



## West Coast Amateur Musicians Society Summer Music Camp 2018

### **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](http://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 22, 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.

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 (campers 14yrs and under) must attend a brief orientation session with their children/youth 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 opera choruses which follows the orientation session. As instrumental assignments will not be finalized until the first session Monday morning, we encourage all campers (singers and instrumentalists) to attend the choral read-through of the opera choruses.

### **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.

In the past few years, we have asked campers if they could contribute to the evening snack by bringing some baked goods to camp. This frees up some of our budget so that we can purchase fresh fruit (blueberries, cherries,...) from a local vendor. If you love to bake, this is your chance to show off your skills! Or pick something up at your favourite bakery. Cookies, bite-sized cakes or any other sweet finger-food would be most welcome. Please drop off your baked goods in the registration area on Sunday. If you would like your container returned to you, please clearly mark both the container and the lid with your name, and be sure to pick it up at the Saturday night party.

### **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](mailto: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 and ukuleles. 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.

There are some classes in which space is limited. For example, 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. Due to the limited number of large classroom spaces at Quest, the Advanced String Ensemble is run in a classroom which can only accommodate a smaller string ensemble. If there are more string players than can be accommodated in this smaller string ensemble, the appropriate string coach will select the string players for this class.

## **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/Waiver2018.pdf>

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

All children and youth (grades 1-9) 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 Children/Youth Co-ordinator. If a child/youth has to miss a morning class due to illness, the faculty member and the Children/Youth Co-ordinator must be notified.

## **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 fund. In 2015, WCAMS established a permanent Endowment Fund with Vancouver Foundation whose annual distributions also supplement our annual Scholarship and Bursary Fund. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and the Used Book/Music/CD/DVD Sale will be directed towards the Endowment Fund.

If you have a CD you don't listen to anymore (some of us haven't completely converted to digital!) or a best seller or favourite book from your book club, please consider donating these items to our Used Book/Music/CD/DVD Sale. You can drop these items off in a box at registration. You can browse other people's donations in the MPR lobby and help yourself to whatever grabs your eye, in exchange for a donation, anytime during the week.

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 Shirley Lecker ([slecker@shaw.ca](mailto:slecker@shaw.ca)), 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 29, 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, Sean Quicke ([camp@wcams.ca](mailto:camp@wcams.ca)) or our "Info Line" contacts, Dave and Andrea Warner ([info@wcams.ca](mailto:info@wcams.ca)).

See you soon!