators usually perform at a monthly gathering with other home schoolers or as a community outreach in a nursing home, hospital, or day-care facility.

A thirty-minute pre-performance rehearsal should be scheduled. This rehearsal allows time for taking attendance and rehearsing with the choir.

## Special Awards

Sailors may earn monthly award pins and yearly awards. Four-color Patch the Pirate Certificates are available to present to sailors along with the monthly award pins and yearly awards. An alternate Award Certificate is available online at [www.majestymusic.com](http://www.majestymusic.com) and may be duplicated for use in the club. Specifics regarding the awards are included in the section entitled "Uniform and Awards."

## Seasonal Concerts

These concerts can be scheduled throughout the club year. This is another means of allowing the sailors to minister through performance. For specific information about special concerts, see the following page.