

RUSHMORE MUSIC CAMP GENERAL INFORMATION—JUNIOR HIGH

July 27 - August 1, 2025

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Web address: rushmoremusiccamp.com **Registrar:** rushmoremusiccamp@gmail.com
(605) 216-6994

Directions to Camp: **Rushmore Junior High Music Camp** will be held at **Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD**. The campus is located at **1200 S Jay St, Aberdeen, SD 57401**.

Registration: Registration will be held in the Johnson Fine Arts Center. There is parking in the lot adjacent to the JFAC on the east side. Plan to arrive and register between 1:30 and 3:30 PM on Sunday, July 27. You will be given directions for finding your residence hall and room during registration. You will also be assigned an audition time in the registration line, and auditions should be completed by 4:30 p.m. ***Bring an etude, exercise or part of a solo for auditions.***

Note to Parents: Meals and lodging are available only to registered campers.

Note to Day Campers: **DAY CAMPERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO EAT ALL MEALS AT CAMP.** ***Announcements are made at all meals, so it is imperative that Day Campers be present at ALL meals.***

Fees: All fees must be paid in full at camp registration time. Make checks payable to: **RUSHMORE MUSIC CAMP**. The **camp fee is \$515.00** (includes tuition, room and board, one private lesson, camp picture, camp T-shirt and recording of final concert) If you wish to stay off campus, the fee for **day campers is \$450.00** (includes tuition, 15 meals, one private lesson, camp picture, camp T-shirt and recording of final concert). Additional lessons are \$20.00 each. You may pay the total fee in advance or submit the \$150.00 deposit and pay the remainder at registration. ***If you are receiving a scholarship from your school or music club, please send it in advance or bring it with you on registration day.*** Please be sure the scholarship is made payable to: Rushmore Music Camp. Any student who was chosen for Junior High/Middle School All-State Band or Junior Honor Choir is eligible for a \$25 discount. Notate when filling out camp registration. Please call Peggy Letcher if you have any questions about discounts: 605-216-6994.

Important: If you have registered for camp and find that you are unable to attend, please call camp registrar Peggy Letcher immediately. **A deposit of \$150 is required at the time of application. A portion of the deposit (\$50) is a non-refundable processing fee. The remainder of the deposit is refundable up to July 18.** If you have questions please contact Peggy Letcher by email or phone or text at rushmoremusiccamp@gmail.com, (605) 216-6994. Or you may call the School of Fine Arts at NSU 605-626-2497, and speak to Heidi Hepola.

Junior High Vocal Track: Designed for the non-instrumentalist that are looking to improve their voice and have unique performance experiences.

Dorm Key: A key deposit for your dormitory room will NOT be required from campers when you check into your residence hall room. However, there is a \$50 fee required if the key is lost.

Private Lessons: All students will receive one private lesson ON THEIR MAIN BAND INSTRUMENT (OR VOICE IN VOCAL TRACK) included in the tuition. Specialists teach private lessons, and at least one additional lesson on the student's main band instrument/voice is recommended. Fees for additional private lessons are \$20.00 per 30-minute lesson. **Two** private lessons are recommended on the student's main instrument/voice (one included in tuition, the second for a \$20 fee). Students may register for one or two additional lessons on another instrument or voice for a **total** of three or four lessons. Students are requested to bring method book(s) and or solo(s) to camp.

PRIVATE LESSONS ARE OFFERED ON THE FOLLOWING INSTRUMENTS:

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Horn, Trumpet, Trombone,
Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion, Voice, Piano

Performances: Faculty/Staff Recital: Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 PM
Student Talent Night: Wednesday, July 30, 7:15 PM
FINAL CONCERT: Friday; August 1, 1:30 PM

Evening Events for Campers: Sunday: Mixer
Monday: Supper and Recreational Activities at Wylie Park
Tuesday: Faculty Recital – Camp Games
Wednesday: Student Talent Night
Thursday: Aberdeen Aquatic Center & Aberdeen City Band Concert

Check Out: All students are required to stay until the conclusion of the Final Concert on Friday. Parents are asked to arrive at noon on Friday, August 1, at which time students may load their luggage and report to the concert site for seating. All campers should be at the concert site by 1:00 PM.

**CAMP CLOSSES AT THE CONCLUSION
OF THE FINAL CONCERT.**

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

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CONCERT DRESS: *Concert dress will be Camp T-shirt & Black Slacks/Capris.
NO SHORTS PLEASE.*

Clothing:

- Informal clothes - jeans, shorts, etc.
- Swimsuit & towel
- Black slacks/capris (for concert)
- Pajamas/Bathrobe
- Comfortable shoes
- Sweater or jacket

Equipment:

- Your instrument
- Pencil
- Music: Method/Lesson Books & solo(s) with accompaniment
- Charger for cell phone if needed

Personal Articles:

- MEDICATIONS
- Comb/ brush/hairedryer
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Soap & Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Wash Cloth & Towels
- Shower/Swimming Shoes/Sandals
- Bug spray/Mosquito repellent

- Talent selections **with accompaniment**
- Sunglasses/sunscreen
- Snacks for dorm in sealed container (optional)
- Extra money for snacks/Monday evening activities

Please carry and store your money carefully!

Bedding:

- A blanket or a sleeping bag
- Single bed sheets (bring one fitted or regular sheet to protect mattress)
- Mattress pad (optional; mattresses are plastic)
- Pillow and case

Additional Items:

- Percussion players should bring sticks, practice pad, and mallets (if you have them).
- Trumpet, tuba, euphonium, and trombone players should bring slide/valve preparation lubricants.
- Single Reed players should bring at least 4 playable reeds.
- Double Reed players should bring 3 working reeds. (Also bring reed-making equipment if possible.)

Recreation:

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| Swimming | Volleyball | Pool | Board Games |
| Water Park | *Mini Golf | *Biking/Rollerblading | *Bumper Water Boats |
| *Thunder Road Go-karts | | | |

*These Monday evening activities involve a nominal fee. Plan to bring an additional \$25-30 spending money to cover these costs. Please see websites: <https://rolloutbikerentals.com/> and <https://visitaberdeensd.com/businessprofile/rollout-skate-bike-rentals/> for more information. There are also many free activities available including Storybook Land, basketball, volleyball, walking trails, and a small zoo.

Telephone Contacts during Music Camp:

Best to Call First: NSU School of Fine Arts Main Office: (605) 626-2497
Registrar Peggy Letcher: (605) 216-6994

Your Mailing Address at Camp:

(Your Name)
Rushmore National Music Camp
Northern State University
1200 South Jay Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401

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