



## WSU Cougar Summer Music Camp Handbook

Welcome to a week of music, friendship, and fun! We are excited for you to join us at the WSU Cougar Summer Music Camp, where you will grow as a musician, make lasting friendships and immerse yourself in the world of music. This handbook contains lots of information about our camp, including the schedule, recommended items to bring, guidelines, and expectations. IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP –PLEASE WAIT TO HEAR OF YOUR STATUS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO REGISTER AND/OR PAY.

### Camp Overview:

Every camper will work with outstanding Washington State University faculty members to enhance their musical skills, explore new musical styles, and collaborate with peers and instructors in a supportive and inspiring environment. This camp focuses on building playing fundamentals through private lessons, master classes, lectures, seminars, and performance opportunities. Students will also explore other areas of interest such as music theory, rock and roll history, jazz improvisation, conducting, and more. There will be lots of down time for evening activities and fun!

**Dates: June 21-27, 2026**

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### Important Dates and Times

Dorm Camper Check-In: Sunday, June 21, 2026, 2-5 PM, Gannon-Goldsworthy Dormitory

- Orientation for All Campers: 7 PM, Sunday, Kimbrough Concert Hall
- Final Concert: Saturday June 27, 2026, 10 AM Bryan Hall Theatre
- Dorm Camper Check-Out: Saturday, June 27, 2025, from 1-3 PM, Gannon-Goldsworthy Dormitory

### Sample Daily Schedule:

**8:45 - 10:15 AM - Crimson Period Selection**

**10:15 - 10:30 AM - Break**

**10:30 - 12:00 NOON - Gray Period Selection**

**12:00 - 1:30 PM - Lunch**

**1:45 - 2:45 PM - Elective Period Selection**

**2:50 - 4:00 PM - Crimson Period Selection**

**4:10 - 5:20 PM - Gray Period Selection**

**5:30 PM - Dinner**

**6:45 PM - Evening Activities**

**Approximately 10:00 PM - Lights Out**

**The first and last day of camp will vary.**

- 5:30 PM Dinner for dorm campers
- 6:30 PM Evening Activities
  - Activities vary each night, but will include a variety of planned events such as recitals, a jam session, camp games, practice time, etc.

## **DORM CAMPERS: ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

### Sunday Arrivals:

- Camp administrators and counselors will be on hand to welcome overnight campers to the dormitory on Sunday starting at 2:00 PM
  - 2-5 PM campers will check into their dorm rooms and get a little bit of time to mingle and rest. Parents should confirm that completed health and permission forms are on file.
  - At 5:00 PM campers will pack up their music-making materials for a walk up to Kimbrough Music Building.
- All campers will be given dinner and orientation Sunday at 6 PM in Kimbrough Music Building. Ensembles will host their first rehearsals in Kimbrough, and afterward students will have an opportunity to practice, meet new friends, and get settled.

**Gannon-Goldsworthy Dorm address is: 1459 NE Stadium Way, Pullman, WA**

### Saturday Departures:

- Dorm campers will have breakfast together at Kimbrough Music Building on Saturday morning, followed by light dress rehearsals and preparations for the camp concert. Lunch will not be provided for dorm campers on Saturday.
- Saturday's All-Camp concert at Bryan Hall Theatre will begin at 10:00 AM, and finish by 12:30 PM.
  - Families can load and unload outside of Olympia Dorm.
- After the concert, dorm campers and their families should drive to the dorms to collect belongings, check out of rooms, and return dorm keys. Any dorm keys lost or not returned will result in a \$50 fee. Campers who have returned their keys and checked out of their dorm rooms are free to celebrate with family, travel home, enjoy a lunch in Pullman.

