



St. Olaf Music Camp – No Surprises!

Our goal is to make St. Olaf Summer Music Camp fun for everyone and eliminating some surprises will make your camp experience more fun. So, read on, save this information, and then don't forget to read it again before you leave for camp!

ARRIVAL

You may check in anytime between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. in Christiansen Hall of Music (CHM). Go directly to CHM but leave your bags in the car because after you check in you will drive to the dorm and move into your room. You can bring in your instrument, though - at check-in you will get a packet of materials that will contain your class schedule, instrument locker and more. Camp counselors will be wearing easily-identifiable camp t-shirt and they will be stationed in key places in CHM and in your dorm – don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask for directions or help!

AUDITIONS

Auditions are in Christiansen Hall of Music (CHM). Camp staff will be at a desk near the front door. They will have all your audition information – including a place for you to warm up. Audition times will be sent to you in early June. Auditions are tightly scheduled so please be on time. If you need to schedule a different audition time, please call as soon as you can. If you are running late, please go to your audition first and then check in and get your other materials. Auditions are for placement and, in the case of woodwinds and percussion, admission to the orchestra. Prepare a piece that you know well and that illustrates the breadth of your talent. Please don't get anxious about the audition!!

CAMPUS POLICIES

Please read through the campus policies on the accompanying document. These rules are to help ensure the safety and comfort of all guests on campus. Breaking rules could mean an early trip home.

CARS

Campers who drive to campus will need a temporary permit to park your car on campus while you are at camp. Please be sure to get this permit at camp registration. We will keep your car keys locked up until camp is over. Campers are not allowed to leave the campus during camp without **written** permission from a parent.

CLOTHES

This is camp – so casual wear is IN. Weather can range from cool to hot, sunny to soaking. Check the forecast (www.weather.com) and pack accordingly. The only "good" clothes you will need are your performance outfit – black bottoms and white tops – no shorts. The music building is air-conditioned, but the final performance in Skoglund is not – expect that to be warm.

FEES

Your camp fee must be paid by May 15. Once you are here, there will be NO additional fees for anything. If you didn't sign up for the optional private lessons, extra housing, the shuttle, family housing, the CD, or lunch tickets when you registered, you can always make arrangements to add those by calling the conference office at 800-726-6523 or 507-786-3042 or by emailing us at summer@stolaf.edu.

INTERNET

Public computers are available so you can keep in touch with friends and family, though free time is limited. No need to bring your own computer (see section on valuables below).

INSURANCE

Please insure your instrument, and put your name on EVERYTHING, including your music!

LOCKERS

Lockers with combination locks will be provided for your instrument.

MEDICATIONS

Please let us know if you are taking prescription medications. If you like, medications can be kept with the senior counselor. Refrigeration is available.

MONEY

You will not need to buy anything at camp. However, most campers like to bring spending money to buy snacks, pizzas, a college t-shirt, etc. The college bookstore will be open Monday through Friday. We also have a small supply of instrument "parts" for sale in the event you need a replacement reed or strings.

PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS

All the information you need to know is in the Camp Policy and Contact Information sheet in this packet.

ROOMMATES

You will be housed with your preferred roommate only if you both have requested each other. If you have not requested a specific roommate, you will be assigned a roommate of the same gender and as close to your age as possible.

STUFF TO BRING FOR LESSONS, REHEARSALS, AND RECITALS

Bring your own instrument if possible. Some instruments can be supplied by St. Olaf (tubas, string bass, percussion, etc.) If you didn't already indicate on the registration form that you need us to provide an instrument, please call us as soon as possible. Percussionists must bring their own sticks; we'll have the rest. Others should remember to bring reeds, strings, mutes, rosin, several pencils, and your emergency repair kit. Some items are available for sale here, but it is better not to take any chances. Don't bring a music stand – we have plenty. Bring the music you are currently studying! Your private lessons will be more meaningful if you work on a piece you are already familiar with. **PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING!!!** Again, performance dress is black and white.

OTHER STUFF TO BRING

We'll provide a pillow, blanket, sheets, pillowcase, towel and washcloth. You may wish to bring: your own pillow - a reading lamp - a small fan - an alarm clock – your teddy bear...

TRANSPORTATION

If you are arriving by air you will need to make arrangements for the camp shuttle from the airport. If you live outside of Minnesota and have yet to receive a form, you can find the form on-line at www.stolaf.edu/camps/musiccamp. The shuttle driver meets campers at baggage claim and stays with them until we have collected everyone scheduled for that shuttle. Everyone who needs to take the shuttle service must make advance reservations! **We cannot guarantee a ride for you if you do not contact us in advance.**

VALUABLES

Please do not bring valuables (besides your instrument) to camp!! A good rule of thumb is don't bring anything you can't bear to have broken or lost. If you *really* care about it – leave it at home. The senior counselor can keep important items in a locked room for you – please consider having him/her hold your return air ticket while you are here.

VISITORS

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend recitals each evening. Visitors to camp should check in at the camp office in the music building – visitors will not be admitted to the residence hall. Please notify your son or daughter in advance if you plan a visit.

CLOSING EVENTS

A tentative schedule for our closing performances will be available at check in but at that point we won't know in which ensemble(s) student will be participating. Expect performances to be Friday evening between 6:30 and 9:00, and all day on Saturday. Visit our website at www.stolaf.edu/camps/musiccamp for performance times. The website will be updated as information becomes available during camp week.

Our last day of camp will include a number of small ensemble performances that are open for families to attend. We invite everyone to join us for lunch – tickets will be required for all but the camper. After lunch there will be time to pack up your belongings and get dressed for the final performance featuring the three major ensembles. The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will last about 1½ hours. Most campers will load their things into vehicles before the performance and leave as soon as it is over. Shuttles to the airport will depart immediately following the concert.

FINAL THOUGHTS: We love Summer Music Camp – and we want you to love it too, so be sure to call us if you have questions about anything!! Office: 800-726-6523 or 507-786-3042