



Episcopal Youth Music Camp
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Dear Music Campers and Parents (Guardians),

Welcome to the 2018 Episcopal Youth Music Camp! Our names are Katrina Gadwa, Sheila Foster, Rachel Babbitt, and Jennifer Simmons and we are the Directors of EYMC. We work during camp to ensure that everyone has the best experience possible, while keeping everyone safe and engaged. We will also be the point of contact for parents if they need to reach their campers during camp.

This newsletter is to confirm your registration and to pass on the information your camper will need to be prepared for camp. If you have not already received a health form, they can be found on our website episcopalmncamps.org. **Health Forms need to be completed (including doctor signature!) by JUNE 1st and sent to:**

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Please make a 2nd copy of your health form and bring it with you to camp, updated as needed.

It is important for the safety of your camper that the health form includes your signature and as much information as possible. We are requiring that all health forms are also signed by a doctor. This is especially important if your camper has a health condition that requires prescription medication of any kind. Please note that if it has been more than 2 years since your child's last physical, your doctor will require one before s/he can sign the form. **We cannot accept campers without a completed and doctor signed health form.**

We look forward to a week of creativity and growth. We will be excited to share our Closing Program with the parents and guests of campers at the end of our week. **THE CLOSING PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 PM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH.** Please feel free to invite family, friends, and others from your church.

PLEASE NOTE: CAMP HEARTLAND DOES NOT ALLOW DOGS ON CAMP PROPERTY. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG ALONG WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CAMPER.

We will send updated camp information via email as it becomes available.

Peace

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Things to remember as you prepare for camp

1. **Camp officially begins at 3:00 PM, August 5th.** Campers should arrive between 1:30-2:30. Please arrive no later than 2:30 to allow time for your camper to put their items away and be ready for activities that will start promptly at 3:00. If you are going to be late, please contact Katrina (651-324-0589) with your ETA, so that we can plan accordingly.
2. **We are now taking online payment for camp tuition only.** Please contact Rachel Babbitt for details at eymcdean@gmail.com.
3. **Please bring your canteen money in the form of a check (made out to EYMC) or cash enclosed in a sealed envelope, with the camper's full name and total dollar amount written on the envelope.** Credit Cards will NOT be accepted for canteen funds. There will be an option to donate left over canteen money to our scholarship fund at the end of the week. We suggest a canteen fund of \$10-\$60. All drink and snacks cost 50¢. We do put a limit on the number of treats a camper can have in a day. Other items such as water bottles, stamps, and clothing (sweatshirts & Pajama Pants) do cost more than the price of snacks.
4. **If you do not play an instrument, play an instrument that is not part of the String or Band ensemble, or play an instrument that you can NOT bring to camp (like a piano), you will be placed in a recorder, music appreciation, or creative expressions group.** If you already own a recorder, please bring it with you. If you do not own one, Yamaha Soprano Recorders can be purchased at music stores. We will have some recorders that we can lend to campers during camp.
5. **ALL instruments (except recorders) are kept in a climate-controlled environment.**
6. **We do offer guitar classes as an extracurricular activity during free time.** If you own an acoustic guitar and would like to bring it along, please do so!
7. **Please, Please, PLEASE label ALL instrument cases and folding stands with your child's full name.**
8. **Cell Phone Policy: The use of cell phones as a phone or for texting while at camp is not allowed.** If campers have a cell phone that they intend to use as an alarm clock or music player during appropriate cabin times, we ask that they abide by our no call/text policy. If a phone is used to phone/text, or is outside of a camper's bunk area, it will be confiscated and held in the nurse's office. Campers and parents will sign an agreement stating this at check in. If you believe this will be a problem, please leave your phone at home. A phone will be available in the camp office if there is a need to make a call home.
9. **Camp is a peanut and nut free space.** We are offering peanut and nut free options during meal and snack times. **Please do not send care packages with items that contain peanuts and/or nuts.**

Important Contact Information

Katrina Gadwa

Cell: 651-324-0589

Email: EYMCDean@gmail.com

*Katrina is the BEST way to get a hold of your camper during the camp session, either by phone, text or email.

