Summer Music Opportunities for school-aged/college students

Local chamber music/band/orchestra camps; options for players of all levels (generally in order of advancing playing level)

Laurel School of Music (St. Paul): https://www.laurelschoolofmusic.org/camps

- **Summer music camp:**
  - Rising 1st-7th graders, no prior experience required: Students explore their musical knowledge and ability through classes, creative play, and presentations by renowned professionals. No prior musical experience required! Students participate in core classes including choir and musicianship, and choose from electives for smaller classes offering more individualized attention. Options include include songwriting, beginning and intermediate ukulele, handbells and more!
- **Band camp:**
  - For rising 4th through 7th graders who are at the beginner or intermediate level on a band instrument. Students should have at least one school year of playing experience on their instrument. Students will spend our time working as a large group, and splitting into woodwind and brass sections to work more closely on tricky parts of the music. The schedule is rounded out with rhythm games, musicianship classes, and more to develop musical and collaboration skills.

MacPhail School of Music (multiple locations): https://www.macphail.org/meta/camps/

- MacPhail offers a variety of programming for students of varying levels, including an introductory music camp (no experience required), a composition camp, a woodwind camp, and a jazz camp.

Bloomington Medalist band camp: https://medalistband.com/camp-2026

- For rising 6th/7th grade students who have played in band in 5th or 6th grade. TUITION: $50.00 per student.

Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies (GTCYS): https://gtcys.org/programs/summer-camps

- GTCYS offers a 1-week summer orchestra camp. Flute players can join the intermediate or advanced level orchestras (at least 2 years of playing experience required). Scholarships available.

Minnesota Youth Symphonies

- MYS offers a 1-week summer orchestra camp for advanced-intermediate and advanced wind players. Scholarships available.
- https://www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/summer-string-camp

Walker West Summer Jazz Intensive

- This is a high-energy, immersive week designed for middle and high school musicians who are ready to dive deep. From first-time improvisers to advanced players, every student will work alongside premier jazz faculty to sharpen their technique and unlock their creative potential. It's an intensive week of ensemble magic, where the focus is on building the improv skills, music theory, and confidence needed to truly own the stage.
- Eligibility: For Piano, Drum Set, Sax, Trumpet, Violin, Trombone, **Flute**, Bass, and Electric Guitar students who have completed grades 6–12.
- Location: Walker West Music Academy, 650 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul
- www.walkerwest.org/programs/ages-6-18/summer-music-camps

Suzuki Flute Institutes (school-aged flute players, any level)

Suzuki Flute Institute in Kansas City from June 28-July 3:

- Students of all ages, from Hot Cross Buns to Hüe, are invited to attend!
- At the UMKC Suzuki Flute Institute, current Suzuki flute students and their parents experience a fun and intensive week of flute study side-by-side with teacher trainees. Daily activities for Suzuki flute students include masterclasses, repertoire (group) classes, and enrichment. There is free time every afternoon for practicing and exploring Kansas City. The week culminates with a performance celebrating the week's work. Special activities include parent education, a recital by UMKC Flute Professor Dr. Terri Sánchez, and a daily Flute Storytime.
- 2026: We suggest looking for housing NOW, as the World Cup is taking place in KC at the same time! Registration is open on our website: https://flutepedagogy.com/
- Suzuki Association of Minnesota offers student & teacher scholarships. Apply by April 15.
- Contact:
    - Mary Bassett Shemon (she/her) & Zara Lawler (she/her)
    - *Flute Pedagogy @ UMKC Summer Flute Institute Co-Directors*
    - https://flutepedagogy.com
    - Email: suzukiflutepedagogy@gmail.com

Other Suzuki Institutes:

- https://suzukiassociation.org/resources/events/ Filter by "flute."

