

WKU SENIOR HONORS BAND | *grades 9-12*

HILLTOPPER JUNIOR BAND | *grades 6-8 with 2+ years experience*

BIG RED BEGINNING BAND | *grades 6-7 with only 1 year experience*

BAND TRACK

Optional Private Lessons | Music Electives
Overnight or Day Camp Options



Western Kentucky University

HILLTOPPER

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

JUNE 7 - 12, 2026



ADVANCED PIANO CAMP

for campers grades 6-12 with 5 or more years of experience

INTERMEDIATE PIANO CAMP

for campers grades 6-8 with at least 2 years of experience

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MUSIC CAMP AT A GLANCE

HOST SCHOOL & LOCATION

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is a student-centered, applied-research institution committed to providing its students with a transformative academic and social experience and to elevating its surrounding communities. Founded in 1906, WKU is the second largest undergraduate institution in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with approximately 15,035 students. Located 65 miles north of Nashville, TN, and just over 100 miles south of Louisville, KY, Bowling Green, KY is home to approximately 70,000 residents. Our population is ethnically diverse, with more than 85 languages spoken in and around Bowling Green, and people from 35 nationalities call our community home.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

Campers will enjoy the use of state-of-the-art facilities while at WKU. Music Camp rehearsals and activities will also be housed in the Music Hall and Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center, which include classrooms, faculty studios, two large rehearsal halls, percussion studio, practice rooms, instrument storage and library space, a computer lab, a MIDI keyboard lab, and a recital hall.

Camp activities led by camp staff and counselors will take place during unstructured time on the WKU South Lawn, Downing Student Union, and Preston Recreation Center. Facilities include basketball courts, racquetball courts, volleyball courts, game room, and more!

Each instrumentalist will be expected to bring his or her own instrument. Students playing school-owned instruments should check-out their instrument from his or her school band program. Only concert percussion equipment and pianos will be available from Western Kentucky University.

PIANO CAMP

Piano Camp will be available to students from grades 6th through 12th who have performed on piano for at least two years. Instruction in technique, literature, musicianship, ensemble performance and theory will be a part of the camp. Each piano camp student will receive private lessons during the camp. Total cost for the Piano Camp is \$559, which includes lessons. Piano campers should bring at least three pieces of standard literature (no pop arrangements, please) to camp, two of which should be performance ready.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private Lessons are available on each instrument and piano. The fee for a half-hour lesson is \$30 and may be elected by any camp student. Full hour lessons are available to students in grades 9-12, and the cost is \$60. (Private lessons are required for piano campers.) Band students with previous piano experience, regardless of age, may elect to receive a one hour piano lesson in addition to instrumental lessons. The fee for a one hour piano lesson for band students is \$60.



HOUSING, MEALS & SUPERVISION

Dorm campers will be housed in WKU residence halls. Both dorm and day campers will eat all meals in the Fresh Foods Company Cafeteria. Dorm campers must bring their own sheets, towels and pillow from home. Campers will be housed two per room. Friends who wish to room together should indicate this on the application. Housing for Friday night is not provided.

Meals begin Sunday evening after check-in and end with Lunch on Friday - 15 meals in all. All meals will be served cafeteria style, and students will be allowed to eat as much as they wish at every meal with a wide variety of choices.

While staying in the residence halls and during all hours of day camp, all campers will be under the careful supervision of the Camp Staff. Counselors will live in the residence halls and assist with all rehearsals and daytime activities in order to closely monitor all aspects of camp life.

HEALTH CARE

In the event of an illness or injury to a camper, camp staff will contact parents and escort the camper to the health care facility for prompt, professional medical care. The Med Center of Bowling Green has an on-campus clinic for care throughout the week. Medical forms will be collected during registration should information be required for medical care. Costs resulting from medical care, medication, x-rays, or lab work are the responsibility of the parent. In the unlikely event that a student would need hospital care, immediate transportation would be arranged. Costs resulting from hospital treatment are the responsibility of the parent.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

After your application has been received and accepted, we will forward additional material to you. This will include check-in times on Sunday afternoon, what to bring, a medical history and permission for treatment form, a map, a sample schedule, and all the other information needed to plan for camp.

READY TO APPLY FOR CAMP?

1) **Apply online at www.wku.edu/music/hilltoppersmc**

OR

2) Fill out the attached application, have a parent sign in the space provided, write a check payable to WKU (\$75 deposit or full amount), and take the completed application, check, and stamped envelope to your music teacher.

