CAMP ESSENTIALS

Your experience at the FSU Summer Music Camps will go far beyond studying notes on a page. It is an opportunity to try new things, gain independence and confidence, and to take advantage of new opportunities that will help you grow as an individual as well as a musician.

PEOPLE

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Day counselors are with the campers while they attend classes during the day. These counselors are primarily undergraduate College of Music students and are a great resource for campers that want to know more about what it’s like to be a student at FSU. Day Counselors are available to assist with anything the campers need, from forgotten items and finding classrooms, to pep-talks and snacks. Day counselors are stationed at the Help Desk in the Housewright Music Building and at Satellite Help Desks throughout the other classroom buildings.

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DAY COUNSELORS

Dr. Steven Kelly, Camp Director
Professor of Music Education
Florida State University

Dr. Mark A. Belfast Jr., Assistant Camp Director
Assistant Professor of Music Education
Southeastern University

Ryan V. Scherber, Assistant Camp Director
Assistant Professor of Music Education
Case Western Reserve University

Our administrative team is a dedicated group of FSU staff, students, and alumni.

DIRECTOR and ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

Read The Directors' Biographies Online

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CAMP OFFICES

There is a dorm office located on the 2nd floor of Southgate which is staffed by our counselors 24-hours/day. Campers will come to the office to sign-up for activities, pick-up packages, purchase items from the camp store, or to get assistance from a counselor.

There is a Help Desk in the lobby of the Housewright Music Building. Day counselors will be available for assistance at this location from 7:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday, when camp classes are in session.

Our Administration Office is located in the Kuersteiner Music Building Room 214. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm when camps are in session. Off-season hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

CAMP STORE

A camp store will be set up in the dorm office to sell snacks, beverages, and other miscellaneous items such as laundry detergent, toothpaste and other items that may have been forgotten. This store accepts cash only. For snacks and beverages in the music buildings, there are vending machines which accept debit cards or cash.
Classes and rehearsals take place in the FSU College of Music buildings: Kuersteiner Music Building, Housewright Music Building, Kellogg Building, and Westcott. We utilize all of the College of Music performance spaces including Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, Opperman Music Hall, Dohnanyi Recital Hall, and Longmire Recital Hall.

DORM

All campers stay in a privately-owned dorm called the Southgate Campus Centre located at 675 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

The building is staffed with a 24-hour security desk in the main lobby. Each room is 220 sq. feet and will house four (4) students. Male and female rooms are separated by floor. Each room has its own bathroom and will contain two sets of bunk beds, two wardrobes for storage, one overhead ceiling light, a shower curtain, and toilet paper. Please don't expect any bells or whistles! After all, this is camp. These rooms are certainly a step up from a cabin in the woods!

The dorm has laundry facilities available. The machines use a laundry card which can be purchased from the camp office. There is time during the two-week camps to do laundry on the weekend. The average cost of a load of laundry (washing & drying) is $2.00.

DINING HALL & MEALS

The dining hall is located on the first floor of the dorm. It provides cafeteria style dining that includes a hot entrée, salad bar, and beverage station with each meal. A sandwich bar is added at lunch, and a dessert station and cereal bar are available at most meals.

Three meals per day are included for overnight-campers starting with dinner on check-in day. You will receive your meal card at dorm check-in. Please keep this meal card in a safe place (we suggest tucked into the back of your name tag). There is a fee for lost meal cards. If you lose your meal card please see a counselor in the 2nd floor dorm office for a replacement.

There is no meal plan included for day-campers. Day-campers may choose to bring their own lunch with them or to purchase meal tickets for the dining hall. Meal tickets are $5.00/meal and can be purchased at the dining hall. Campers who bring their lunch can eat at tables in the Southgate Campus Center lobby or in a designated area at the College of Music. Beverages are available to purchase at the camp help desk and at the camp store, as well as vending machines in the College of Music.

Due to food safety regulations, no outside food or drink (including snacks and food from your dorm room) is permitted in the cafeteria.

The dining hall has limited capability to accommodate special dietary concerns. Though they will certainly try to help where possible, the extent to which they can provide special meals can only be determined on a case-by-case basis. Our camp office can answer general questions regarding dietary concerns. If arrangements are being made for special meals due to allergies, you will meet with the dining hall director at camp check-in to go over the process for getting your allergen free meals.

LOST AND FOUND

We maintain a lost and found at the Help Desk and the Dorm Office. Any items left/lost at camp can be returned at the families expense via the UPS store on campus. The following is the process for items from lost and found:

1. Contact our office at 850-644-9934 or email us at musiccamps@fsu.edu with a specific detail and description of the item(s).
2. We will contact you as quickly as possible about whether the item was in the lost and found or not. If we have found the item(s) you can choose to have it shipped back to you.
3. Once you confirm that you want the item shipped we will bring it over to the UPS Store. ONCE WE HAVE DELIVERED IT TO THE STORE WE WILL CONTACT YOU.
4. After you are notified that the item is at the UPS store you will need to call them at (850) 561-9180. You will need to be prepared to pay with a credit card over the phone and can decide with the UPS representative your preferred method of shipping. It is up to you to ensure the item is actually shipped; the camps are not responsible for any item once it is dropped off with UPS.

Any lost/found items not claimed by JULY 20 will be discarded or donated.
Activities will be scheduled for each evening and will include concerts, rehearsals, and activities such as sports, movie nights, ice cream socials, and more. All activities are supervised by our camp staff. Tentative activity schedules are located in this handbook. Campers will be provided with a final activity schedule approximately two-weeks prior to camp check-in.

Recreation activities take place both on and off-campus. For activities that take place off-campus, campers will be transported using an accredited bus company.

Though there will always be a free activity offered each evening, some optional recreation activities will be offered at an additional fee, approximately $7.00-$15.00. Campers wishing to participate in one of the optional activities that have a fee will sign-up and pay for the activity, with cash, at the Camp Office in Southgate during lunch time.

EXERCISE & SPORTS
We can not make accommodations for campers to workout or practice other sports while at camp. There is not enough time in the campers schedule, and we do not have access to fitness or sports facilities. Campers who wish to exercise by running may do so only if there is a counselor to go running with them during their free time.

COMPUTERS & CLASSWORK
The dorm does not offer internet service. There is limited access to the Internet available for students who are enrolled in an academic course. Arrangements can be made in advance and campers must bring their own laptop. Access will be provided on evenings when the campers schedule permits. Use the Special Service Request Form (part of your supplemental forms) to request computer access for classwork.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES FOR TWO-WEEK CAMPS
Band Camp for Senior High, String Orchestra Camp, and Honors Chamber Winds:
Camp will continue over the weekend of June 30 - July 1. There will be a required rehearsal of all large ensembles on Saturday morning and then all campers will attend the band concert at 10:00am. The afternoon will be devoted to organized recreation activities and in the evening there will be a dance with a DJ. On Sunday morning, students will be able to sleep in, do laundry, etc. The afternoon will be devoted to recreation activities and will end with our annual variety show!

Camp continues as regularly scheduled on July 4th and all campers are required to attend classes.

Piano Institute:
Camp will continue during the weekend of June 16th and 17th. On Saturday and Sunday there will be practice time and a concert in the morning, followed by recreation activities in the afternoons and evenings. Campers will also be able to sleep in, do laundry, etc.

All Two-Week Camps:
Campers who wish to attend church on Sunday at our two-week camps may do so as long as there is a counselor available to go with them. Though counselors will do their best to take the camper(s) to their preferred denomination, the church selected may be based on how many campers wish to go and how many counselors are available to take them. Campers should let their counselors know early in the week if they would like to attend church so that arrangements can be made.