

Athens Orchestra Camp 2018

YMCA Camp Michindoh

August 17-19, 2018

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 August 17, 18, 19 at YMCA Camp Michindoh in the beautiful wilderness near Hillsdale. While there, students will get world-class 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 zip lining, 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

Before attending camp, all students must complete the **HEALTH HISTORY FORM**. We prefer that this is done online: www.athensorchestras.com/camp-2018.html . Food allergies are included in the health history form, as well as t-shirt sizes. There may be additional waivers to participate in camp activities (canoeing, zip line, etc.) those will come at a later date.

MUSIC

Music will be posted on CHARMS over the summer in three separate folders, divided by Orchestra. There will be one large piece that all three groups will do together. This can be found in the "Camp" main folder in Charms. ***Incoming freshmen should print violin 1 and 2.***

PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

Payment for camp is done all online. *Camp cost is \$160 per person if registered before June 30 and \$170 after June 30.* Registration includes down payment and Athens Orch Health Form (see above). Payment of camp includes all transportation, meals, all activities provided by the camp, overnight stay for two nights, and a really awesome camp t-shirt. ***Down payment with registration is \$80 and is due by June 30, 2018.*** Remaining balances must be paid by August 10, 2018 to attend Camp. **NO CAMP REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15.** 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, regardless of financial situations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More information will be posted on Charms over the summer, as well as our website: www.athensorchestras.com.

TRANSPORTATION

Busing will be provided TO and FROM camp. Our final concert will be at the Auditorium at ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL, so you will need to plan to come pick your child up by 4pm on Sunday.

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

-Mr. Quinn

Thursday August 16

4-5:00pm: The equipment trailer will be open for students to drop off ALL cellos, ALL basses, and any instruments wishing to be transported to camp the following morning. If you cannot make this time, the trailer will be open from 5:30am on Friday the 17th until our departure at 6am. Once the seniors leave Athens at 6am, the trailer will be unavailable.

Friday August 17

SENIORS ONLY:

6:00am: Seniors depart from school BY BUS. Bring/eat breakfast beforehand

Team building activity

9-11am: Teambuilding activity

11:30-12:30: Lunch

Get into bunks/bunk decoration time, Prepare for arrival of Orchestras

1:30 **Grades 9-11 arrive AT ATHENS, BOARD BUSES**
4:30 Arrival at Camp, shown to bunks by senior leaders, setup rehearsal spaces
5:00 Dinner at Lodge
6:45-8:45 Rehearsal/ Sectional (see schedule) *Brief orientation prior to first rehearsal*
9:00-10:00 Evening bonfire & Ice Cream bar at Fireside
10:15 In Cabins
11:00 Lights out

Saturday August 18

8:00 Breakfast at Lodge
8:45-12 Rehearsal/ Sectional (see schedule)
12:00 Lunch at Lodge
1:00-5:00 Free time: See Schedule for Offerings
5:30 Dinner at Lodge
6:30-7:30 Large group rehearsal
8:00-10 Orctoberfest Planning + Bonfire & S'mores at Fireside
10:00 In Cabins
11:00 Lights out

Sunday August 19

7:30 Wake up
8:00 Breakfast
8:30 Concert & Freshmen run-through, Symphony Clean & Pack
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(Girls luggage in Grand Hall, Boys luggage in Michigan room attached to Grand Hall)
10:30-12:15 Orchestra Team Building
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Board buses to leave
4:00 ARRIVE at ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL, parents meet to unpack
 Students prepare stage
 Pizza Dinner
5:00 Final Concert on stage AT ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL
 Students are dismissed upon completion of the concert

Music Schedule

Friday PM	<u>Symphony:</u> <u>Mr. Quinn</u>	<u>Concert&Freshmen:</u> <u>Mr. MacNair</u>	Sat. AM	<u>Symphony:</u> <u>Mr. Quinn</u>	<u>Concert&Freshmen:</u> <u>Mr. MacNair</u>
6:30 – 7:30	Sectionals	Rehearsal: Grand Hall	9:00 – 10:30	Rehearsal: Grand Hall	Sectionals
7:40-8:45	Rehearsal: Grand Hall	Sectionals	10:40- 11:45	Sectionals **BRING STANDS TO GRAND HALL	Rehearsal: Grand Hall
Saturday Evening			Mass Rehearsal on <i>Moana</i> at Grand Hall		
6:30-7:30pm					
Sunday AM	<u>Symphony: Mr. Quinn</u>		<u>Concert&Freshmen:</u> <u>Mr. MacNair</u>		
8:30-9:30am	Clean & Pack Bunkhouses		Rehearsal		
9:30-10:30am	Rehearsal		Clean & Pack Bunkhouses		

Orchestra/Section	Conductor / Clinician	Rehearsal Space
Freshman&Concert	Mr. MacNair	Grand Hall
Symphony	Mr. Quinn	Grand Hall
1 st Violin	Mr. Joe Richards	Indiana Room
2 nd Violin		Ohio Room/Outdoors
Viola	Mrs. Allison Harris	Ohio Room/Outdoors
Cello	Ms. Milan Puscas	Executive Board Room
Bass	Mr. Mitchell Anderson	Michigan Room

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 – LABELED WITH YOUR NAME
- 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**
- Jeans/jean shorts for end of camp performance
- **Closed-toed shoes & appropriate shoes for the water front**
- **Flashlight/headlamp**
- **Water bottle**
- Cards/games/books/leisure items (includes additional instruments such as guitars, etc)
- Sunglasses
- Cash, if you have a desire to use the vending machines on campus.

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.
- **If you plan to use a school cello or bass, you need to come to the school on Thursday during the open trailer time to pack your instrument up and put it on the trailer. Those are the only times the school and trailer will be open. You may send someone else with your instrument to put it on the trailer if you are not able to make it.**

Bunks

- **Seniors** and **Juniors** have been assigned bunk mates and cabins. Those students have been notified of their assignments.
- **Freshmen** and **Sophomores** will be asked to get into **pairs** with a preferred bunk mate (some grades may be asked to get into groups of 3, based on our total amount of students) **when we get to the camp.**
- Once they have paired off, they will choose a bunk based on the available spaces in that bunk. There are spaces for all of our students, but we have purposely mixed grades so our students get to know each other and make new friends.
- **There will be two senior leaders and one adult chaperone in each cabin.** All cabins hold at least 12 students, with almost all cabins having between 8-10 people assigned to each cabin.
- It is highly likely that 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, be prepared to face consequences of your actions.**

Free Time Activities

Waterfront

- Swimming
- Blob
- 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

Hammocks

Resting in your Cabin

Hang out indoors at the Great Hall