Non-local flute camps for advanced flutists

Flute Workshop at the Ohio State University: https://music.osu.edu/outreach/ysmp/flute-workshop

- For students entering grades 9–12 in the 2026–2027 school year, and 2026 high school graduates.
- No audition required. Register by May 26, 2026.
- Students will participate in master classes taught by Professor Katherine Borst Jones and guests, technique classes, private lessons, solo night, faculty and counselor recitals, flute choir and twice-daily coached small flute ensembles. Enjoy a finale concert featuring all participants, free and open to the public.

Northern California Flute Camp: https://www.flutecamp.com/

- NCFC is open to serious flute students, ages 12 - 18. At least 2 years playing experience and enrollment in private lessons is required.
- Northern California Flute Camp is a one-week, intensive program designed to educate and inspire young flutists through an interesting and cultivating curriculum that examines many aspects of flute performance. Presented by Hidden Valley Music Seminars in beautiful Carmel Valley, NCFC offers a comprehensive camp experience by combining first-rate musical training with outdoor activities in the prime of California's physical surroundings.
- Audition required; application deadline April 1, 2026

Terri Sanchez: UMKC Summer Institute (Kansas City):
https://conservatory.umkc.edu/conservatory-academy/umkc-summer-flute-institute.html

- High School Track (grades 9-12) - Daily activities for high school students include masterclasses, daily workshops, flute choir and more. With its focus on individualized instruction, the high school curriculum is designed to benefit all students, regardless of background and experience.
- Early bird registration: April 10, 2026. Final deadline: June 12, 2026.

Alexa Still: Flute Boot Camp at Oberlin College (Ohio):
https://www.oberlin.edu/summer-programs/flute-academy

- Open to 12 advanced flutists who have not yet graduated from high school looking for a week of vigorous work on their flute playing in a friendly, supportive environment. Students will receive two lessons with Professor Still: one 45-minute private lesson and one open master class lesson. Also included are daily warm-up sessions, technical workshops, coachings, ensemble work and rehearsal with pianist Hyunsoo Kim. Technical workshops include a session with body mapping expert Kelly Mollnow-Wilson, orchestral mock audition (performance participation optional), college audition workshop and more. An optional concert opportunity will conclude the camp.
- Feb 15: Priority application deadline. March 15: final deadline if space permits.

Interlochen:

- **Flute Intensive**: https://www.interlochen.org/music/camp-programs/flute-intensive
- **Advanced Flute Intensive**: https://www.interlochen.org/music/camp-programs/advanced-flute-intensive
- One-week program for high school students in grades 9-12. Work with multiple renowned faculty members.

Local(ish) chamber music and orchestral festivals/camps for advanced high schoolers

St. Olaf College Music Academy: https://wp.stolaf.edu/camps/music-academy/

- The St. Olaf Music Academy is ideal for high school students entering grades 9-12 (or recently graduated from 12th grade) who aim to pursue a music major as well as students who enjoy making music at a high level and may pursue other areas of academia. Located in historic Northfield, Minnesota, the St. Olaf Music Academy is a truly transformative week on the Hill.

- Join other highly-skilled high school musicians from across the nation for an exciting week of music-making featuring our internationally-acclaimed ensemble directors and members of the talented St. Olaf music faculty. Specialized lessons are offered in voice, piano, and all orchestral and band instruments. Students attend classes, one-on-one lessons, rehearsals, master classes, and participate in large ensemble (band, orchestra, choir) and small ensemble (quartet, quintet) experiences. Student or faculty recitals take place each evening followed by campus social activities led by current St. Olaf student counselors. The week culminates in a final concert in Boe Chapel. Families of campers are encouraged to attend!
- Priority registration deadline April 1, final deadline May 1.

Non-local chamber music and orchestral festivals for advanced players

(some from MYS listings may be for strings only)

Aria International (Massachussets): https://www.ariaacademy.com/

- Age limits: 16-28 years old
- Private lessons, master classes, mock auditions, and Question & Answer sessions with the faculty on career issues, competitions, and auditions.
- Auditions/applications due April 2, 2026.