## **DAY CAMPERS: ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

- Sunday Orientation: Day campers should arrive for camp orientation at Kimbrough Concert Hall at 5 PM on Sunday. Dinner and first rehearsals will follow, with camper pick-up at 8 PM.
  - Drop-off location information is Kimbrough Concert Hall, 680 NE Library Road, Pullman, WA, 99163
- Monday through Friday: day campers should arrive ready to play/sing at Kimbrough Music Building at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be provided mid-day M-F.
  - 5:30 PM day camper pickup (M-F): Parking lot beside Ida Lou Anderson House (755 NE Campus Street, Pullman, WA 99163) on the NW side of the structure. Day campers will be escorted to this pickup site by staff, who will stay until each camper is picked up.

- Day-campers are welcome to return for evening performances or activities after dinner, starting around 6:45 PM M-F. These includes a Camper Recital, cookouts (such as the one that occurs on Friday evening's concert for our FRIDAYS AT THE CLOCK series). Details will be shared out at the start of camp.
- Saturday concert: arrive at Kimbrough Music Building by 8am for final rehearsals and preparations for the 10 AM concert at Bryan Hall Theatre. Concert will conclude by 1pm, day campers can depart with their families after the concert.
  - Parking in Terrell Parking garage, Cougar Way, Pullman, WA, 99163

## WHAT TO BRING- ENSEMBLES AND CLASSES

- Your instrument/voice
  - Instrument specific needs: I.e. valve oil, slide grease, strings, reeds and reed-making equipment, instrument cable (if you play electric bass/guitar), sticks and mallets, neck strap - for a week of making music.
- Repertoire/Music: You will be given music for the week's camp. However, if you are wanting to perform on a recital at the start of the week, there will be an audition for that, thus you must have your own music (and piano part for us to accompany you).
- Music stand (for use in the dorm), metronome, and pencil
- Notebooks for enrichment classes

## MEAL INFORMATION

- Dorm campers will have breakfast before the daily schedule begins at 8:15 AM
- All meals will be in a WSU dining hall on the North side of campus (close to Kimbrough Music Building, which provides allergy-free meals for diners. Please provide our camp director with information on your child's dietary needs. (see form below)

# OVERNIGHT CAMPERS

## DORM AND TOILETRIES

- 1 set of extra-long twin sheets (beds are 36" x 80")
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Comforter/bedspread/blankets
  - Our selected dorm is air conditioned, be sure to bring a blanket or comforter
- Alarm clock
- Washcloths and shower towels
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, toiletries etc.
- Laundry bag, detergent (coin operated machines)

## CLOTHING

- Glasses/contacts
- Sweatshirt, raingear, jacket, hat, sunglasses
- Gym clothes, sneakers, swimsuit and beach towel
- Enough outfits for the week: Shorts, jeans, shirts, socks, underwear, sleepwear
- Shoes suitable for running/walking, and other activities
- Dress clothes for the concert (or what you would wear for your concerts -you do **not** need to bring anything specific i.e. concert black)

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Medications. If your child uses medication, please alert us using the medical forms provided. Students are allowed to keep medication on their person during camp. (see form below)
- Backpack
- Books, games, electronics for downtime in dorms
- Chargers for electronic devices
- Re-usable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Spending money: around \$30+ for trips to the Bookie, snacks and swimming/gym @ UREC
- Completed and signed permission slip to use the UREC center for swimming/gym

We recommend that all articles of clothing and valuables be clearly labeled with the student's name. We cannot be responsible for valuable items such as cell phones or jewelry.

Camp counselors will always be available to make your experience safe and enjoyable. They will assist and supervise students at all meals, activities, and during all time spent in the residence hall. CSMC faculty will be responsible for supervision during class time.

## CAMP RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

To ensure all participants have a positive experience, we ask all campers to follow these simple rules:

### General Behavior

- Be respectful to fellow campers, staff, and instructors at all times.
- Maintain a positive attitude and contribute to a collaborative environment.
- Encourage one another, especially in group settings.

### Practice & Rehearsal

- Attend and be punctual for all classes, rehearsals, and events.
- Practice at the designated times and areas. Be considerate of others who are practicing too.
- Rehearsal schedules must be followed—no missing group rehearsals or solo practice times without prior permission.

