



Elementary School and Middle School Summer Music Camps

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: My son/daughter is currently in 5th grade. Should I register him/her for the Elementary School Summer Music Camp or the Middle School Summer Music Camp?

A: Current 5th graders should register for the Elementary School Summer Music Camp. The Elementary School Camp is intended for students currently in grades 3 through 5.

Q: My son/daughter is currently in 8th grade. Should I register him/her for the Middle School Summer Music Camp or the High School Summer Music Institute?

A: Current 8th graders should register for the Middle School Summer Music Camp. The Middle School Camp is intended for students currently in grades 6 through 8. The High School Summer Music Institute is intended for students who have completed at least one year of high school.

Q: During the school year I rent my son/daughter's band or orchestra instrument. Does my son/daughter need to bring their own instrument to camp?

A: Yes, students must provide their own instrument for camp. Woodwind, brass, and string players should bring their instrument as well as any necessary supplies (valve oil, bow rosin, etc.). Percussionists should bring their own sticks and mallets (large percussion instruments will be supplied by the University).

Q: My son/daughter plays more than one instrument (e.g. cello and flute). How should I list this on the application?

A: You should choose one instrument on which your son/daughter will perform throughout camp (for all large ensemble and small ensemble rehearsals/performances). On the application you should list the instrument on which you feel your son/daughter would most benefit from the time spent at camp.

Q: What time should my son/daughter be dropped off and picked up each day?

A: Parents and students should arrive for registration between 8am and 8:30am on Monday morning (registration will be followed by a parent/student meeting at 8:55am). Students should be dropped off Tuesday through Friday at 8:50am (rehearsals begin at 9am). Students should be picked up at 12pm Monday through Thursday- **please note that the University cannot be responsible for students remaining on campus more than 15 minutes beyond the end of rehearsal.** Parents who plan to remain on campus throughout the morning are welcome to attend the daily faculty recitals (10:15am-10:45am). Parents should arrive for the Finale Concert between 12pm and 12:15pm on Friday afternoon- the concert will begin at 12:30pm and conclude around 2pm.

Q: My son/daughter attended last year's EL/MS camps. How do I take advantage of the referral discount?

A: If your child attended last year's camps, you will receive a referral form along with this year's Summer Music Camp invitation letter and application. Please write your child's name in the "referred by" section of the form, then pass the referral form along to a parent who might be interested in our programs. If that parent registers their child (who must be new to our summer camps) for this year's camp, you will receive a \$15 credit toward your child's camp tuition. We can only offer one referral credit per student, for a maximum referral discount of \$15 (in addition to any Early Registration Discount). Referral forms, applications, and deposits from new students must be received by the Early Registration deadline.

Q: Are scholarships available for the Elementary School and Middle School Summer Music Camps?

A: Unfortunately, we are not able to offer any scholarships for the Elementary School or Middle School Summer Music Camps. Please take advantage of our Early Registration Discount- the early registration deadline is posted on our summer camp website.

Q: My son/daughter is trying to decide between the choral track and one of the instrumental tracks (band/strings). Can he/she sing in the choir and play in the concert band/string orchestra?

A: Due to the nature of our rehearsal schedule, students must choose either a choral track **or** one of the instrumental tracks (band/strings). Students will benefit most from focusing on one track throughout the week.

Please contact us at (610) 436-2921 or summermusiccamps@wcupa.edu if you have any further questions.