
From: National Music Camp
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NMC 2022 - Junior and Senior Divisions:

Sunday, August 21st to Sunday, August 28th, 2022

Dear NMC Families,

Camp is just a month away and we can hardly wait to begin NMC 2022! The following information will help you prepare for camp and ensure a safe, healthy and successful experience for all. The material covered in this email must be followed by every camper attending camp. Please read carefully:

Arrival at Camp - Sun., Aug 21:

BUS TRANSPORTATION

To reserve a seat on our bus either to or from camp you must contact our camp office to confirm and pay for this service. The cost is \$45.00 each way. *Please do not arrive at the bus unless you have pre-arranged (incl. payment) for your seat. ***Many of you have already confirmed your transportation and DO NOT need to re-confirm at this time.***

Our bus departure location is:

Silvercity, Richmond Hill
Yonge Street and Highway 7
8725 Yonge Street
Departs Sunday, August 21 at 10:00am Returns
Sunday, August 28 at approx. 3:30pm

The departure from camp on the return day takes place after the Open House concert. Most campers return home with their parents after the concert.

DRIVING TO CAMP – “Kiss and Ride”

We ask that you register your camper at our check in site, drop-off baggage, and say your goodbyes. We will ensure that campers meet their counsellors, are escorted to their bunk and assisted with their baggage. Parents/Guardians may not use Arrival Day as a time to look around the camp. Visiting and a tour of camp can be done on Concert Day (August 28).

Travelling time from Toronto is approximately 90 minutes and campers are expected to arrive at camp on Sunday, August 21 → 10:30 - 11:30am

Please note the camp gates will be locked until 10:30am

Things to Note:

- Upon arrival, cars will be directed to the field between Basketball and Zipline for unloading
- Camper check-in and med drop-off will happen outside of the main office
- Staff will assist campers with luggage and getting to their cabins
- **Baggage tags will be provided at camp**
- Travel time to camp from Toronto is approx. 90 minutes
- [Click here](#) for directions to camp

Open House Concert and Departure Day – “Tea and Symphony” - Sunday, Aug 28:

At the end of the week, parents/guardians and friends are invited to camp for “Tea and Symphony”, which is an opportunity to see your child perform. The concert is followed by a light lunch. All families receive two tickets, per camper, with their enrolment. If you require additional tickets, they may be purchased on the concert day for \$10.00 each. Proceeds from these ticket sales go to the Matthew Ferguson Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund, which helps bring kids to camp who could not afford to do so otherwise. Concert times are staggered throughout the open house, but all parents are requested to arrive early for parking, orientation, etc.

Please note: We no longer issue physical hard copy tickets for concert days.

Arrive: Sunday, August 28 at 10:30 am

(Welcome performance begins promptly at 11:00 am)

Communicating with your camper during camp:

Mail:

- Camper Mailing address*: P.O. Box 850 Orillia, Ontario, L3V 6K8 (**letters must be posted by Wednesday, August 17th to ensure they arrive during camp*)

Packages:

- **Packages sent to camp by courier must be approved by the camp office prior to shipping.** Our P.O. Box address (above) does not handle packages and we ask that you contact the camp office to obtain our physical street address and courier information. Acceptable courier services include FedEx, UPS, & Purolator.

Bunk1 Camper E-mail service:

- [Click here](#) to see Bunk1 information, including activation code

Telephone:

If you wish to reach our office, you may do so by calling the following number:

Camp Summer Office

Daily from approx. 9:00am to 7:00pm

(705) 325-2285

The camp telephone lines are for business purposes only. Campers may not receive or make telephone calls. Part of the camp experience is living in the camp environment. Campers adjust better without the distraction of calling family and friends and administratively we can only accommodate the volume of calls generated by business. The camp will always notify parents/guardians should the situation warrant and parents may certainly call us in the event of an emergency.

Medical Form:

A confidential Medical Form must be completed online by a parent/guardian via the Parent Portal (Registration website) by **Wednesday, August 10th**. It is most important that we are aware of any camper allergies or other health issues. A doctor and/or qualified nurse will be available in case of emergency.

[Click here](#) to complete your camper medical form now

NOTE: Regulations from OHIP make camper physicals chargeable by doctors. We will accept health information completed by parents/guardians, but any oversights or errors are the parent's responsibility. Camper Health Certificate must be fully completed each year (this is in compliance with OCA regulations).

General Information and Camper Policies:

- All medication must be kept and administered in our [Health Centre](#)
- Please advise us of any special dietary needs on your medical form
- All campers must complete a swim test
- Campers are not permitted to have or consume drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or vaping apparatus
- Campers must respect and adhere to "camper curfew"
- **Outside food may not be brought into camp**
- Visitors are not permitted during camp
- Please label all your belongings
- A camp "Tuck Shop" is available throughout camp selling snacks and beverages (*\$50 to \$75 is a recommended tuck allowance per camper and cash must be given to the camper at drop off*)
- **Campers may not have or use cell phones**
- An appropriate code of behaviour is expected from all campers
- Racism and intolerance is unacceptable at camp. Behaviour that threatens or embarrasses another individual or group at camp based on race, sexual orientation, ethnic origin or gender identity is also unacceptable at camp
- Teasing and bullying will not be tolerated at camp
- Please check your camper for head lice 5 days prior to camp
- Breach of camp policy may lead to dismissal from camp (no refund will be provided for campers departing camp due to policy infractions)

Clothing List and Packing:

- [Click here](#) for a suggested packing list
- Please pack in one duffle bag
- There are no laundry facilities at camp so pack enough clothing for one week
- The camp is not responsible for lost clothing and personal items

Instruments and Rentals:

- All camper are responsible for bringing their own instrument and music stand to camp
- If students do not have their own or cannot borrow instruments from friends or their schools, we recommend Long and McQuade who can assist with rentals.
- For campers in the [Guitar](#) or [Beginner Instrument](#) programs that do not have their own instrument, NMC can arrange an instrument for you* (**must be reserved in advance - Cost: \$65.00*).
- Percussion students are to bring drum sticks to camp and a practice pad is recommended. This does not apply to Beginner Instrument campers.

Jazz Mandatory Rental Program (MRP):

- Campers in the Jazz program playing the following instruments must participate in the MRP: Keyboard, Guitar, Bass and Drums
- The MRP cost is \$65 per camper

Senior Division Placement Hearings:

- All Band/Orchestra or Jazz campers will do a placement audition on the first day of camp
- Please come prepared to play a piece that demonstrates your playing level and ability
- This will assist faculty in determining your appropriate playing group

Typical Day at Camp:

- [Click here](#) to see a **Jr Division typical day** camp schedule or [click here](#) to see a **Sr Division typical day** schedule

NMC COVID Guidelines:

- **Every NMC camper, staff and faculty must complete an at-home COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test the morning of arrival. We will provide families with a link the day before arrival to upload their test results. Campers will not be permitted entry into camp without proof of their result the day of arrival.**
- Campers are asked to limit their social interactions and maintain proper COVID protocols (social distance, appropriate face mask wearing, hand washing) for 7 days prior to camp arrival
- Everyone attending NMC 2022 must adhere to all camp guidelines while at camp

The countdown to camp has begun and we look forward to seeing you at NMC on August 21st!!

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