### Technology Use

- Phones and devices are allowed during free time but should be turned off during classes, rehearsals, and performances.
- Photography and recording during performances and classes is allowed only with instructor approval.

### Safety & Well-Being

- If you feel unwell or need assistance, please inform a staff member immediately.
- Alcohol, drugs, and any form of inappropriate behavior are strictly prohibited.
- Smoking is not permitted.
- Students may not leave supervised areas without being accompanied by a member of the camp staff.

### Night Camp Rules

- Campers should be in rooms/on their floor from lights out and not leave their floors until wake up time the next morning
- Campers are not permitted to visit floors that the camp does not use
- No leaving the Olympia dorm between lights up and wake up time
- Be respectful towards others
- Follow all other camp rules

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Each camper has a reasonable expectation to enjoy a positive camp experience, and Cougar Summer Music Camp counselors, faculty, and administrators strive to provide safe and comfortable spaces for each of our campers. Because of our dedication to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment, all campers must be consistently respectful toward their fellow campers, counselors, and faculty. Those who are not will be subject to the camp disciplinary policy.

## RULES

1. Participants shall be respectful towards all others and prevent any verbal confrontations.
2. Participants must attend all presentations, classes, and planned social or recreational activities.  
Full participation is the only way a participant can gain real value from the camp.
3. Participants must abide by rules and guidelines set by the instructors for each facility in use.

4. Participants are expected to be suitably attired and groomed during camp hours.
5. Vandalism and pranks will not be permitted.
6. There is no sneaking out of rooms and onto other floors after hours.

#### **DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

- First Offense: Campers failing to adhere to camp rules, or exhibiting behavior intended to annoy or endanger other campers will be privately and formally warned by a Camp Director or Head Counselor and informed that subsequent misbehavior will result in formal counseling by the Camp Director.
- Second Offense: Subsequent misconduct will result in counseling by the Camp Director and a warning that further misconduct will result in removal from camp.
  - At this point, the Camp Director will contact the parent or guardian to advise him/her of the situation and the possible need to terminate the child's participation.
- Third Offense: Any continued inappropriate behavior will result in counseling by the Camp Director of the camp and expulsion from camp.
- A serious disciplinary problem or violation of WSU or camp regulations could result in immediate dismissal from camp. A serious disciplinary problem is defined as one in which the camp staff determines that a child is engaging in inappropriate behavior that includes, but is not limited to the following: actions which put the camper, other campers, or camp staff member's safety in jeopardy; inflicting physical or emotional harm on self or others, fighting, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, or other serious behaviors.

CSMC leadership support each camper's successful camp experience. Any steps outlined above may be omitted or repeated at the discretion of CSMC staff. Campers dismissed from camp for disciplinary reasons will not receive a refund of fees paid to attend camp.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Medical Information**

Please make sure all necessary medical forms are submitted before camp begins. This includes any allergies, medications, and other health-related information. (see forms below)

### **Emergency Procedures**

In case of an emergency, contact camp counselors or faculty. Emergency exits are clearly marked throughout all camp facilities.

### **First Aid**

Camp staff members are trained in basic first aid. If you feel unwell or have an injury, please visit the Main Office, Kimbrough 266, or reach out to a counselor or faculty member.

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

Q: Can I request a specific roommate?

A: Yes! We will do our best to accommodate roommate requests if submitted during registration.

Q: What happens if I need to leave early?

A: If you need to leave early, please inform the camp director or counselor at least 24 hours in advance. A parent or guardian may need to pick you up.

Q: Can I bring my own music?

A: Absolutely! Feel free to bring sheet music or recordings of your own compositions, but keep in mind that group rehearsals and workshops will be focused on our camp curriculum.

Q: Is there free time?

A: Yes! Each day includes free time for relaxation, exploring, or socializing with other campers.

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We are so excited to have you join us at the Cougar Summer Music Camp! Get ready to grow, learn, and most importantly—have fun!