Interlochen (Michigan): https://www.interlochen.org/music/camp-programs

- Interlochen Arts Camp is the summer music camp for young musicians in **grades 3-12**, with programs in a variety of genres, instruments, and skill levels. Depending on age, we have **one-, two-, three-, four-, and six-week program options** that will challenge and inspire you to reach your potential.
- Students study with professional musicians, perform in exceptional ensembles, and grow as artists and individuals. Picture yourself mastering your instrument on our scenic lakeside campus in beautiful northern Michigan.
- Opportunities for flutists include flute intensive workshops, orchestra/wind ensemble opportunities. https://www.interlochen.org/music/camp-programs?search=&instrument=Flute

Stringwood Chamber Music Festival

- Stringwood specializes in nurturing young musicians ages 12-25 from all across the United States in the art of self expression through chamber music in a supportive collaborative environment.
- **Dates:** August 2–17, 2025
- **Location:** Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center near Lanesboro, MN
- To learn more, visit www.stringwood.com

Madeline Island Chamber Music

- Madeline Island Chamber Music is devoted to educating and nurturing the next generation of musicians through concentrated study and performance of chamber music on verdant, historic Madeline Island.

- **Dates:** Chamber Music for Winds—June 7–21, 2025
  Chamber Music for Strings—June 22–July 13, 2025
- **Location:** Madeline Island, Wisconsin
- To learn more, visit micm.org

Birch Creek Symphony Academy

- Birch Creek's program is unique in symphony and chamber music education in that it incorporates a student/mentor approach in virtually every aspect of training. Students rehearse and perform alongside their teachers, receiving an abundance of personal attention. In such a nurturing environment, students develop excellent practice habits, rehearsal skills and progress at an amazing rate. Seven public performances of four different orchestral programs are given over the two-week session.
- **Dates:** June 29–July 12, 2025
- **Location:** Egg Harbor, WI
- To learn more, visit www.birchcreek.org/symphony

Luther College Dorian Summer Camps

- Every summer, around 800 student musicians spend a week at Luther College to study, explore, and perform music under the mentorship of Luther's music faculty. On a given day at camp, you will take part in ensemble rehearsals for band, choir, and/or orchestra, instrument-specific workshops, a wide variety of classes, and private lessons. In the evenings, you won't know where the time has gone by participating in evening talent nights, concerts, walks into town, and a variety of sports. The camp ends with a grand concert in Luther's Center for Faith and Life.
- **Dates:** Middle School Camp—June 15–21, High School Camp—June 22–28
- **Location:** Luther College, Decorah, IA
- To learn more, visit luther.edu/music

International Music Camp

- The International Music Camp offers three levels of Orchestra for all ages of string players: Cadet String Orchestra for younger players, Concert Orchestra for middle school string students, and Symphony Orchestra for high school students. Advanced string players of all ages may also audition for the Chamber (honor) Orchestra. The session includes two daily large-group rehearsals, sectionals, theory classes, master classes, chamber ensemble opportunities, and optional private lessons.
- **Dates:** July 20–26, 2025
- **Location:** International Peace Garden 15 miles north of Dunseith, ND
- To learn more, visit internationalmusiccamp.com

Interlochen Music Camp

- Interlochen offers classical and contemporary music camps all summer long. Including everything from six-week orchestra camps with weekly performances to one-week programs with hyper-focused topics, Interlochen Arts Camp offers dozens of music summer camps for kids in grades 3-12.
- **Location:** Interlochen, Michigan
- To learn more, visit www.interlochen.org

Brevard Music Center Summer Institute

- Brevard Music Center stands as one of this country's premier summer training programs and festivals. More than 500 gifted students, ages 14 through post-college, come to the Music Center every summer to study with a distinguished faculty of over 80 artists from the nation's leading orchestras, colleges, and conservatories.
- **Dates:** Orchestra Studies—June 19–August 3, 2025
- **Location:** Brevard, North Carolina
- To learn more, visit brevardmusic.org

