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Student

Handbook

Dear Mars Hill University Summer Music Camp Parents and Campers,

We welcome you and your child to the Mars Hill University Summer Music Camp, and we trust that it will be an enjoyable experience for all.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMUNICATIONS: Although your house will probably be quieter while they are away, you'll still want to stay in touch with your camper. **Campers may bring cell phones.** (The MHU Summer Music Camp will not be responsible for loss or damage to cell phones, or any other personal property.) For emergencies during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. contact the Music Camp Office at **828.689.1210** and we will get a message to your child.

MEDICATIONS: If your camper has daily medications, you will be required to fill out a medical form before visit or on arrival and hand the medications to the Dean of Students. The medications will be administered at the specified times.

To limit calls home about OTC medication we will assume consent is given to administer to students who need them during camp.

MAIL: We discourage sending mail to participants due to the shortness of their stay and the length of time for delivery of mail.

VISITORS: While it is rare for a student to leave campus, there is a mandatory system requiring you to sign out for off-campus travels. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend the evening concerts with the campers.

END OF CAMP CHECK-OUT AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION: To officially check-out, the Mars Hill University Summer Music Camper needs to have completed the following tasks:

At Moore Auditorium:

- Return instruments borrowed from the Department of Music to the Band Room.

At the Residence Hall:

- Remove ALL personal belongings from the room. The room should look as it did when you checked in; that is, nothing in or on the furniture, walls, bed, bathroom, or floor.
- Please place all trash in the trash can.
- **A counselor or staff member must inspect the room during the check-out time.** When found clean and clear with no damage the counselor/staff member will sign the check-out form. This form should be turned in with the camper's room key. Keys will NOT be accepted without a checkout form. The lost key fee is \$25.00.

Parents and families are invited to attend the concert on Friday afternoon at 1:00. This will mark the end of camp. Students will already have packed their belongings and “checked-out” of the Residence Hall. Their luggage will be safely stored near the auditorium. The bands will perform in Moore Auditorium.

II. RULES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAMP EXPERIENCE

To help ensure everyone learns to their maximum and has a great time, we have put together a Student Handbook outlining the “big picture” of the camp experience. Please see that both you and your camper read it thoroughly; along with the other information you have been sent. Please be aware that by attending this camp, you and your child agree to the rules and regulations outlined in this document. This will allow everyone to obtain maximum benefit and comfort before, during and after camp. You are encouraged to conduct yourself in a manner that respects the rights of others, both fellow campers, the faculty, the staff, and the public who attend concerts during the camp session. The following eleven rules (listed in **BOLD CAPS**) are the Mars Hill University Summer Music Camp’s Code of Conduct which has been endorsed by Mars Hill University. This list of “DO’S” and “DON’TS” is not long, however, a few rules of behavior and the consequences of breaking them must be made clear.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING RULES VERY CAREFULLY. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, BREAKING ANY RULE LISTED BELOW WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM CAMP WITH NO REFUND OF FEES.

I AGREE TO CONDUCT MYSELF IN A MANNER THAT WILL BE A CREDIT TO ME, MY FAMILY, MY COMMUNITY, MY SCHOOL, MY DIRECTOR, AND MY TEAM. I WILL:

- 1. UNDERSTAND AND OBEY ANY AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE CAMP DIRECTOR AND THE UNIVERSITY** (Campers who demonstrate behavior deemed unacceptable by the camp administration will be immediately dismissed from camp.)
- 2. DEMONSTRATE COOPERATION AND RESPECT TO CAMP/CONFERENCE STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS AND COLLEGE EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND VISITORS.**
- 3. SHOW RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS, PRIVACY AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS. THIS INCLUDES REFRAINING FROM HARASSMENT – UNWELCOME OR UNSOLICITED SPEECH OR CONDUCT – OF ALL PERSONS ON CAMPUS REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, CREED, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR DISABILITY. BOYS MAY NOT VISIT GIRLS’ ROOMS, GIRLS MAY NOT VISIT BOYS’ ROOMS.** Only designated stairways and elevators may be used as entrances to your living quarters. Campers who demonstrate an unhealthy and/or aggressive sexual behavior will be immediately dismissed from the camp. Any form of hazing is strictly prohibited and is considered a Class 2 misdemeanor. The term “hazing” shall mean any conduct or method of initiation on any person, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any person

for the purpose of initiation or inclusion. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, certain apparel, exposure to weather, forced consumption of food, liquor, beverage, drugs or other substances, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any student or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

4. NOT POSSESS OR USE ANY ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR DRUGS DURING THE CAMP (UNLESS PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN) OR POSSESS A WEAPON, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND ACCESSORIES. (Prohibited items include tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, any type of non-over-the-counter, non-prescription or illegal drug, alcohol, weapons, explosives, and incendiaries. Weapons include items that are seemingly harmless but may be used as weapons – the so-called “dual use” items {i.e., pen/utility knives, box cutters, knives of any length or size, sabers, swords, or metal scissors with pointed tips}. If you bring a prohibited item to camp you may be dismissed from camp and held criminally liable by the University (including a ban from university property), or at least, asked to rid yourself of the item depending on the severity of the prohibited item. A camp official and/or Campus Police Officer will make this determination, depending on what the item is and the circumstances. This is because bringing a prohibited item to camp – even accidentally is dangerous to all staff and campers in addition to violation of university policy. Reasonable suspicion of possession of prohibited items is cause for camp officials and/or Campus Police to ask that your belongings and living area be searched).

