

# FOSTER MUSIC CAMP CAMPER INFORMATION PACKET MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND, STRINGS, & PIANO I CAMPS JUNE 8-13, 2025

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS

## **Arrival to Camp**

#### **Resident Campers**

- Arrive between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM EDT on Sunday, June 8, 2025 for registration.
- Registration location: Jane Campbell Building Lobby (address included later in packet)
- **Do NOT bring luggage into the Campbell Building** you will drive it to the dormitory after registration.
- Band/String campers: Bring your instrument and chair placement audition music.
- Late registration is not permitted unless arranged with the camp director.

#### **Commuter Campers**

- Arrive between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM for registration at Jane Campbell Building Lobby.
- Band/String campers: Bring your instrument and audition music.
- Mandatory Commuter Camper/Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM in Gifford Theatre accessed through the lobby of the Jane Campbell Building.
- After the meeting, commuters are free to leave for the evening.

# **Departure from Camp**

- Final concerts take place on Friday.
- Resident campers may check out between 2:00 PM until immediately after concert.

#### **Payment of Fees**

- Check your online account at <u>www.fostercamp.org</u> for balance due.
- Credit card payments must be made online before arrival.
- On-site payments: Checks (payable to Foster Music Camp) or cash only.
- Bring payment receipt (or screenshot) in case of discrepancies.
- Contact: **Ben.Walker@eku.edu** for payment assistance.

# **Auditions (Band and Strings Only)**

- Bring materials that showcase your skill level.
- Be prepared for scales and sight-reading.
- Consult with your music instructor for audition preparation.
- There is no required material, students should bring something they have been working on that showcases their best talents.

# Piano Camp Lessons and Performance

- Piano Campers Should Bring:
  - 1. Polished solo piece for final concert.
  - 2. Working piece.
  - 3. **New piece** to learn.
  - 4. Sight-reading books (recommended).

# **CAMP LIFE**

# **Living Accommodations**

- Resident campers stay at Walters Hall.
- Trained counselors provide supervision.
- Room Assignments: Two campers per room maximum. Based on age unless a mutual request was made two weeks prior to camp starting.
- Room Furnishings: Desk, chair, dresser, twin XL bed.
- **Refrigerators are not provided** (bring a small one if wanted/needed)

#### Wifi Access

• Free guest wifi is available, but connectivity is not guaranteed.

#### **Cell Phones**

- Not permitted during musical activities (rehearsals/recitals).
- Further guidelines provided upon arrival.
- Camp updates sent via Remind texting service (instructions on how to join provided upon arrival)
- Camp administration may confiscate phones if misused.

#### Meals

- Served at Case Dining Hall.
- Variety of dietary options available.
- Campers may bring personal food items for storage in their dorm rooms.
- Evening pizza and snack purchases require cash (cards/phone payments not accepted).

#### **Medical Attention**

- Available from:
  - 1. Richmond Instant Care Center (859-623-1950)
  - 2. **Baptist Health Richmond** (859-623-3131)
- Medical costs billed directly to parents; parents handle insurance claims.
- Emergency contacts will be notified before medical treatment (except in urgent cases).

# **Spending Money**

- For snacks, bookstore items, and evening snacks at camper store.
- Cash only (cards/phone payments not accepted).

### Fully-Functioning Instrument (Band/String)

- Ensure your instrument is in good condition before camp.
- Repairs during camp are difficult and time-consuming.
- Bring extra reeds, valve oil, bow rosin, slide grease, etc.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Camp Director: Ben.Walker@eku.eduDormitory (Walters Hall): 859-622-2074

• Foster Camp Office: 859-622-3266 (Mon-Fri, 8 AM – 4 PM)

• EKU Campus Police (Emergencies Only): 859-622-1111

# **Mailing Address for Campers**

Foster Music Camp
Attn: [Camper's Name & Room #]
225 Park Drive
Richmond, KY 40475

Mail/packages accepted Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5 PM.

# **VISITOR POLICY**

- Visitors **must check in** at the dormitory front desk.
- Limited visitation preferred, mainly for concerts/recitals.
- Non-parent visitors require written permission.
- Dorm is closed to visitors during **meal times**.
- No parents/visitors permitted on dormitory floors, except during move-in/out hours.

## **Leaving Camp/Campus**

- Leaving is discouraged unless an emergency.
- Campers cannot miss rehearsals or classes.
- Parental permission required for campers leaving with anyone other than parents.

# **CAMP RULES & REGULATIONS**

- All rehearsals and music classes are mandatory.
- Report illness immediately to camp staff.
- No controlled substances, alcohol, or smoking (including e-cigs). This is a zero tolerance policy. Students who bring these items will be turned over to the proper authorities and expelled from camp.
- Prescription medications must be reported at check-in.
- Campers/parents responsible for damages to university/camp property.

# **REFUND POLICY**

- No refunds for food or housing (University policy).
- Refunds beyond food/housing, if any, are at **camp administration's discretion**.

# PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

# **Thursday**

- Faculty Recital 4:00 PM, Gifford Theatre.
- Small Ensembles (Band Camp Only) 7:00 PM, EKU Center for the Arts.
  - o Attire: Camp T-shirt and shorts/pants.

#### **Friday**

- Piano Camp Recital 5:00 PM, Gifford Theatre (Dress Clothes).
- Orchestra Concert 6:00 PM, EKU Center for the Arts (Dress Clothes).
- Band Concerts 6:45 PM, EKU Center for the Arts (**Dress Clothes**).

# **CAMP ADDRESSES**

(For GPS Usage, DO NOT SEND MAIL TO THESE LOCATIONS)

#### JANE CAMPBELL BUILDING (REGISTRATION LOCATION)

2388 Crabbe St. Richmond, KY 40475

#### FOSTER MUSIC BUILDING (EKU SCHOOL OF MUSIC)

2388 Crabbe St. Richmond, KY 40475

#### **WALTERS HALL** (DORMITORY FOR RESIDENT CAMPERS)

409 University Dr. Richmond, KY 40475

#### EKU CENTER FOR THE ARTS (FINAL PERFORMANCE LOCATION)

822 Hall Drive Richmond, KY 40475

# SUGGESTED PACKING LIST (Detach and Keep For Reference)

- **Bedding:** Pillow, blankets, twin XL sheets.
- **Toiletries:** Shampoo, soap, toothbrush, shower shoes, deodorant.
- Towels: For Showering and at pool
- **Clothing:** Casual summer attire, light jacket, dress-up outfit for final concert. Layers are great as some locations are cooler/hotter than others. We also walk outside daily, depending on weather a rain jacket can also be helpful.
- **Shoes:** Comfortable walking shoes (we walk long distances across campus)
- **Swimwear:** For indoor pool activities.
- Chargers: For phones/devices.
- Cash: For camp store/snacks/pizza.
- Labeled Personal Items (luggage, instrument, music, valuables)
- Instrument/Audition Music (Band/String Campers)
- Dance Theme Items (our dance theme(s) will be sent out closer to your camp starting date so you can prepare items to match our theme if you wish...past examples include: Hawaiian Luau, Glow Party, Eras Dance, etc..Stay tuned for this years theme announcement)