



Camp 2026 Information

September
11 – 13, 2026

Athens Orchestra Camp

YMCA Camp Michindoh

September 11, 12, 13, 2026

THE BASICS

Camp occurs every fall, and it's a great way to kick off our concert season and school year. Most students say it's the highlight of their year, and one of the top highlights of their orchestra experience at Athens. It is a 3-day, 2-night camp covering at YMCA Camp Michindoh in the beautiful wilderness near Hillsdale (approx. 2.5 hours southwest of Troy). While there, students will get top notch instruction from some of the best music educators in the state of Michigan. Students will also get free time to spend together doing activities provided by the camp, such as water slides, inflatable water park, canoeing, and recreational sports. At the end of camp on Sunday, we will perform a concert for you to kick off our school year. Camp is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. It's a great way to meet people and bond with your orchestra family.

FORMS

All students must complete the **HEALTH FORM**. We prefer that this is done using our secure online format: <https://www.athensorchestras.com/fall-camp.html>. Food allergies are included in the health form.

MUSIC

Music packets are posted on our website (www.AthensOrchestras.com). Please carefully look to see what pieces are for your group as well as the whole group. You must bring your own part. You may "go paperless" and use your iPad for your music, but you **MUST** have an effective and fast way to notate the music during rehearsal. You must also make sure your iPad is charged for every rehearsal. **Violin part assignments will be communicated to you before we arrive at camp.**

PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

Payment for camp is done all online. *Camp cost is \$170 per person.* Registering for camp means you have paid the down payment. Payment of camp includes all transportation, meals, all activities provided by the camp, overnight stay for two nights, and limited-edition camp t-shirt. **Down payment with registration of any amount to hold your spot is due by June 30.** Remaining balances must be paid by September 1 to attend Camp.

***If you wish to go to camp and are concerned about finances, please contact athensorchestra@gmail.com. We want all students to be able to go to camp.*

TRANSPORTATION

Busing will be provided TO camp on Friday, September 5 by bus. We will leave from Athens High School student parking lot, by the football field. Students will not be able to get inside the building. **Please note there IS BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BACK TO ATHENS ON SUNDAY. The final performance will be at Athens High School on Sunday at 3:00 pm. Please join us at that time for the final concert and to pick up your child. Please see attached time schedule.**

Thursday September 10

During School: The equipment trailer will be filled with cellos, basses, stands, and other camp items
After your class period, you will put your instrument on the trailer to be transported to the camp. If you want to bring your luggage a day early, we can also put that on the trailer to be transported to camp for you.

Friday September 11

SENIORS ONLY:

6:30am: Seniors depart school BY BUS. Bring/eat breakfast beforehand. Bring snacks if desired.

9:00: Team building activity – high ropes course – closed toed shoes required!

12:15: Lunch

1-3PM: Waterfront Usage (beach house available to change)

3PM: Setup rehearsal spaces, then get into bunks/bunk decoration time around 3:30/4pm

Escort assigned groups to assigned bunks

GRADES 9, 10, 11: Bring your luggage with you to Athens in the morning of Friday 9/6. Put them ALONG THE WALL in the orchestra room. Then you can stay after school to catch the bus.

2:30 Grades 9-11 arrive AT ATHENS, BOARD BUSES

4:30 Arrival at Camp, shown to bunks by senior leaders

5:30 Dinner : *sit at a table with at least 1 senior, 2 juniors, 2 sophomores, and 2 freshmen!*

6:00 Michindoh Orientation in Main Lodge Rehearsal Space

6:15-8:45 Rehearsal/ Sectional (see schedule)

9:00-10:00 Evening bonfire + Ice Cream bar (feel free to bring games or other instruments)

10:15 In Cabins

11:00 Lights out

Saturday September 12

8:15 Breakfast : *sit with someone new from your grade that you've never met before!*

8:45-12:15 Rehearsal/ Sectional (see schedule)

12:15 Lunch : *sit with your section, but any orchestra!*

1:00-4:00 Free time: can be spent at the waterfront, in your cabins, or on campus

5:15 Dinner : *seating is your choice!*

6:00-7:15 Large group rehearsal

7:30-9:30 Orctoberfest Planning + Bonfire & S'mores

9:45 In Cabins

11:00 Lights out

Sunday September 13

8:15 Breakfast

8:45 Concert/Freshman run-through

8:45 Symph Clean & Pack, Luggage to Michigan Room

9:15 Symph run-through

9:15 Concert/Freshman, Luggage to Michigan Room

9:45 All luggage to trailer, go to Rec Center for Archery Battle

10:00 Orchestra Team Building – Archery Battle

12:15 Lunch at Main Lodge

12:45 Board buses to leave

2:45 **STUDENTS ARRIVE at ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL, put luggage in parents' car BUT DO NOT LEAVE. Students prepare stage**

