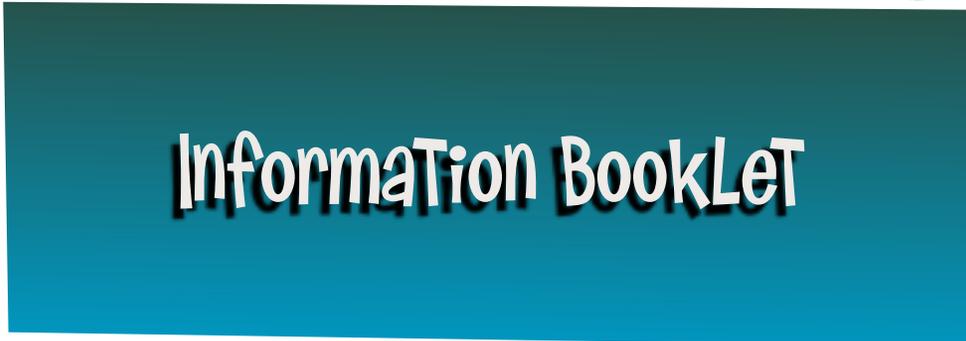
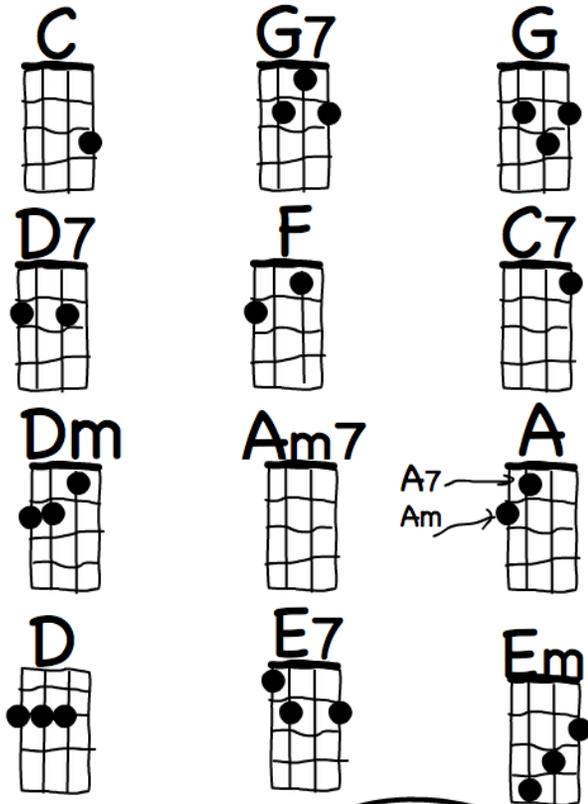


Q: What chords should I know?

A: You can start attending HUG meetings knowing no chords (sit next to someone who seems to know what they're doing and ask questions!)

However, the 14 chords shown below are a great starting place and are the basis for about 90% of the songs we play.



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: When does HUG meet?

A: We meet on the 1st Monday, 2nd Tuesday, and 3rd Thursday of every month at the Arcata Community Center from 5:30-7:30pm. We also meet there on the 4th Thursday from 11:30-1:30pm.

Q: What does it cost to participate?

A: We are a "drop in activity" with Arcata Parks and Recreation so there is a \$3 fee per meeting. You can also purchase 10 meetings for \$20. Please sign the waiver at each meeting. None of that money goes to HUG. We appreciate a \$1 donation for HUG expenses.

Q: What do I need to start?

A: A willingness to learn! You do not need to know how to play, read music or even own a ukulele. We have ukuleles you can borrow until you're ready to purchase your own.

Q: I really don't know anything. Are you sure I can join?

A: Absolutely! The first 30 minutes of every meeting is devoted to beginner songs with only a few chords and every regular member is more than happy to help you learn, just ask. We believe music making is for everyone; you are absolutely good enough.

Q: Where are your songbooks?

A: All the music we play is stored on Google Drive. You can find a link to the Drive our online sites or at HUGSongs.weebly.com

Q: What are your online sites?

A: Our main website is www.humboldtukulelegroup.org and we have an active Facebook group as well. (search for Humboldt Ukulele Group on Facebook and ask to join)

Q: I am ready to purchase a ukulele. Where should I get one?

A: It is great if you can try different instruments to find the size and style you like best. Mantova's Two Street Music in Old Town Eureka has the largest selection and offers a discount to HUG members but you'll have to ask: "Do you offer a discount to Humboldt Ukulele Group Members?"

Q: There are different sizes of ukuleles?

A: Yes, ukuleles come in three sizes that are tuned GCEA. The soprano size is the smallest, then the concert and finally the tenor size. Try each and see which fits you the best.

Q: Does HUG perform in the community?

A: Yes, we perform at the McKinleyville Timber Ridge Assisted Living Center, the Bayside Community Center, Senior Resource Center and other venues.

Q: Should I use a strap?

A: Many players use a strap but it is not required. Beginners often find the strap helps since there is one less thing to think about. We can install a strap on your ukulele and have many low cost straps available for sale.

Q: What about a tuner?

A: The most popular tuner for the ukulele is the "Snark" tuner and it is available in music stores and online for around \$12.

Q: Can you recommend a ukulele instructor?

A: Beginners can take lessons from DeAnna Sanders. Ask her at any meeting for more information about this.