



West Coast Amateur Musicians Society Summer Music Camp 2022

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](#).

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Many WCAMS campers and faculty are at higher risk of Covid complications due to age or medical conditions, and we would like to make our camp experience as safe as possible.

We require all campers and faculty to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

WCAMS is asking attendees to **remain masked in all indoor spaces** unless you are playing a wind instrument or eating. This is slightly more stringent than Quest's policy to require masks in classrooms. Note that if you are concerned about eating together in the Dining Room, there are many outdoor tables you can use.

If you are experiencing symptoms prior to attending camp, we ask that you test for Covid and don't come if you test positive.

We recommend that you bring a Covid test with you so that if you begin to experience symptoms during camp you can test, and isolate if necessary. We will have extra tests available as well.

We rely on the goodwill and honour of musicians to ensure that no one at camp is exposed to unnecessary risk.

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.

Public Transportation

There are a couple local bus companies, [Squamish Rides](#) and [Squamish Connector](#), which offer service between Vancouver and Squamish. [Pacific Coach](#) offers service from Vancouver airport. The local Squamish BC Transit #9 "Quest University/Downtown" connects from downtown Squamish and some of the other long distance bus stops to Quest University.

CHECK-IN

Check-in time is from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday, July 17, 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. Day students should arrive by 3:30 p.m.

WCAMS is occupying the Red Tusk and Ossa Peaks residences. Park outside the building, unload your belongings to the curb and then park your car in one of the VISITOR PARKING lots ([see map](#)). A volunteer will be on hand to watch your belongings until your return, when you can move them up to your room. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the unloading zone. There are no public parking spaces, and in past years, camper vehicles have been towed from this area.

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 all campers aged 14 yrs and under must attend a brief orientation session with their children in the University Services Building MPR from 4:45 to 5:15pm.

From 5:30 to 6:00pm, there will be a fun "get to know you" activity for ALL campers, all ages, which will take place on the 3rd floor of the Library Building (the same building where you checked in).

Dinner will follow at 6:00 and orientation will begin at 7:00. The first musical session of the camp is a read-through session of the Mozart *Vesperae solennes de Confessore* which follows the orientation session. As instrumental assignments will not be finalized until the first session Monday morning, we invite string players to attend the String Sectional, and encourage all other campers (singers and instrumentalists) to attend the choral read-through.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Musical Items

In addition to your instrument, all instrumentalists will need a music stand, and many singers also use one. If you have any spare stands that you'd be prepared to let other people use, please label them clearly and leave them in a classroom for others to borrow in that location - and remember to collect them at the end of the week. You may also find it useful to bring pencils, and wind clips or clothes pins (for outdoor performances).

We do not supply any instruments at camp, other than the large percussion equipment, keyboards and a few guitars. 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!

You may need to bring your own music for your coached chamber group and/or any ad hoc music-making. We're hoping that string players will print out their parts for the string ensembles. All parts for the Mozart *Vespers* are available on [IMSLP](#). If you think you might take one of the Celtic Instrumental classes, Amy asks if you can download and print out your own copies of the music at

<https://www.amystephenmusic.com/wcams-tunes-2022.html>. All other music will be supplied at camp.

Some campers like to take advantage of the week to get together with other musicians and read through other music. We recommend that you bring your own music, or download something from IMSLP before leaving home.

Non-Musical Items

In addition to your personal effects, you may find it useful to bring a water bottle, a coffee mug, an alarm clock, a notebook and a flashlight.

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: breakfast, morning snack, lunch and dinner. 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. Note that the cafeteria will NOT be open between meals. The coffee shop might be open if they can find staff. There are stores within a 10-minute drive from the campus.

There are fridges for camper use in the lounges on the 1st and 2nd floors of Red Tusk and the 4th floor of Ossa. The cafeteria is also happy to provide ice for coolers.

If you have any questions about campus food contact [Nic Bygate](#).

Evening Snack: after evening concerts, we like to gather and socialize. You may want to bring a snack for each evening. Because of the smaller number of campers this year, we will not be organizing a communal snack as in past years.

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.

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 fan, a kettle or a coffee maker.

If you have guests who want to come up for the concerts on Friday and Saturday night, Quest has single rooms available for \$50/night +GST. Please contact Quest directly at housing@questu.ca. Meals for guests may be purchased individually: Breakfast \$15, Lunch \$15, Dinner \$19. Catering needs 72 hours notice; speak to Moira in the Dining Hall.

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. If you signed up for a chamber group but have not been contacted, please contact [Irene Percival](#), our music co-ordinator.

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. You can read [Class Descriptions](#) of all the classes - printed copies will be available in the camp office.

There are some classes in which enrolment is limited. The [Large Symphony Orchestra](#) and [Choral Orchestra](#) can only accommodate a fixed number of wind and brass players. The wind and brass coaches will take camper's wishes and abilities into consideration, and assign these parts at the Monday Onlys (first) session. The assignment of strings between the Advanced and Intermediate Ensembles will also be determined at Monday's "Only" session. The assignments will be posted on the whiteboard outside the Dining Hall by lunchtime on Monday, in time for the first String Ensemble sessions in the afternoon.

Repertoire for all our large ensembles will be posted on our [Repertoire page](#).

VOLUNTEERS AT CAMP

"It takes a community to run a camp".

There are a number of little tasks for which we could use help during the week, for example setting up for a concert, moving instruments, stage managers. A white board will be set up each day outside the Dining Hall with a sign-up for that day's volunteer tasks: please sign up for what you are available and able to do.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AT CAMP

The WCAMS Scholarship and Bursary Fund provides financial aid to music students, youth, adults and families who could not otherwise afford to attend camp. Donations by campers and several fundraising activities support this fund. In 2015, WCAMS established a permanent Endowment Fund with Vancouver Foundation whose annual distributions also supplement our annual Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

If you have a CD you don't listen to anymore, some printed music that you no longer play, or a best seller or favourite book from your book club, please consider donating these items to our Used Book/Music/CD Sale. Please only donate "like new" or "gently used" items, and ensure that printed music contains all parts. You can drop these items off in a box at registration. You can

browse other people's donations in the 3rd floor library and help yourself to whatever grabs your eye, in exchange for a monetary donation, anytime during the week.

Thanks very much for helping out!

REMINDER FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS / CHAPERONES

Anyone 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/Waiver2022.pdf>

and mail it to our Youth co-ordinator, Ursula, at the address provided on the form before arriving at camp.

All youth (grades 4-9) MUST attend their appropriate class during the four morning sessions. Junior and Senior Youth who would prefer to attend one of the adult sessions MUST have permission from the instructor of the class they wish to attend, and notify the faculty of the class they will miss as well as the Youth Co-ordinator. If a youth has to miss a morning class due to illness, the faculty member and the Youth Co-ordinator must be notified.

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

QUIET TIME

Our camp schedule is a very busy one, and both youth 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 youth 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 24, 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 our [Info Line](#) who can direct your question to the appropriate person.

See you soon!