FACULTY / STAFF

Bands.....	Dr. Gary Schallert, WKU Dr. Matthew McCurry, WKU
Clarinet.....	Dr. John Cipolla, WKU
Saxophone.....	Dr. Jared Cummings, WKU
Flute.....	Dr. Heidi Alvarez, WKU
Oboe.....	Prof. Diana Dunn, WKU
Bassoon.....	Mr. Keegan Finkbine, Drake's Creek MS
Trumpet.....	Dr. Sarah Herbert, WKU
Tuba and Euphonium.....	Prof. Chris Schmidt, WKU
Horn.....	Dr. Emily Britton, WKU
Trombone.....	Prof. Jefferson Tunks, WKU
Percussion.....	Dr. Mark Berry, WKU
Piano.....	Dr. Zachary Lopes, WKU Dr. Jessie Welsh, WKU

Previous Camp Clinicians

Amy Spears.....	South Warren High School, KY
Linda Pulley.....	Noe Middle School, KY
Jonathan Holmes.....	Adair County High School, KY
Christie Shores.....	Bowling Green Junior High School
Lisa Burden.....	Tullahoma City Schools, TN
Troy Stovall.....	Muhlenburg County Schools, KY
Reggie Coleman.....	Rocky Fork Middle School, TN
Mandy Beasley.....	Auburn School, KY

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

[Piano Camp sample schedule available on website]

7:30 AM	Wake up! Breakfast at Fresh Foods <i>*Daycamper Drop-Off at Music Hall</i>
8:00 AM	Sectionals / Warm- Up Time
8:30 AM	Morning Rehearsal Block
10:30 AM	Elective Hour / Camp Choir
11:30 AM	Lunch at Fresh Foods
1:00 PM	Afternoon Rehearsal Block
2:30 PM	Sectional Time
3:00 PM	Lessons / Activity / Recreation Time
5:00 PM	Dinner at Fresh Foods
6:00 PM	Evening Rehearsal Block
7:30 PM	Evening Camp Activity <i>Camp Recital, Night at the Movies, Recreation Center, and Camp Party!</i>
9:30 PM	Goodnight! <i>*Daycamper Pick-up at Music Hall</i>

CAMP FEES

RESIDENT CAMPER \$499

6 days, 5 nights, 15 meals, air-conditioned dormitory room, instruction, supervision, recreation, camp t-shirt, and concert recording download link. Piano Campers must include private lessons, below.

DAY CAMPER \$399

For local residents. Includes same instruction, supervision, recreation, meals, camp t-shirt, and concert recording. Reporting time 7:30 a.m. until approximately 9:30 p.m. In person mornings and evenings.

PIANO CAMPER \$499 / \$399 + \$60

Piano Campers are automatically enrolled in private lessons as part of the piano camp schedule.

HOURLY PRIVATE LESSON +\$60 HALF-HOURLY PRIVATE LESSON +\$30

Private lessons are OPTIONAL (for all except piano camp), but campers are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

DEPOSIT \$75

A non-refundable deposit is required to hold your camper's spot at camp. You can opt to pay the deposit or the full amount at this time. Campers registering after May 1st are required to pay the full amount with their application. Information regarding balance payments by credit card will be sent in the camper's acceptance email.

REFUNDS

You may cancel your application for Summer Music Camp and receive a refund less \$75 (nonrefundable portion on all camp fee plans) if the request is made by May 25, 2026. No money will be refunded for any reason after May 25, 2026. Students arriving late for camp or leaving early are not eligible for any monetary compensation. Camp enrollment is nontransferable. The initial \$75 registration deposit (for those who do not send the full amount) is not refundable for any reason.



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APPLICATION

(may be photocopied as necessary)

☐ Male ☐ Female

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Family email _____

Camper email _____

Home Phone _____

Parent's Cell Phone () _____ OK to text? _____

Camper Cell Phone () _____ OK to text? _____

Your instrument or voice type (be specific) _____
such as trumpet, piano, violin, etc.

How many years performing on this instrument? _____

T-shirt size* ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2X ☐ 3X *Standard unisex sizing

Roommate Request _____

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ENSEMBLE

Use the grade you are in this year . . . 2025-2026

- ☐ **WKU SENIOR HONOR BAND (GRADES 9-12)**
Students must have completed one year of high school band to perform with the WKU Senior Honor Band
- ☐ **HILLTOPPER JUNIOR BAND (GRADES 6-8)**
Students must have completed two years of middle school band to perform with the Hilltopper Junior Band
- ☐ **BIG RED BEGINNING BAND (GRADE 6)**
Students must have completed one year of middle school band to perform with the Big Red Beginning Band
- ☐ **PIANO CAMP (GRADES 6-12, PLAYED 2+ YEARS)**

HOUSING: SELECT ONE

- ☐ Dorm Option \$499
- ☐ Day Camp + Meals \$399
Day camp is approximately 8:00a - 9:30p each day.

