Belmont University
Summer Winds Band Camp
Camp Handbook

June 11-17, 2023

Belmont Summer Winds Band Camp
1900 Belmont Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37212
GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE
The Belmont Summer Winds Band Camp is a unique summer camp event for high school students entering grades 9-12. Camp students are under the artistic guidance of the outstanding Belmont University instrumental and ensemble faculty. The goal of the camp is to provide music education opportunities in diverse styles, enhancing student growth in public school music programs in and outside the state of Tennessee.

COVID STATEMENT AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
Belmont’s Health Services team remains in close contact with local and state health officials and continues to follow guidance issued by the CDC and the American College Health Association (ACHA). Prior to arriving at camp, all participants should observe CDC safety protocol and avoid situations in which COVID exposure is likely.

- Participants must be symptom-free upon arrival.
- It is strongly recommended that all participants are vaccinated/boosted prior to attending camp.
- A participant experiencing COVID symptoms (Fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste and smell) must alert camp staff.
- Students will be isolated until a parent or guardian can arrange for pickup. Belmont does not offer COVID testing or treatment for campers.
- Any students experiencing close contact with a suspected COVID case during camp will need to closely monitored and alert camp staff if experiencing symptoms.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Students will be involved in large ensemble rehearsals and master class lessons on their instrument. Master classes are taught by the Belmont University applied wind and percussion faculty, and each student receives personal attention from the instructors. Students are under careful supervision by camp counselors during all activities.

The general daily schedule is as follows:

8:00AM  Arrival
8:30 AM  Sectionals
9:45 AM  Ensemble Rehearsal
12:00 PM  Lunch
1:00 PM  Master Classes
3:00 PM  Afternoon activities (jazz band rehearses during this time)

A campus map can be found here: https://www.belmont.edu/campus-map/campus-tour.html
HOUSING AND MEALS
Lunch will be provided each day in the Harrington Place Dining Hall. Any dietary restrictions should be disclosed in the final registration portal. Residential participants will be housed with two per room within similar age ranges.

ELIGIBILITY
The camp is open to all woodwind, brass, and percussion students who will enter grades 9-12 in the Fall semester. Seniors who have completed their final high school year are also eligible if they are entering as a Belmont student in the fall. Students must have had prior experience on their instrument and demonstrate an acceptable level of performance ability suited for a week of intensive study.

CAMP FACULTY AND STAFF
The camp features the outstanding faculty of the Belmont University School of Music. Counseling staff includes Belmont University students and professional teachers who will be present at all times to assist campers.

ENSEMBLES AND AUDITIONS
Each student will be asked to audition for chair placement in advance of the camp. Participants must submit a video chair-placement audition at the link below:

https://forms.gle/j6166te1i98Jske18

Woodwinds and Brass:
- Concert B flat and F major scales at least one octave.
- Two short excerpts of your choice (at least 30 seconds each) featuring technical and lyrical playing. You may choose a solo, etude, or excerpts from a band piece that you have played.

Percussion:
- Select an excerpt of your choice for snare drum and keyboard (marimba or xylophone) that demonstrates your skill. Play 30 seconds on each instrument. You may choose a solo, etude, or excerpts from a band piece.

Instructions:
- Record yourself with the camera framed directly at you from the front.
- State your first and last name and proceed to play the material in one take.
- Upload the video to Youtube, Dropbox, or Google Drive. Make sure that the video is viewable by anyone with the URL. You may delete the file after the first day of camp.
- Chair placements will be announced Friday before the start of the camp.

REFUND POLICY
Cancelations must be made at least two weeks prior to the first day of camp for a full refund. Cancelations made under two weeks will be eligible for a refund of tuition only (minus $100 deposit). No refunds will be granted on or after Wednesday during camp week.
GENERAL CAMP REGULATIONS AND BEHAVIORAL POLICIES

- Participants will conduct themselves professionally at all times and will adhere to the rules and regulations of Belmont University. Basic rules of conduct will be presented during our opening meeting on Sunday, June 11.
- Campers are expected to wear appropriate clothing for rehearsals and classes.
- All campers are expected to respect the rights and property of others. Bullying or harassment will not be permitted (either in person or via social media).
- Smoking is prohibited on campus.
- Failure to observe guidelines will result in early dismissal from the camp with no refund of tuition and fees.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

MUSICAL EQUIPMENT
1. Your personal instrument(s).
2. Percussionists must bring their own sticks and mallets.
3. Brass players should bring mutes.
4. Accessories and supplies such as reeds and valve oil. We do not provide these items.
5. You MUST bring a pencil to all rehearsals and master classes.
6. Storage rooms will be provided for all instruments during lunch.
7. A music folder will be provided to you at no cost.
8. A pillow and bedding for an XL twin mattress.
9. Comfortable clothes for the week (no laundry service is available)
10. Money for snacks and souvenirs.
11. Water bottle
12. Necessary medications (must be able to self-administer)
13. Phone and charger (other electronics are not recommended)

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Daily Drop Off and Pick Up
All campers will be dropped off each day at McAfee Hall (28 on map). Pickup locations for commuters may vary and will be announced during the week.

CHECK-IN TIME
- All campers will check in on site in the lobby of Potter Hall (11 on map) beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 12. Students will receive a name tag and instructions for the afternoon.
- Arrival time Monday through Friday is 8:00 am.
- Please note that registration and payment must be complete upon check-in.
- Visitor parking is available in either the Curb Garage (22 on map) or parking lots adjacent to Massey Performing Arts Center.

MEDICAL CARE
Campers must be able to administer their own prescription medications which must be declared in the registration portal. Counseling staff will not be responsible for administering medication. Walk-in clinic care is
not available on campus during the camp. In the event of severe illness or emergency, the parent will be contacted, and the participant will be taken to the hospital of choice indicated on the registration form. All medical charges (emergency room, laboratories, x-ray facilities, etc.) are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

LEAVING CAMPUS/EARLY DEPARTURE/EMERGENCIES
Upon check-in each day, participants will not be allowed to leave campus unless prior arrangements have been made. We understand that emergencies may warrant students to depart early. In the event of an emergency during regular daytime hours, please call the camp office at (615) 460–6024.

FINAL CONCERT
Final performances will take place in McAfee Concert Hall (2100 Belmont Blvd.) on Saturday, June 18 according to the schedule below:
9:30   Woodwind Chamber Music Performances
10:15  Brass and Percussion Chamber Music Performances
11:00  Jazz Ensemble
11:30  Wind Ensemble

Dress for the performances:
- Men – dress shirt, tie, and slacks (coat is optional)
- Women – blouse and dress pants/skirt, or a dress

All parents and family members are welcome to attend and seat themselves according to their comfort level. Parking for the final concert is available in the new South Parking Garage directly behind McAfee Concert Hall. Please consult the campus map for specific location.

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Thank you for your participation in the Summer Winds Band Camp!