Addicott Summer Chamber Music Festival

- The Addicott festival will welcome two dozen young participants to a 10-day chamber music intensive. In addition to receiving daily coachings from the members of the Euclid Quartet, students will work with esteemed guest artists: the Dover Quartet and the Calidore String Quartet. Participants will enjoy an immersive experience on campus at Indiana University South Bend, including rehearsals and coachings, room and board in university dormitory housing, and performances in the state-of-the-art Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi Performance Hall. Thanks to the generosity of Joan and Yatish Joshi, all admitted students will receive a full scholarship covering tuition and room and board.
- **Dates:** July 17–27, 2025
- **Location:** Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, Indiana
- To learn more, visit addicottchambermusicfestival.com

Greenwood Music Camp

- Greenwood Music Camp is a summer chamber music program for middle and high school students. Located in the hills of Cummington, Massachusetts, Greenwood seeks to enrich each camper and inspire our community with the joy of making great music and creating life-long friendships.
- **Dates:**
  Senior Camp—June 28–August 3, 2025
  Junior Camp—August 9–August 24, 2025
- **Location:** Cummington, Massachusetts
- To learn more, visit greenwoodmusiccamp.org

Rocky Ridge Music Camp

- In this two-week summer music camp for advanced high school musicians, students improve their musical skills and develop their unique voices through chamber ensembles, orchestra, performance classes, private lessons, audition preparation classes, workshops, musician wellness activities, and nature-based explorations.
- Application Deadlines:
  February 15, 2026 (Early Bird—priority and scholarship consideration)
  March 15, 2026 (Final Deadline)
- Dates: Junior Artist Intensive: July 14–26, 2026
- Location: Estes Park, CO
- To learn more, visit www.rockyridge.org

Luzerne Music Center

- Each summer, LMC is home to musicians ages 9 to 18 from all over the world who come to train at their campus, located in the foothills of New York's Adirondack Park. They aim to provide

world-class music instruction for passionate young people regardless of their financial circumstance.
- Application Deadline: February 15, 2026
- Dates:
  Junior Session: June 21–July 17, 2026
  Senior Session: July 20–August 16, 2026
- Location: Lake Luzerne, NY
- To learn more, visit www.luzernemusic.org

Colorado Chamber Music Institute
- Colorado Chamber Music Institute is designed for advanced teenage Violinists, Violists, Cellists, Guitarists and Flutists who are interested in expanding their chamber music training. Selected students will have the opportunity to work daily with members of a professional string quartet, along with receiving daily private lessons and coaching. Both independent musicians and pre-formed chamber groups are welcome to audition. Resident artists include members from Twin-Cities based Lux String Quartet: Stephanie Skor, Kirsti Petraborg, and Rosa Thompson-Vieira.
- Application Deadline: March 15, 2026
- Dates: June 19–27, 2026
- Location: Beaver Creek, Colorado
- To learn more, visit coloradochambermusic.org

UW Madison Summer Orchestra Clinic
- Registration opens January 12, 2026
- All music students completing grades 6-12 are welcome – 5th graders welcome as daily commuter students
- Visit our website at www.go.wisc.edu/smc to learn more

School-year opportunities for mentorship/camps

Note: UW Madison also hosts a mini-orchestra clinic in February (?).
- Registration is OPEN on the Mini Music Clinic website! See below for a flyer!
- Registration deadline is **January 24**
- This is for full orchestra instrumentation. Orchestra Clinic day is for students in 9th-12th grade of all experience levels – just be excited about playing music! No pre-auditions are required to participate. The Orchestra Clinic day for the students includes time in rehearsal learning new music to be performed the same evening, sectional and instrument class time with UW-Madison Studio Faculty and current graduate and undergraduate students, opportunities to connect to the UW-Madison campus and UW-Madison Admissions and the School of Music, and culminates with a performance! Lunch is included.
- Student cost is $150