Description of Camp

The Middle School Saxophone Academy is designed to accommodate musicians ranging from the most talented and proficient to the less experienced, with a minimum of one year of training on the saxophone. It is open to graduates of grades 6, 7 or 8. Our outstanding saxophone faculty lead the students in a range of exciting activities including large saxophone ensemble, chamber music and saxophone electives.

Instruction includes rehearsals, sectionals, master classes, supervised practice, and saxophone specific electives. Whatever the level of proficiency, all LMC campers will find new challenges and opportunities that will enhance their abilities as musicians!

The camp culminates with a required student performance.

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 electives and chamber ensembles. All campers are escorted by counselors back to the dorm for lunch.

The afternoon is spent in master classes, rehearsals and/or sectionals. Master classes expose students to important repertoire and instrumental techniques unique to the saxophone. Students work on basics of tone production, breath support, articulation, and ensemble performance.

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 UT Longhorn Summer Band 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.
Arrival Day

Residential campers should check-in at Jester East Residence Hall at 12:00–1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, having already eaten lunch. 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. There is a 1:30 p.m. meeting with the counselors in the dorm, at which time parents are asked to depart. Campers will then walk to Jessen auditorium as a group.

Day-campers should eat lunch before arriving at Jessen Auditorium in Homer Rainey Hall at 1:00 p.m. Jessen Auditorium is located at 200 W 21st St, Austin, TX 78712. Parking for Jessen Auditorium is available at Dobie Mall Garage, located at 2005 Whitis Ave., (across the street from the venue) and metered parking is available on Guadalupe St. and University Ave.

To see a map, visit https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/fasweb/parking/nlogon/garages/ or https://parking.utexas.edu/maps/visitors. All street and surface level parking on campus now requires a permit at all times. Please follow all posted parking regulations.

Schedule for Commuter Campers

On Monday, June 11, day-campers should arrive at Jessen Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. having already eaten lunch. For the rest of the week (Tuesday – Friday), day-campers should arrive at Jessen Auditorium at 8:15 a.m. They must check in with their counselor upon arrival and departure. Monday through Thursday, day-campers will depart campus from Jester Residence Hall (201 E 21st St, Austin, TX 78705) at 5:30 p.m.

Friday departure time is 2:00 pm following the final concert. Friday 2:00 p.m. pick-up location is the Butler School of Music (2406 Robert Dedman Drive).

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.

Tentative Concert Schedule for Friday, June 15
Middle School Saxophone Academy 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Dorm Checkout Schedule for Friday, June 15
Middle School Saxophone Academy 11:00 a.m.
Campers will check out of their dorm rooms with their counselors on Friday (last day of camp) at 11:00 a.m. Parents may pick up their camper at check out (and collect their belonging at that time of check-out) and drive the camper to the Butler School of Music in time for their warm-up. Any luggage not picked up by parents will be securely transported to the Music Building during the morning on Friday. Parents will be able to collect their child’s luggage at the Music Building following the final camp concert.

Please refer to the 2018 Longhorn Music Camp Handbook for additional general camp information.