2:45 Parents arrive for pickup and load luggage prior to concert

3:00 Final Concert on stage AT ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

Students are dismissed upon completion of the concert; approx. 30 minutes

Music Schedule

Friday PM	<u>Symphony: Mr. Quinn</u>	<u>Concert&Freshmen: Ms. Puscas</u>	Sat. AM	<u>Symphony: Mr. Quinn</u>	<u>Concert&Freshmen: Ms. Puscas</u>
6:15 – 7:30	Sectionals	Rehearsal: Grand Hall	8:45 – 9:50	Rehearsal: Grand Hall	Sectionals
7:40- 8:45	Rehearsal: Grand Hall	Sectionals	9:55 – 10:50	Sectionals	Rehearsal: Grand Hall
			11:00 – 12:10	Rehearsal: Grand Hall	Sectionals **BRING STANDS TO GRAND HALL
Saturday Evening		Mass Rehearsal on <i>all groups piece</i> at Grand Hall			
6:15-7:00pm					
Sunday AM	<u>Symphony: Mr. Quinn</u>	<u>Concert&Freshmen: Ms. Puscas</u>			
8:45-9:15am	Clean & Pack Bunkhouses	Rehearsal			
9:15-9:40am	Rehearsal	Clean & Pack Bunkhouses			
9:45am	Clean up in this order: Stack chairs, rack stands, stands to trailer, cart to trailer, cellos to trailer, basses to trailer, luggage to trailer, violins and violas to trailer. All bags going on the bus need to stay in the grand hall during archery battle.				

Orchestra/Section	Conductor / Clinician	Rehearsal Space
Freshman&Concert	Ms. Puscas	Grand Hall
Symphony	Mr. Quinn	Grand Hall
1 st Violin	William Schumann	Indiana Room A
2 nd Violin	Allison Harris	Indiana Room B
Viola	Kathy Blanchard	Weatherwood
Cello	Nick Callcut	Ohio Room
Bass		Michigan Room

*******PLEASE NOTE THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES
AS WE GET CLOSER TO CAMP. AN UPDATE SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED
TO ALL STUDENTS A WEEK PRIOR TO CAMP ON
ATHENSORCHESTRAS.COM.**

What Should I Pack?

There may be items missing from this list. You are trusted to bring the appropriate items and clothing.

- INSTRUMENT – LABELED WITH YOUR NAME
- MUSIC + PENCIL – LABELED WITH YOUR NAME
- MUSIC STAND – BOTH PARTS LABELED WITH YOUR NAME for your sectional space
- Sleeping bag and/or blankets + pillow
- Jacket/outerwear
- **SWIMSUIT: Ladies must wear ONE PIECE swimsuits. This is a YMCA rule. If you do not own a 1-piece, you may wear a dark colored t-shirt over your bathing suit. Men must wear traditional swim trunks.**
- Warm clothing
- Day clothes
- Bathroom items/accessories
- Shower items + shower shoes (you will share the shower houses with your bunkmates) + TOWELS
- Any applicable medicines, including pain relief medication (the first aid kit is for emergencies only)
- **Sunscreen & bug spray**
- **Closed-toed shoes & appropriate shoes for the water front**
- **Flashlight/headlamp**
- **Water bottle**
- Cards/games/books/leisure items (includes additional instruments such as guitars, ukuleles, etc.)
- Sunglasses
- Cash, if you have a desire to use the vending machines on campus or purchase emergency items from camp store.

*****Be advised that the TSD and Athens Student Code of Conduct AND DRESS CODE are in effect for this trip, as it is an extension of the school day.**

******Please note you are NOT to bring snack/food into the cabins, this is a Camp Michindoh's policy. If you decide to bring snacks, be prepared to face the consequences of your actions. We will have "community" snacks for all students, they will be nut-free and as allergy friendly as possible.***

Instruments

- All instrument cases, music, and all parts of your personal music stand need to be labeled with first and last names.
- **CELLOS AND BASSES WILL BE USING THE TRAILER TO TRANSPORT THEIR INSTRUMENT.** They will not go on the bus. Please see schedule for THURSDAY to drop off your instrument on the trailer.
- You may send someone else with your instrument to put it on the trailer if you are not able to make it.