Rachel Babbitt

Cell: 612-240-0558

Sheila Foster

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Jennifer Simmons

Cell: 952-212-5307

If you have ANY questions, comments, or concerns, before, during, or after camp, please contact us!

Campers LOVE to get mail from home during the week.

Letters and packages can be sent to:

EYMC
c/o Camp Heartland (Campers Name)
26001 Heinz Road
Willow River, MN 55795

You can email your camper too! Send emails to:

EYMCDean@gmail.com

Put your camper's name in the subject box, please. Emails are printed out and distributed with other mail.

Camp Heartland Contact Info:

Phone: 888-545-6658

218-372-3988

www.campheartland.org



Make sure to like our EYMC Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalYouthMusic?fref=ts>

Directions to Camp Heartland (From the Twin Cities area)

I-35 is under construction in MANY places. Check traffic reports before leaving home to ensure you will arrive on time.

Travel NORTH on I-35 (towards Duluth). Exit at Willow River, exit #205. (Past Hinckley) Turn LEFT onto County Rd 43 Travel ¼ mile until you reach the "T" in the road Turn LEFT onto County Road 61/Cross St. Travel .9 miles to Long Lake Rd. Turn RIGHT onto Long Lake Rd. Travel 1.3 miles to Heinz Rd. Turn RIGHT onto Heinz Rd. Camp is straight ahead!

Themes for EYMC 2016

Musical:

"Mary Poppins"

Theme for the week:

"Mark Your Mark"

Each day at camp we have a scripture reading that relates to a specific theme. In addition, we have themed dinners where everyone has the chance to dress up in costume. This activity is optional, but most campers and staff choose to participate. See below for each day's theme to help you decide on costumes. Costumes can range from VERY simple to as elaborate as you choose to make them.

Sunday "About to Begin"

- Theme: Unlikely people can make a big difference
- Costume: Come as you are

Monday "Willing to Learn"

- Theme: Listening to God
- Costume: Something You Love
- Evening Activity: Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday "No Need for Dismay"

- Theme: Who are our helpers?
- Costumes: A Favorite Team
- Evening Activity: Skit Night

Wednesday "Calling to You"

- Theme: Compassion
- Costume: Helping Professions
- Evening Activity: Dance/Game Night

Thursday "We Will Step In"

- Theme: Bystander to Upstander
- Costume: Royalty
- Evening Activity: Boof/Outdoor Games

Friday "Reach for the Heavens"

- Theme: With God's Help
- Costume: Formal
- Evening Activity: Eucharist

Saturday "Very Clear to See"

- Theme: God Loves You
- Costume: Camp T-Shirt
- Activity: Final Performance

Suggested Packing List:

- __ Pillow and Sleeping bag or blanket/sheets
- __ Clothes (plan for both warm and cool days)
 - __ Long Pants
 - __ Long Sleeve Shirt
 - __ Undergarments
 - __ Costumes
 - __ Shorts
 - __ T-Shirts
 - __ Swim Suit
 - __ Tennis Shoes
- __ Toiletries
 - __ Toothbrush/paste
 - __ Body Wash
 - __ Hairbrush
 - __ Bug repellent
 - __ Shampoo
 - __ Washcloth
 - __ Sunscreen
 - __ Shower Shoes
- __ Laundry Bag
- __ 2 towels (one for shower and pool)
- __ Instrument and Folding stand (if you have one)
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- __ Flashlight (with batteries)
- __ Stationary, Envelopes, Stamps
- __ Book, Journal, or other QUIET activity
- __ Canteen Money (turned in at camper drop off)

__ Medications: Bring all prescription medications in their ORIGINAL containers labeled with the camper's name, dosage information, and when it is to be given. Over the counter medications should ALSO be in their ORIGINAL containers and labeled with the camper's name, dosage, and when it is to be given. This include vitamins! ALL medications will be handed in at camper drop off, stored in a locked cabinet, and distributed at the correct times.

Do NOT bring hand held games, tablets, computers, or anything you would be upset over losing. We cannot guarantee items brought to camp will not be lost. There are ABSOLUTELY NO knives of any kind allowed at camp. This includes Swiss Army knives and camping knives.