5. COMPLY WITH THE SCHEDULE OF ALL CAMP FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING EVENTS, MEALS, QUIET HOURS AND CURFEWS.

ATTENDANCE: In order to receive the maximum benefits from camp, you must attend all classes. You cannot learn if you are not in class. Class rolls are checked, and absences reported to the head counselors, deans and director and may result in revocation of scholarships unless approval is given by the deans or director. **Repeated absences will result in expulsion from camp with no refund of fees.** Also, **attendance and participation at all concerts is required.** Parents are invited to camp concerts. No admission is charged. You may join your parents during visits as long as camp functions are attended. Most evening concerts, which feature campers, camp ensembles and camp faculty, begin at 7:30p.m. and usually last until 9:00p.m. The final concert on Friday afternoon begins at 1:30p.m. and will feature two or more camp ensembles. Attendance and participation at rehearsals is required. Proper concert etiquette, both as a performer and an audience member, is expected at all concerts the camp attends. It is at these events that the camp is on its most “public” display. Set a good example for all those in attendance.

6. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ELECTRONICS, ROOM KEY, NECK WALLET (MEAL CARD), AND AGREE TO LOCK MY ROOM WHEN LEAVING IT.

7. PAY FOR ANY LOST ROOM KEY (\$25.00) AND/OR ANY DAMAGE TO UNIVERSITY PROPERTY.

8. UNDERSTAND THAT ALL FACILITIES AND RESIDENCE HALLS NOT USED BY MY CAMP ARE STRICTLY OFF LIMITS, AND THAT I AM NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION AND SUPERVISION BY THE CAMP STAFF.

9. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY SAFETY BY TRAVELING AROUND CAMPUS IN PAIRS AND/OR GROUPS.

10. SUPPORT MY TEAM MEMBERS (FELLOW CAMPERS) AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY TEAMS ACTIONS.

11. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE CAMP, MY PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED, AND I MAY BE DISMISSED FROM CAMP WITH NO REFUND.

III. DAY CAMPERS

Day Campers (campers not residing in the MHU Residence Hall) are required to follow these additional rules:

CARS: Commuter students who may be driving cars to campus are expected to remain on campus until they are dismissed from the evening event (unless other arrangements have been made). If campers are found leaving campus without permission from the Camp Director, they will be expelled from the camp with no refunds. If you are a residential student, you will be required to turn in your keys to the Dean of Men/Women upon your arrival at camp. Resident campers are not to ride in vehicles or be off campus unless you have permission from your parents.

1. I WILL TURN IN MY CAR KEYS TO THE DEANS ONCE I ARRIVE BEFORE THE MORNING REHEARSAL.

2. I WILL REMAIN ON CAMPUS UNTIL DISMISSED FROM THE EVENING PROGRAM.

3. DAY CAMPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN ROOMS OF RESIDENT CAMPERS.

4. DAY CAMPERS WILL BE ESCORTED TO THEIR CARS, FOR ADDED SAFETY, BY CAMP STAFF AFTER THE EVENING PROGRAMS.

5. THE DROP OFF POINT IS THE FARM BUREAU BANK PARKING LOT.

MHU Summer Music Camp Ensemble Placement Auditions

On Sunday, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., all campers will audition on their primary instrument for chair placement into the camp ensembles. These auditions will take place in the lower level of Moore Auditorium; specific room assignments will be posted throughout the building. Campers will audition individually with one or more camp faculty members listening.

Campers will perform the Concert Bb, Eb, F, and Ab scales. Rising 7th and 8th grade students will read off the NCBA honor band middle scale sheet while rising 9th-12th grade students will read off of the NCBA honor band 9/10 scale sheet. All students will then be asked to sight read a small passage.

Campers will be judged on tone quality, pitch and rhythm accuracy, technique, intonation, and control of pitch center for both the scale and sight reading portion of the audition.

We make every effort for these auditions to be as stress-free as possible. The faculty will conduct the auditions in a relaxed and professional manner. Their goal is for everyone to play to their full potential. Auditions are for the sole purpose of placing students in the correct large ensemble for the best camp experience. Try to relax and enjoy the experience!

Items you should bring to camp include:

- **A wire music stand**
- **Twin XL Sheets or sleeping bag**
- **Pillow**
- **Towels**
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Alarm clock
- Watch
- Casual clothing and comfortable shoes (clothing should conform to the dress code of your school)
- Pencils and staff paper
- Rain gear
- Cash for souvenirs or extra food
- Chargers for phones, etc.

Do not bring personal computers. You are responsible for any electronic devices you bring to camp.

Musical accessories: reeds, valve oil, slide oil, etc. will be on sale during the camp.