I look forward to working with everyone and starting off the year with a wonderful camp!

-Mr. Quinn

Bunks

We will have safety and cleaning protocols in place to make sure bunks are as safe as possible for our students.

- **All students** have been assigned bunk mates and cabins. When you get to the camp, your senior leaders will take you to your cabin
- **There will be senior leaders in each cabin.** All cabins hold at least 12 students. There will be 2 cabins that are for the adult chaperones, centrally and easily located.
- **Your cabin will have air conditioning.**
- All cabins have at least one attached bathroom.
- *You are to stay in your own cabin. If you would like to enjoy the company of another person, please do so at a general meeting space. There is no reason to go into someone else's cabin.*
- *****Please note you are NOT to bring snack items into the cabins, this is a Camp Michindoh's policy. If you decide to bring snacks into the cabins, be prepared to face consequences of your actions.**

Free Time Activities

Waterfront

- Swimming
- Inflatable Waterpark
- Water Slide
- Kayak/Canoe

*****There are very specific rules in place at the waterfront. There are always lifeguards on duty, and their rules are to be followed. These rules are put in place for your safety and enjoyment of the water. If you cannot respect these rules, you may be asked to leave the waterfront – this is non-negotiable. Please also see the note about bathing suits in the packing list.**

Sport Courts

- Gaga Ball
- Sand Volleyball
- Basketball
- Rec Center

Hammocks

Resting in your Cabin

Hang out indoors at the Great Hall or hang out outdoors.

How to Register and Pay for Camp Online

To help with booking, banking, and general organization, the Athens Orchestras ask that all payments be made online. The following are steps to complete payment for camp.

1. Go to WWW.ATHENSORCHESTRAS.COM >> STORE >> FALL CAMP PAYMENT

All Items > Fall Camp Payment



FALL CAMP PAYMENT

\$5.00 - \$170.00

Full camp payment amount is \$170. Down payment of any amount is due by June 30 to reserve your spot.

If you choose to pay a different amount, please pay the remaining balance 7 days before we leave for camp.

To go to camp, we also need a health history form on file for your child. Please fill it out online here.



Payment Amount


What is your child's name? *

Quantity

ADD TO CART

2. Using the drop down menu, choose the **amount** you wish to pay at this time. Enter your child's **first and last name**, and then the quantity you wish you pay for (for siblings) and then click **ADD TO CART**.
 - a. Down payment for camp (any amount to hold your place) After that, you can choose to pay in any installments equaling up to \$170. *Please note that your child will not be permitted to attend camp if they have not paid the full amount by September 1.* You may pay two ways, using a credit/debit card, or using a PayPal account (if you have one - ****NOT REQUIRED.**)

3. Click **CHECKOUT** to review your order. Click **CHECKOUT** again if all information is correct. Then enter your EMAIL ADDRESS, FIRST AND LAST NAMES, AND PHONE NUMBER. Click next.

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Email Address

Field required

or log in to your account

First Name Last Name


Phone Number

United States +1*

You'll be able to create an account and save this information after checking out

NEXT

ORDER SUMMARY



Fall Camp Payment \$50.00

Qty: 1

Payment Amount: \$50

What is your child's name?: ryan quinn


Subtotal \$50.00

Taxes \$0.00

Order Total \$50.00


PAYMENT INFORMATION

REVIEW & SUBMIT ORDER



4. You will see a statement that says you will be directed to the PayPal website. YOU DO NOT NEED A PAYPAL ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR CAMP. Click NEXT.

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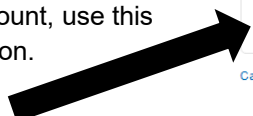
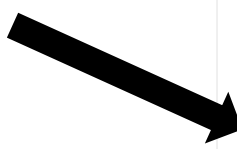
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5. After you have entered your payment amount and follow the prompts via PayPal. You will then be directed back to the Athens Orchestra website to complete the order. Click **COMPLETE ORDER**.
6. You will then get a confirmation email with your receipt attached.
7. Please then go back to the website home page and go to **MY ACCOUNT**. Please input the same email address you just used for the purchase and create/save a password to the website. Once you login, you are able to see your payment history for camp so you can pay your balance at a later date. All remaining balances are to be paid one week before we attend camp.

MY ACCOUNT

[Log Out](#)

Order History

Date Placed	Order #	Items	Total	Status
1/21/2020	970520783	Fall Camp Payment	\$5.00	Paid

Saved Information

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