

Camp Life

Each morning, all campers will gather for a time of worship, prayer, and a brief meditation from God's Word. All campers are required to attend all classes, rehearsals, master classes and practice sessions. In addition to developing musicianship skills, each camper will have the opportunity to meet other musicians with similar interests and skills.

Day Campers

Students who enroll at the UVF Summer Music Camp as a day camper, must live at home or with a relative over the age of 21. Day campers may purchase lunch in the dining commons for \$12 or may opt to pack their own lunch. Day campers are welcome to participate in the evening recreational activities but must complete a Recreational Activities Form (PDF).

Overnight Campers

Students who attend as an overnight camper, will be housed in one of the UVF dorm rooms. Each camper will be supervised by our resident staff of camp counselors. In addition to all scheduled day time activities and classes, overnight campers are required to attend recreational activities in the evening.

The following links provide additional details:

- [Dorm Room & Roommate](#)
- [Dining Hall & Meal Plan](#)
- [Packing Information](#)

Counselors

Our resident staff of counselors supervise the students while they are at camp. Counselors are primarily upper-level undergraduate music majors at the University of Valley Forge and have been selected based on a thorough interview process conducted by the Music Faculty. The counselors are always available to assist and to provide guidance to each camper. They are trained to assist with a variety of issues that might arise at camp, including homesickness. The average ratio of students to counselors is 8:1.

All of our camp staff (including counselors, administrators and instructional staff) have completed the background checks and clearances required by the new PA state laws that went into effect as of January 1, 2015. Clearances include State Criminal History (PA State Police), Child Abuse Clearance (Department of Public Welfare) and FBI Criminal History. Copies of all these clearances for each staff member are on file in the camp office. ***The safety and well being of your child is our top priority!***

Recreation

The evening recreational activities will be one of the highlights of the summer camp. Students will have the opportunity to make new friends and have a lot of fun taking part in a variety of activities, all in the context of a Christian environment. Events will include a game night, movie night, talent show, bowling, and a night at Arnold's Family Fun Center. At check-in, students will receive their recreation schedule.

Safety at Camp

The safety of each camper is our utmost concern and priority.

- All camp staff (including counselors, administrator and instructional staff) have completed the required background checks and clearances required by law. Copies of all clearances are kept in the camp office. Please see the “Our Counselors” section for more information.
- The UVF campus is manned by a 24-hour security department.
- Students are chaperoned at all times. Campers are only permitted to be at the music building or dorm unless they are with a staff member. They may not explore campus on their own, and are not permitted to travel off-campus.
- Campers may only be signed out from camp by their parents or other adults that a camper’s parents have given written permissions in advance. A Sign-out Permission form (PDF) will be provided after you are registered.
- Overnight students that drive themselves to camp are required to turn in their keys upon check-in and are not permitted to drive for the duration of camp.

Medical-Related Issues

As part of the required forms for all campers, the Medication History and Information form (PDF) must be completed and returned by all campers when registering. Details regarding insurance, medical care, medical concerns and medications at camp can be found on Overnight Campers.

Disability Assistance

The University of Valley Forge Music Department facilities and Bongiorno Hall (dormitory) are all accessible to students with disabilities. For assistance with registration, or to make an accommodation for participation, please call 610.917.3954 at least 10 business days prior to the start of camp.