LESSONS: SELECT ONE

- ☐ Piano Campers (required) +\$60
Piano Lesson for Piano Campers
- ☐ 60 min. Private Lesson +\$60
Band Instrument Grades 9-12 only
- ☐ 30 min. Lesson +\$30
Band Instrument
- ☐ No Lesson

PIANO for Instrumentalist*

- ☐ Optional Piano Lesson +\$60

TOTAL CAMP FEE \$ _____

MASS CAMP CHOIR

Do you have experience singing in a choir?
Join our Mass Camp Choir! Camp Choir meets during one of the elective hours!

- ☐ **Yes! Sign Me Up!**
- ☐ Maybe... I'll think about it.
- ☐ No, I'm saving my voice.

ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Students will select their elective hour groups during registration. Please indicate your interest for camp electives here:

- ☐ Music History
- ☐ Music Theory
- ☐ Jazz Improvisation
- ☐ Drum Major Fundamentals
- ☐ Leadership Fundamentals
- ☐ Conducting
- ☐ Better Musicianship

QUESTIONS?

Contact us!

270-745-3751 **OR** smc@wku.edu

***Any band student with at least 2 years of piano lessons may also select a one hour piano lesson (optional).**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

WKU

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
\$75 minimum deposit

BALANCE DUE \$ _____
To be paid by May 15th

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PARENTAL APPROVAL

I **encourage** my child to participate in the WKU Hilltopper Summer Music Camp. I agree to support all camp rules and regulations. I understand that final ensemble placement decisions rest with the instructors and camp director, and I agree to abide by those placements. I understand that elective class requests will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached in each class. I understand that the Music Camp staff will make every effort to accommodate rooming requests, but that roommate arrangements cannot be guaranteed. I further agree that Summer Music Camp has permission to use any photographs, video, and audio taken during camp in future advertising. I assume financial responsibility for health care costs including the cost of any medication, x-rays, lab work, physician visit or hospitalization.

REFUND POLICY - You may cancel your application for Summer Music Camp and receive a refund less \$75.00 (nonrefundable deposit) only if the request is made prior to two weeks before the beginning of camp. No money will be refunded for any reason after the May 25th deadline. Students arriving late for camp or leaving early are not eligible for monetary compensation. The \$75.00 registration deposit is not refundable for any reason.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the front side and have parents sign approval section above.
2. Write a check to "WKU" for \$75 or full amount.
3. Address a stamped envelope to:
Hilltopper Summer Music Camp
Music Hall #203
1906 College Heights Blvd.
Bowling Green, KY 42101
4. Give application, check and envelope to your Music Teacher, who will complete the recommendation and mail it.

Music Teacher's RECOMMENDATION

Years teaching this student _____

Years student has played this instrument _____ Grade in School this year _____

Compared to peers, rate student's ability (circle one):

1	2	3	4	5
superior	excellent	average	below avg	far below avg

This student's application appears correct to the best of my knowledge. I recommend this student for participation in the WKU Hilltopper Summer Music Camp.

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name, Title & Name of Organization _____

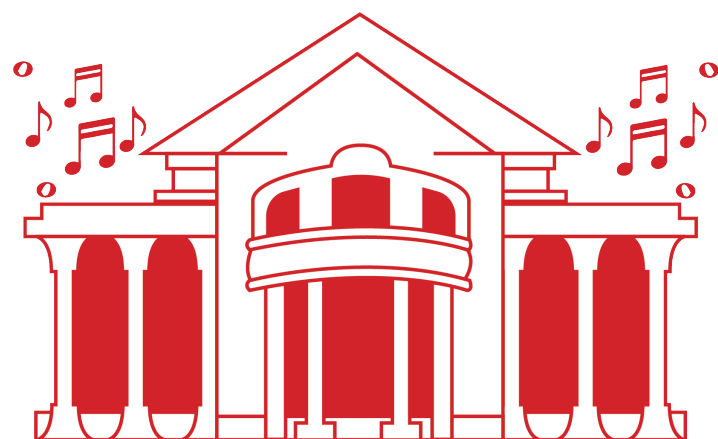
PLEASE PROMPTLY MAIL APPLICATION FOR THE STUDENT - THANK YOU!

WKU | PCAL

Department of Music

Summer Music Camp Office | Department of Music
1906 College Heights Blvd. #41029
Music Hall Suite 203
Bowling Green, KY 42101

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