Western Connecticut State University
Summer Music Camp
July 19 – 25
Camp Handbook

Mission Statement
The summer music camp 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.

Camp 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 with no refund.
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.

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, unless the child's physician indicates that the child may self administer an emergency rescue medication (i.e. epi pen or rescue inhaler) on the Prescription Medication Authorization form and the child must notify camp staff immediately after
use. All prescription medication must be turned in (in original containers with valid prescription numbers and expiration dates) to the appropriate camp staff at camp registration with a Prescription Authorization form for each medication. If the camper will take over-the-counter medications while at camp a Nonprescription Authorization form must be submitted.

Phone Usage
Camper are only allowed to call home during free time. Phones should not be used during rehearsals or after lights out. 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.

Auditions
There will be seating auditions for most ensembles - information will be sent out by May 1. There will be auditions for select ensembles also information to be sent out by May 1.

Concert Information
There will be concerts at the end of the camp week. A detailed schedule will be distributed to all participants.

Resident Information

Check-In: Sunday, July 19th, 2015 9am-11am Grasso Hall Lobby
All parents are asked to leave campus by 11:30am. There will be a luncheon and orientation for residents at 12pm, followed by seating / select ensemble auditions.

Check-Out: Saturday, July 25th, 2015 immediately following the concert

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 in the main lobby 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.

What to bring:
- Dormitory Items – Twin bed sheets, pillows, blankets, toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), shower shoes, towels, hangers, alarm clock, 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.
Extra Items – Camera; cellular phone; no more than $50 in spending money for vending machines, pizza, ice cream.

Bring a pencil!

**Commuter Information**

**Check-In:** Sunday, July 19th, 2015  
20 min prior to audition  
VPAC Lobby

- All commuters will receive an audition time via email before camp. Please arrive at the Visual and Performing Arts Center lobby 20 minutes before your scheduled audition time to check in.
- Commuters are expected to be at camp promptly at 8:45am each day. Please see the enclosed schedule for tentative check-out times each day.
- Parents of commuters will sign their campers in and out every day at the registration table in the VPAC lobby.
- Commuters over the age of 16 may sign themselves in and out.
- 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. Please see the enclosed schedule for tentative check-out times each day.
- Commuters cannot leave campus during the day.
- Commuters are not allowed to transport any students in their car without permission from all legal guardians involved.

**What to bring:**

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

**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.

**Directions to WCSU’s WESTSIDE Campus:** [www.wcsu.edu/directions](http://www.wcsu.edu/directions)

We still have openings, so tell your friends! We will do our best to accommodate mutual roommate requests.

We look forward to seeing you in July! If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thanks,

Laura Piechota  
piechotal@wcsu.edu  
203.837.8614
### Music Camp 2015 Schedule
*(subject to change)*

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### An important note about forms:
The forms listed must be submitted or you will not be eligible to attend camp. Please email, fax, or mail forms to the address below by July 1, 2015.
- Camper Consent Form
- Physical Exam Record

Your child must have had a physical examination on or after July 25, 2012 in order to attend camp in 2015. You must submit the Physical Exam Record, completed and signed by your child’s medical practitioner, by **July 1, 2015**. You may submit your doctor’s form instead, if it contains the following:
- the date of your child’s last physical examination
- immunization record for the routine immunizations listed on the Physical Exam Record
- any information pertinent to routine or emergency care
- list of prescription or over-the-counter medication
- a list of allergies and/or special diet needs
- name, address and phone number of the medical care provider
- signature of Physician, PA, APRN, or RN
If your child attended camp in 2013 or 2014 we may have a valid Physical Exam Record on file. Contact Laura's office at piechotal@wcsu.edu to check if you need to submit a new form.

**If your child will take over-the-counter or prescription medication** while at camp, you must fill out the corresponding form:

- Nonprescription Authorization - required ONLY if camper will take nonprescription medication at camp. This form needs to be signed by a medical practitioner and a parent/guardian.
- Prescription Authorization - required ONLY if camper will take prescription medication at camp. This form needs to be signed by the prescriber and a parent/guardian. You must submit a separate form for each medication.

**Tuition Balances are due on June 1, 2015.** We anticipate a waiting list for camp this year. If on June 1, we have not received your payment in full, and if you have not contacted us with any special circumstances, you may lose your spot in the dorms.

Please contact Laura Piechota at 203.837.8614 or piechotal@wcsu.edu with any questions or concerns.

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