See you soon!

## **WSU COUGAR SUMMER MUSIC CAMP PARENT AND STUDENT PLEDGE**

I/we understand the disciplinary procedures described in the Cougar Summer Music Camp Handbook. I/we understand failure to demonstrate appropriate conduct during camp may result in early dismissal from camp without refund of fees paid to attend. We pledge to abide by camp rules and exercise good behavior and respect for others.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CAMP RULES:**

1. Participants shall be respectful towards all others.
2. Participants must attend all presentations, classes, and planned social or recreational activities.
3. Participants must abide by rules and guidelines set by the instructors for each facility in use.
4. Participants are expected to be suitably attired and groomed during camp hours.
5. Vandalism and pranks will not be permitted.

Please sign below to signify full understanding of the rules discussed above:

Participant Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ:** As a participant, parent or guardian I understand and acknowledge that my failure to disclose relevant information may result in harm to myself/my child and/or others during this Camp. By signing my name, I represent and warrant that I have provided all materials and important information to the WSU CSMC pertaining to my child's medical, mental and physical condition and that it is accurate and complete.

I understand that, if my child chooses to participate in activities, they do so voluntarily and of his/her own accord and the final decision regarding participation is solely the responsibility of myself and my Child.

**SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED:**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM FOR A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF 18.**

# Medical and Surgical Treatment Authorization:

I hereby authorize and give my consent to the health authorities of Washington State or any licensed physician to perform upon or administer to:

(participant name) \_\_\_\_\_

any reasonable necessary medical or surgical treatment. I also give my permission to administer whatever anesthetic may be necessary or advisable during the medical or surgical procedures. This authorization may be necessary or advisable during the medical or surgical procedures. This authorization is intended to cover emergency treatment, immunizations, injections, blood transfusions, and minor operations and procedures.

In the event of indicated major surgery, or major operation, the University authorities or physicians are not hereby excused from making a reasonable attempt to contact me by phone or mail before relying upon this authorization. This authorization does not entitle the service or physician to render any medical or surgical treatment without the participant's personal consent, unless the participant is unable to give consent. This permission is good only while the participant is attending a camp (Cougar Summer Music Camp) sponsored by Washington State University and only until the participant as attained his/her eighteenth birthday.

I freely sign this authorization in consideration for permission for my child or ward to participate in camp. I understand that I will be responsible for any medical expenses in connection with the participant's attendance at this camp.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I AM SATISFIED THAT I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND SIGNIFICANCE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Emergency Information and Release Form for Cougar Summer Music Camp

As parent/guardian, I hereby authorize the directors and staff of the WSU Cougar Summer Music Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I hereby waive and release WSU Cougar Summer Music Camp and Washington State University. I know of no medical or physical problems which might affect my child's ability to participate in this program. I will be responsible for any medical or other charges in connection with his/her attendance at WSU Cougar Summer Music Camp. I have read the rules and regulations of WSU Cougar Summer Music Camp and my child and I agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to abide by the rules and regulations may result in the student being dismissed from the program.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medical Conditions (attach additional page if necessary)

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Allergies to drugs:  Yes  No If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to foods:  Yes  No If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Other Allergies:  Yes  No If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to bee stings that require medication  Yes  No

Special dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent information (including medications the student is currently taking)

Insurance Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_ Subscriber's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Washington State University Cougar Summer Music Camp Agreement:

In consideration for \_\_\_\_\_ (Participant name), being allowed to participate in the Washington State University (WSU) Cougar Summer Music Camp, I voluntarily agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, which constitutes a Photo and Media Materials Release.

I agree that WSU, WSU School of Music, and Cougar Summer Music Camp may take and use any photographs, video or audio recordings, digital images, or other documentation of Participant for promotion and advertising purposes of WSU and/or WSU School of Music. I understand that I will not receive monetary enumeration for any use of Participant's likeness or any recordings described herein.

