



Handbook 2009

Mission Statement

The summer music programs at Western Connecticut State University foster growth in every participant. We strive to promote individual learning and growth through working in ensemble settings. We, as individuals, love our gift of music and take great pride and joy in working with young musicians. It is our hope to foster that love of music within each camper that passes through our rehearsals, no matter what skill level, no matter what their career goals are. Our goal is for campers to have a fun and enjoyable week here – one they can look back on in a positive manner.

Emergency Contact Information

If an emergency arises during camp, and you need to contact us, please call 203.837.8614 during normal business hours, or the WCSU Police Department at 203.837.9300 after hours.

What to bring

Dormitory Items: Bedsheets (XL Twin Size), pillows, blankets, toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), shower shoes, towels, hangers, alarm clock, fan, etc.

Clothing: T-shirts and shorts are recommended. Bring comfortable shoes. A sweater or sweatshirt is recommended for air-conditioned classrooms.

Concert Dress: Bring khaki or denim shorts. A camp t-shirt will be provided!

Instruments: Make sure to bring extra reeds, cork grease, valve oil, mouthpieces, mutes, and any extra items you may need to keep your instrument in working order.

Bring a pencil!

Extra Items: Camera & film, no more than \$50 in spending money for snacks at camp store, cellular phone.

What NOT to bring

Please do not bring TVs, computers, hand-held video games, valuables, or any other unnecessary personal belongings.

Expectations

Attendance – We expect that campers will be ready to begin classes and rehearsals at the appropriate time. All rehearsals and classes are mandatory in order for students to reap the benefits of the camp program. Failure to be punctual will result in disciplinary action.

Attire – Campers are expected to choose clothing that will make them comfortable and capable of rehearsing in a productive manner. Distracting clothing will take away from the experience.

Attitude – Campers are expected to carry a positive attitude throughout the week. Actively participating, challenging themselves, and keeping a positive outlook will make camp a wonderful and enjoyable experience.

Code of Conduct

The staff at WCSU music camp wants your week at camp to be filled with exciting experiences, new friendships and fun. In order for this to happen, campers are expected to be considerate of others, participate fully in the camp program, observe camp rules, and respect all camp facilities. *Severe violations will result in the camper being sent home without refunds.*

General Policies

Personal Appearance – If students are dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to return to their dorms and change.

Alcoholic Beverages / Illegal Drugs – Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in immediate expulsion from camp with no refund.

Smoking – There is no smoking allowed by any student at any time while at camp. Smoking will result in immediate expulsion from camp.

Moving around campus – All campers must travel between buildings using the buddy system. Campers may ONLY be in designated camp areas.

Vehicles - While at camp, resident campers are not allowed to ride in or be in possession of any motor vehicle. Commuter students are not allowed to leave campus during the day.

Respect of Property – Any student defacing any property, whether public or private, will be liable for damages and considered for expulsion.

Meal Rules

All meals are mandatory. Check in with your counselor upon entering. Make sure you eat something healthy, and drink plenty of fluids. Remember to leave the space as you found it – no garbage should be left on the table or the floor. Failure to comply will result in clean-up duty for the following meal.

Free Time

During morning announcements, all campers must sign up for free time activities. Campers are never to be in areas unsupervised by WCSU camp staff.

Medication

Campers are not allowed to be in possession of over-the-counter or prescribed medication while at camp, nor are they allowed to self-administer medication. All medication must be turned in to the appropriate camp staff at camp registration, and must be properly documented on the camper's health forms.

Phone Usage

Campers are only allowed to call home during free time. Phones should not be used during rehearsals or after lights out. While bringing cell phones to camp is discouraged, any cell phone that is brought to camp must be registered with a counselor. Students will be allowed to hold onto their cell phones, but must adhere to regular phone usage rules. Inappropriate use of the cell phone will result in confiscation of the cell phone for the duration of camp.

Dorm Rules

Curfew – All students are expected to be on their own floor at 10pm. Lights out will be at 10:30pm SHARP. If students need to go to bed earlier, they need to check in with a counselor. Failure to comply with curfew and lights out rules will result in early lights out (10pm) the following day.

Fire Drills – At some point during the course of camp, a fire drill will happen. Please make sure to be fully clothed, and have your shoes on before exiting the building. Please exit the building in a quiet and orderly fashion. DO NOT RUN!! Check in with your counselor when you get outside.

Mail / Messages – Check the Message bulletin board outside the RD's room for messages or mail.

Ordering Food – Only counselors can order food for campers, which must be done before 9pm. If you wish to order food, talk to a counselor.

Practice in the Residence Halls – Practicing will be allowed in the dorms between 7am and 10pm only when a counselor is present in the dorms.

Room Condition – Rooms should be kept in a respectable manner. For your own protection, keep your door locked at all times. DO NOT give your room code out to ANYONE. We are not responsible for any damaged or stolen personal items.

Room Visitation – Boys and girls are separated by floor. Girls are not allowed on the boys' floors at any time, nor are boys allowed on girls' floors at any time. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the lost of the evening activity.

Commuters

Commuters are expected to be at camp promptly at 8:45am.

Parents of commuters are expected to sign their camper(s) in and out every day at the registration table in White Hall near room 125. Commuters over the age of 16 may sign themselves in and out.

Commuters cannot leave campus during the day.

Commuters are expected to leave camp at the completion of their last rehearsal, unless there is an evening activity which the commuters are allowed to attend.

Commuters are not allowed to transport any students in their car without permission from all legal guardians involved.

Commuter pick-up times for each day can be found on the weekly schedule.

Parent-Camper Contract

Please complete and return by June 15, 2009.

I/We understand that if a medical problem or condition arises, every reasonable attempt will be made by WCSU music camp staff to contact the parent/guardian.

I/We give permission for photographs or videotapes to be taken during WCSU Summer Music Camp Events and concerts. These may be used for promotional purposes.

I/We give my/our child permission to see movies up to and including the following rating (circle one):

G PG PG-13

I/We have read the enclosed camper handbook and understand the camp expectations(circle one):

Yes No

Resident Roommate Requests: _____
(requests will only be accommodated if all parties are in agreement)

Your Age During Camp: _____ Male Female

Camp (circle): Band String

Parent Signature

Date

Print Parent Name

I have read the enclosed camper handbook and understand the camp expectations (circle one):

Yes No

Camper Signature

Date

Print Camper Name