



West Coast Amateur Musicians Society Summer Music Camp 2017

Pre-Camp Information

Thank you for deciding to make our camp part of your summer music experience!

Herein you will find all sorts of information that will be helpful in deciding what to pack, and what to expect when you get to camp. Please also refer to the [FAQ](#) which is a one-page question-answer sheet of most commonly asked questions, as well as the [WCAMS-QUEST map](#).

HOW DO I GET TO CAMP?

From Greater Vancouver Lower Mainland by car

Take Trans Canada Highway 1 / Upper Levels Highway and head towards the Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal. Continue on Highway 99 North for approximately 44 km until you reach Squamish. Continue past the town center, then turn right (east) at Mamquam Road (you will see a Canadian Tire on the North East Corner of Highway 99 and Mamquam Road). Drive for about 2 minutes, then turn left (north) on Highlands Way and continue up the hill. Once you have reached the top of the hill, turn right (east) on the Boulevard (also called University Boulevard). Continue along the Boulevard up the hill and over the bridge until you reach Quest University Canada.

For those not familiar with the Vancouver area, more detailed directions are provided at:
<http://www.questu.ca/about/campus-location>

Public Transportation

Greyhound Canada offers regular services up the Sea to Sky Corridor to Squamish and Whistler. Phone 1.800.661.8747 or go to their website, www.greyhound.ca, for more details.

Individuals can also get to Squamish from the airport by using Pacific Coach. There is a regular bus service from Squamish to Quest University.

CHECK-IN

Check-in time is from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday, July 16, in the foyer of the Library Building at Quest University. Park in front of this building while you collect your registration package, then drive to your residence.

If you are staying in Red Tusk, park outside the building to unload your car, and then park your car in the eastern VISITOR PARKING lot (see map) during the week. If you are staying in North or South Village, park in the TEMPORARY PARKING between the two buildings (see map), and then park your car in the VISITOR PARKING to the east of the Village buildings during the week.

After settling into your room, new campers may choose to explore the campus by following the campus map and the map of classrooms (found in the Camp Booklet). Parents/guardians of children and youth must attend a brief orientation session with their children/youth in the

University Services Building MPR from 5:00 to 5:30pm. Dinner will follow at 5:30 and orientation will begin at 6:30. The first musical session of the camp is the read-through session of the major choral work which follows the orientation session (choir and orchestra rehearse separately.) Day students should arrive by 3:30 p.m.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

In addition to your instrument, music stand, pencil and personal effects, you may find it useful to bring a water bottle, a coffee mug, an alarm clock, a notebook, flashlight, wind clips or clothes pins.

WHAT WILL MY ACCOMMODATION BE LIKE?

Camp participants are housed in student residence buildings on the Quest campus. Most bathrooms are shared by two people, and rooms have one or two beds. If you have paid for a private room, you will have your own bedroom but may be sharing a bathroom with one other person.

Bedding is provided, but you will have to make your own bed. Some people like to bring an extra pillow. Towels will be provided, but if you like to use a large bath towel, bring your own. Note that Quest does not supply soap or other toiletry items. You may also wish to bring extra hangers, an extra blanket, a reading lamp, a kettle or a coffee maker.

WHAT DO I WEAR?

Camp is very casual - shirts, shorts, sandals - just comfortable summertime clothing. We have had many years of very hot weather during the week of camp, but of course there is no guarantee. Even during a hot spell, the evenings can be cool, so come prepared for some variability in weather. All buildings at Quest have Geothermal heating/cooling systems.

As far as concert dress is concerned, there is no "dress code" at all. When attending the faculty concerts in the evening, many campers just wear what they've had on during the day, although some like to dress up a bit. For student concerts (which involve performances by virtually everyone at the camp), there is again no official code. Many people wear something dressier for the concert performances, but again, this is not the type of "formal wear" that you might wear in town. Women tend to be in skirts or sundresses, men perhaps in slacks or shorts, but no ties, no jackets, no fancy shoes - it's camp! Whatever you're comfortable in will be acceptable, and some people don't dress up at all for the concert events.

DO I NEED TO BRING FOOD?

Each meal at Quest is a set menu, served buffet style. Separate meals are being prepared for campers who have notified us of special dietary restrictions. Everyone else will collect their food from the buffet. Milk, juice and water are available at every meal, but tea and coffee will be served only at breakfast and the morning snack. There is also food available for purchase in the cafeteria building between 7:30am and 7:30pm, and there are stores within a 10-minute drive from the campus.