I agree that, by signing below, I represent that I am the legal parent or guardian of Participant, and acknowledge that I sign this Agreement, and agree to these conditions on behalf of Participant and that I and Participant shall be bound by the terms of these agreements, WSU and WSU School of Music policies, rules and regulations of Cougar Summer Music Camp and the direction of University staff and officials. Failure to do so can result in dismissal from the program.

I have carefully read this Agreement, understand the terms and conditions, am aware that they represent a contract between WSU and myself on behalf of Participant, and I voluntarily agree to it on behalf of Participant.

If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts or portions shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

This permission is good only while the Participant is attending the Cougar Summer Music Camp unless revoked by me or Participant in writing, and only until the Participant has turned eighteen years of age.

I agree to pay \$850 (overnight campers) or \$500 (day campers) via check, paid to the order of the School of Music. I understand the deadline for payment is June 1st and must be received by the School of Music via mail to: School of Music/WSU, Attn: Kristine Tims, PO Box 645300, Pullman, WA 99164-5300.

This document is effective from the date listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Legal Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Participant

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## Registration Form

### For Parents or Guardians of Participants Under 18 Years of Age

#### ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand that there are risks in participating in recreational activities and educational workshops in UNIVERSITY RECREATION facilities, services and programs at Washington State University (WSU).

**In consideration for and as a condition of being allowed to participate in this voluntary activity, I agree to take full responsibility for any and all risks that exist, including the risk of death or injury to my child or loss or damage to my property. I understand that there may be risks that WSU cannot predict or foresee, and I also assume full responsibility for those risks.**

Risks in participating in University Recreation programs, services or facilities (including participating in supervised or unsupervised activities in or connected with the Student Recreation Center, WSU playfields, Smith Gym, Gibb Pool, Physical Education Building, Hollingbery Fieldhouse, Chinook Student Center, and Down Under Recreation Center), include, but are not limited to: risk of injuries including but not limited to temporary or permanent muscle soreness, sprains, strains, cuts, abrasions, bruises, ligament and/or cartilage damage, bone fractures and/or breaks, head, neck or spinal injuries, loss of use of arms and/or legs, eye damage, burns, emotional trauma, **drowning**, disfigurement, or death. I also understand that my child may be exposed to various infectious pathogens known to cause illness and disease in humans, including, but not limited to SARS-CoV-2. I am aware SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19, is circulating within the community, and within shared space settings. I voluntarily and freely agree to knowing the risks of contracting COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses during this experience. Such risks include, but are not limited to, respiratory failure, organ failure, death, aggravation of existing health conditions, stress, social-stigmatization, and/or spreading the infection to others. I also recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury or death that may occur as a result of traveling to or from University Recreation activities and facilities that cannot be specifically listed. Further, I recognize that the actions of other participants in the activity may cause harm or loss to my child or property.

#### RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I release, the state of Washington, the Regents of WSU, WSU, any subdivision or unit of WSU, its officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, injuries and/or losses to person or property, which I may sustain and/or sustain as a result of death or injury of my child, as a result of or connected with participation in the above event. My child's participation includes, but is not limited to, travel to and from the event in a private or public vehicle, any activity connected with the event itself, use of state equipment or facilities for the event whether on or off WSU property, or the administration of emergency first aid and/or medical aid. **I have carefully read this document, understand its contents and am fully informed about this program and circumstances. I am aware that this document is a contract with WSU and the program sponsors. I sign it freely and voluntarily.**

Name of Minor (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** We strongly encourage you to consult with a physician before participating in any physical activity to determine any potential conditions that may adversely affect your participation. We encourage those with pre-existing conditions to wear a medical alert bracelet or neck tag indicating the appropriate medical information. We strongly recommend that all participants have a medical insurance policy that will cover injuries or illness that may occur due to participation in or use of University Recreation programs, services, facilities and equipment. **If you have any questions regarding the language or details of this document prior to signing, please contact Jeff Elbracht or Joanne Greene at 509-335-8732, SRC Room 250, WSU.**

