



2017 Camp Guide

MIDDLE SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA

Description of Camp

The Middle School String Orchestra Camp is open to graduates of grades 6, 7 or 8. Exemplary specialists in middle school orchestral music conduct the two orchestras. The program includes sectionals, master classes, supervised practice, and optional private lessons. Students who have completed the 8th grade may register for the Middle School or High School String Orchestra Camp. Whatever the level of proficiency, all LMC campers find new challenges and opportunities that will enhance their abilities as musicians!

The camp culminates with a required student performance in Bates Recital Hall.

Typical Daily Schedule

Residential campers are awoken by counselors. Everyone eats breakfast as a group and then walks to the Butler School of Music together. All campers spend mornings in rehearsals and/or sectionals (by orchestra). All campers are escorted by counselors back to the dorm for lunch. Lunch breaks are organized by band.

The afternoon is spent in master classes and rehearsals. Master classes expose students to important repertoire and instrumental techniques unique to their instrument. Students work on basics of tone production, articulation, and ensemble performance. Elective Class choices may vary depending on the camper's assigned ensemble, master class, and sectional schedule. Classes meet each day and provide students an opportunity to take an in-depth look at a subject.

Each day, all campers have afternoon recreation time. Students are allowed to choose from a list of supervised activities (such as Texas Union Underground arcade and bowling; campers interested in the Texas Union Underground should bring cash--admission is approximately \$8 for bowling and billiards; the arcade is coin-operated. The Texas Memorial Museum also charges \$5 for entry).

Day-campers depart after recreation time, and residential campers eat dinner in the dorm as a group. Evening recreation is always a camp-wide activity. Past activities have included movie night, game night, attending a Chamber Concert, Water Olympics, and a talent show. Friday night is the banquet and dance at the Texas Union Ballroom. After evening recreation, campers go back to the dorm for a floor meeting and time to shower, call home, and go to sleep.

Audition Information

Campers will audition at the Butler School of Music on Sunday afternoon. In order to eliminate long lines at audition rooms, audition times will be assigned. We are unable to accept audition time requests. Campers will be informed of their audition time by e-mail 2-3 days prior to the start of the respective camp and must audition at their assigned time. The audition process will begin at 2:00 p.m. and should end by 4:30 p.m.

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to assigned audition time to allow time for parking, warming up, and finding room. Audition rooms are posted in the music building and counselors will be on hand to assist. The Orchestra Room (MBE 2.118) will serve as a warm-up room.

Specialists on each instrument will hear each camper's individual audition. Based on this audition, each camper will be placed in the ensemble best suited for his/her playing ability. Please remember that all of our campers are outstanding musicians and are often the top players from their schools. Audition results are carefully tabulated and checked by camp staff. Band assignments will not be altered after posting. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the 6:00 p.m. camp meeting and parents will be notified via e-mail soon thereafter. Campers are encouraged to contact their parents with their band placement.

Audition music has been selected to make a critical judgment of the camper's current ability. The camper should be adequately prepared to play his/her best. It is not necessary to memorize any of the audition music. Audition music will be available for download at <http://lmc.music.utexas.edu> when registration opens.

Arrival Day

The dorm will open for check-in at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. If your child has an early audition time, please report to the Butler School of Music first to audition; then proceed to the dorm. If your child has a late audition time, you may check-in at the dorm (starting at 1:00 p.m.) prior to coming to the Butler School of Music. The Jester East Residence Hall is located at **201 E 21st St, Austin, TX 78705**.

To see a map, visit <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/parking/garages/index.php> and click "Brazos Garage" (the closest garage available). Please follow all posted parking regulations.

The Butler School of Music is located at **2406 Robert Dedman Drive**, near the corner of Robert Dedman and Dean Keeton. You may park along Dean Keeton and walk over or in the San Jacinto Parking Garage (a fee applies).

To see a map, visit <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/mrh.html>. All street and surface level parking on campus now requires a permit at all times. Please follow all posted parking regulations.

While students audition, parents should wait in the hospitality room MBE 2.114 (Longhorn Band Hall), where you may visit with camp staff, pick up camper information (locker combination, maps, etc.),

purchase additional BBQ lunches, and enjoy refreshments. After auditioning, campers should put their instruments in their lockers.

If you have checked in at the dorm prior to auditioning, please take your child back to his/her room at the dorm to meet up with counselor. Once camper is settled in his/her room, you may depart from campus.

Day-campers will report to the Recital Studio (MRH 2.608) to meet with their counselor immediately following their audition (or by 4:20 p.m. at the latest).

Schedule for Commuter Campers

On Sunday, day-campers will report to the Butler School of Music at their individual audition time. Following auditions on Sunday, day-campers will gather in the Music Building, until the 4:30 p.m. meeting with their counselor. Sunday evening pickup time is 8:45 p.m. at the Music Building. Day-campers must attend the rehearsal on Sunday night.

Monday–Friday, day-campers should arrive at the Butler School of Music (drop-off point is along Trinity Street at the Sabretooth Tiger Statue in front of the Texas Memorial Museum) by 8:15 a.m. In case of rain, enter and remain near the west doors of the Music Building, which is across the street from the Texas Memorial Museum. Campers must check in with their counselor upon arrival and departure. Parents will be called if camper is absent at drop-off or pick-up time. Parents are asked to remain with camper until counselor is present at 8:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday, day-campers will depart campus from Jester at 5:30 p.m. The Friday evening pickup time is 10:15 P.M. at Jester. Day-campers electing not to attend the Friday banquet may be picked up at the Jester at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, day-campers should check in at the Butler School of Music 20 minutes prior to warm up and rehearsal of their ensemble.

Camp Concerts

All camps culminate with a student performance in Bates Recital Hall. All performances are free and open to the public. All campers must participate in the final performance.

A live webcast of the performance is available at: <http://www.music.utexas.edu/calendar> (click on the June 17 listing).

Tentative Concert Schedule for Saturday, June 17

Middle School Concert String Orchestra	10:00 a.m.
Middle School Philharmonic String Orchestra	10:30 a.m.

Dorm Checkout Schedule for Saturday, June 17

Middle School Concert String Orchestra	8:30 a.m.
Middle School Philharmonic String Orchestra	9:00 a.m.

All campers must check out of their rooms Saturday morning (with a counselor inspection) prior to the final concerts. Parents may pick up their camper at check-out (collecting their belonging at that time) and drive to the Butler School of Music in time for their warm-up. Parents may also elect to meet their camper after his/her concert and return to Jester East to pick up the camper's luggage. Campers may store their luggage, if necessary, in a secured area at Jester until the end of the camper's concert. Luggage must be removed from the storage area within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the final concert of the day.

Please refer to the 2017 Longhorn Music Camp Handbook for additional general camp information.