



**FOSTER MUSIC CAMP
CAMPER INFORMATION PACKET
MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND, STRINGS, & PIANO I CAMPS
JUNE 7-12, 2026**

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS

Arrival to Camp

Resident Campers

- Arrive between **3:00 PM and 6:00 PM EDT** on **Sunday, June 7, 2026** 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 www.fostercamp.org 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).
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CAMP LIFE

Living Accommodations

- Resident campers stay at **Telford 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.edu
- **Dormitory (Telford Hall):** 859-622-2071
- **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 & TELFORD 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 dormitory 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**.
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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thursday

- **Faculty Recital** – 4:00 PM, Gifford Theatre.
- **Small Ensembles (Band Camp Only)** – 7:00 PM, Brock Auditorium
 - **Attire:** Camp T-shirt and shorts/pants.

Friday

- **Piano Camp Recital** – 5:00 PM, Gifford Theatre (**Dress Clothes**).
 - **Orchestra Concert** – 6:00 PM, Brock Auditorium (**Dress Clothes**).
 - **Band Concerts** – 6:45 PM, Brock Auditorium (**Dress Clothes**).
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CAMP ADDRESSES

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

JANE CAMPBELL BUILDING/GIFFORD THEATRE (*REGISTRATION LOCATION*)
2388 Crabbe St.
Richmond, KY 40475

FOSTER MUSIC BUILDING (EKU SCHOOL OF MUSIC)
2388 Crabbe St.
Richmond, KY 40475

BROCK AUDITORIUM (Coates/Jones Building. Located behind Foster Music Building)
521 Lancaster Ave
Richmond, KY 40475

TELFORD HALL (*DORMITORY FOR RESIDENT CAMPERS*)
314 Madison Dr.
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)