Please note that there are no fridges or microwaves in most rooms in the Village Residences. Fridges and microwaves are available in the common lounges on each floor of Red Tusk.

If you have any questions about campus food contact Sara (sara.brusse@gmail.com).

WHAT INSTRUMENTS SHOULD I BRING?

We don't supply any instruments at camp, other than the large percussion equipment, keyboards and a few guitars. If you play an instrument, it's up to you to bring that and your music stand.

If you're thinking you'd like to learn a new instrument, this is a great environment in which to try it out, but you'll have to bring it along with you. Many of our coaches are available to provide lessons outside of the regular scheduled classes, but the cost of these lessons is negotiated between the student and the teacher (it is not included in the camp fees).

If you have an instrument which you "sometimes" play, such as a guitar or a recorder, there may well be opportunities to use it at camp (for example in the Celtic Music sessions, where a wide variety of instruments is always welcome). There are also a great many options for vocalists, so don't feel you need to have an instrument with you, other than your voice!

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR COURSES?

You don't have to sign up for anything! Chamber music groups are the only activity for which pre-registration is required, and these have already been organized. Faculty members will describe their sessions at our Sunday night orientation. On the first full day of camp (Monday) you simply follow the timetable and attend those classes that you think might be of interest to you. If on the Tuesday you want to try something different, you are free to do so. After that time, it's best to decide what you want to stick with, as performances are held Friday and Saturday nights, and by Wednesday the leader of each course will want to know who is going to be performing.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS / CHAPERONES

All children and students under the age of 19 MUST be accompanied by an adult chaperone, and must have a waiver signed by parent or legal guardian (not the chaperone). These forms must be submitted before camp. If you are bringing an under-19 and have not yet filled out the waiver form, please download and print the form from here:

<http://www.wcams.ca/camp/Waiver2017.pdf>

and mail it to Sara at the address provided on the form before arriving at camp.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR PARENTS OF YOUNGER CHILDREN

The Children's Program runs from 8:40am to 1:00pm daily, with outdoor games from 4:40 to 5:40pm each day, during which times parents are free for their own activities. However, parents may find that they wish to attend classes or performances after dinner, and should also expect to participate in the Friday and Saturday evening performances. There is no child-minding provided at these times, but here are some suggestions that may help:

- Connect with other parents early in the week and share child-minding.
- Children can accompany their parent to practice sessions, doing a quiet activity.
- Children are welcome to attend the concerts, and are also welcome to have a snooze during the concert if that's what they need! Often parents bring younger children to the first part of the concert and then leave to take them to bed.

Children are welcome to attend afternoon and evening sessions: Orchestra 101 (for instrumentalists) and the Drop-In Singing class (for everyone) are highly recommended.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AT CAMP

The WCAMS Scholarship and Bursary Fund provides financial aid to music students and others who could not otherwise afford to attend camp. Donations by campers and several fundraising activities support this annual fund, including the Silent Auction and the Used Book/Music/CD/DVD Sale.

You can help by soliciting items for the Silent Auction. Ideally, the items will be no bigger than an envelope, e.g., tickets to a performance (we do not have a secure location to store physical items). Services such as massage or gift certificates are also welcome. It would be useful to have brochures or posters available to advertise the donor's enterprise.

If you will be bringing donations of tickets or subscriptions or services, please send the information to Sara Brusse (sara.brusse@gmail.com), including:

1. the organization,
2. what is being donated,
3. the value of the donation, and
4. whether you will bring brochures or other promotional materials to camp.

The donations do not need to be for events or businesses in the Vancouver area, as long as there are some WCAMS people able to make use of the donation. Thanks very much for helping out!

QUIET TIME

Our camp schedule is a very busy one, and both children and adults become quite tired by mid-week. We have a daily Quiet Time from 2:00 to 3:00, and we encourage both adults and children to make use of this time for relaxing. If you do not feel you need to rest at this time, there are a few "drop-in" classes offered during this time which you may attend intermittently, depending on whether or not you need a rest that day.

LAST DAY

On the final morning, Sunday, July 23, there are no scheduled activities. Breakfast is served from 8:00 – 9:00am, and check-out is from 9:00 – 10:00am.

We hope that camp will be a great experience for you, and look forward to seeing you there. If you have any other questions, please email the Camp Registrar, Wendy Norman (camp@wcams.ca) or Hilary Crowther (info@wcams.ca).

See you soon!