



2026 Lakeland University Music Camp Courses and Schedule Information

During our Music Camp students will experience a wide variety of performing and music study opportunities.

PRIMARY / LARGE GROUP PERFORMING ENSEMBLES

Bands - Grainger Band and Sousa Band

Choirs - Bach Choir (mixed) and Mozart Choir (treble)

Tchaikovsky Orchestra - violin, viola, cello, and double bass

Piano - Liszt and Chopin Piano Ensembles

The number of students in each ensemble and the overall number of ensembles varies from camp year to year. For example, if we have enough students for three fully staffed concert bands, we will adjust accordingly. Likewise, if we have only enough students for two piano ensembles we will adjust accordingly.

DAILY SECTIONALS WITH MASTER TEACHERS

Campers will have the opportunity to learn in small sectionals with a master teacher of their instrument. Sectionals focus on learning technique and camp repertoire.

DAILY MUSIC THEORY CLASSES

Campers will begin their day with a music theory class. Campers are placed in levels 1-6 based on their final test from the previous camp year or the new camper placement test. Campers who feel their level is too easy or too difficult may choose to retake the test at the beginning of camp.

CAMP CHOIR / CAMP ORCHESTRA

All campers will have the option to either sing as part of the Camp Choir or play in the Camp Orchestra. Our counselors, faculty, and staff may also perform, and the Camp Orchestra and Camp Choir will join forces to perform on the Saturday Finale Concert. When registering, students should select either Camp Orchestra or Camp Choir and indicate their instrument or voice part. Piano and voice students are encouraged to sing with the Camp Choir, unless they also play a band/orchestra instrument. Woodwind, brass, and percussion students 8th grade and above, and all string students, are encouraged to join the Camp Orchestra.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Campers choose from a variety of music and related music electives. During registration, students are asked to select 4 electives and rank them in preference order 1 to 4. Campers are asked to select 2 electives that are non-performing classroom options (these are marked with a *).

Elective Descriptions:

Beginning Finale Composition* – For students who have never used music notation software before, you can learn the fundamentals of this versatile program in one week with instruction in our Music Computer Lab. Students are required to bring their own headphones and earbuds.

Beginning Piano* – Learn to play piano and study the basics of reading the grand staff; this class is for students with little or no piano experience (0-6 months).

Brass Choir – If you play trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium, or tuba, you will enjoy playing music specifically written for brass.

Bucket Brigade – An introduction to percussion by using various kinds of buckets. You will learn about ensemble playing and improvisation while exploring the many sounds buckets can make. For any camper, no percussion experience needed.

Cartoon Music* – A music appreciation class exploring classical music and major composers through animated film and television excerpts.

Clarinet Choir – Perform exclusively with other clarinet-playing campers! Learn to develop sight-reading skills on classical and pop music and play the "colorful" clarinets: E-flat Soprano, Alto and Bass, and maybe a few more!

Comedy Improvisation* – Remember the TV show, "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Learn comedic improvisation and great ideas for thinking on your feet!

Dance* – If you like to move to music, you'll love dance. From beginners to experts, our choreographers will give you instruction on strength, poise, flexibility, balance, rhythm, and coordination. Different styles of dance will be explored, but the emphasis will be on dance of musical theatre.

Flute Choir – Join other camp flutists in one ensemble playing great music just for flute!

Guitar Class* – Group guitar classes require no prior instruction, but guitarists are separated into classes according to ability so experienced students can move along quickly. Campers are highly encouraged to bring their own guitar.

Intermediate Piano* – Expand your piano skills in a group class environment. Aimed at students who have some formal training but have played in a range from only 6 months to 3 years.

Jazz Bands – Members of our two performing Jazz Bands will be selected during Sunday auditions. Campers not selected will be placed in one of their other elective choices.

Jazz Improvisation* – Create jazz music as you go and learn to expand your creative instincts, whatever your instrument. Open to all instrumentalists and pianists.

Kazoo Choir – It's serious...it's silly...or seriously silly? Learn a variety of acappella vocal music and perform with others on the classiest of mediums, the kazoo.

Nature Exploration* – "Let's get lost in the woods!" Students will explore Lakeland's forest nature trails and campus grounds learning about local flora and fauna.

Saxophone Army – "We do more with the sax than most people do all day." This exciting ensemble is for students who play any kind of saxophone and want to perform with as many of them as possible!

Show Choirs – Members of our two show choirs will be selected during Sunday auditions. Campers not selected will be placed in one of their other elective choices.

String Chamber – String or mixed chamber groups are small ensembles, typically of 3-5 students. Students will work with others of similar ability and may work in standard instrumentation such as string quartet or develop specialized arrangements to fit unique instrumentation.

Ukulele Class* – Group ukulele instruction! Campers are highly encouraged to bring their own ukulele.

World Music* – Explore music traditions of various cultures, and participate with hands-on exploration of a variety of hand percussion and other instruments.

Yoga* – Exercises for mind and body relaxation to help with practice and performance.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

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| 7:00-7:45 | Breakfast |
| 8:00-8:50 | Theory |
| 9:00-9:50 | Large Ensemble |
| 10:00-10:50 | AM Elective |
| 11:00-11:50 | Sectionals / Lunch |
| 12:00-12:50 | Lunch / Sectionals |
| 1:00-1:30 | Break/Lessons |
| 1:30-2:45 | Camp Choir OR Camp Band |
| 3:00-3:50 | PM Elective |
| 4:00-4:50 | Large Ensemble |
| 5:00-6:30 | Dinner / Recreation Time |
| 6:30-8:00 | Evening Performance |
| 8:00-10:00 | Nightly Fun Activity |