

Top 10 Most Frequently Asked Camp Questions

1. What should I bring to camp?

➤ Signed and completed Health Information Form

➤ Personal Items

- Sheets, blanket (or sleeping bag), pillow, pillowcase, towels and washcloths.
- Soap, deodorant and all necessary toiletry articles for daily use and personal care.
- A bathrobe. There are private bathrooms in each dorm room, remember you will have a roommate.
- Snacks in case you get hungry in the evenings.

➤ Clothing

- Daily wear is casual, comfortable and in good taste.
- Daily sports wear - Covered midriffs when seated and standing.
- No hats in rehearsal.
- Sweater or sweatshirt - Rehearsal rooms are air-conditioned and may get cold.
- Comfortable shoes.
- Concert Clothes:

Ladies Concert Attire:

Conservative summer wear. Dresses with a hem below the knee or a nice dress pants outfit would be appropriate. Shoulders should be covered. No spaghetti straps or halter tops.

Gentlemen's Concert Attire:

Dress button down shirt (no tie) with trousers (no jeans). Dress shoes and Dress socks. No polo shirts please.

➤ Fan (optional)

Not all dorms are air conditioned, so you may want to bring a portable fan to camp.

Clearly label ALL personal and school possessions!

2. What else do I need besides my instrument or voice and a desire to learn?

➤ Everyone should bring:

- Two pencils at every rehearsal.
- Yellow high-lighter
- Water bottle

➤ Instrumentalists:

- Wire music stands with your name clearly marked on all parts.
- All necessary items to make your instrument play properly.
Strings: A spare set of strings, rosin, mutes and recently haired bow.
Brass: All mutes and enough valve/slide oil to last for all of camp.
Woodwinds: Enough reeds and cork grease to last for all of camp.
Percussion: Concert snare drum (and stand), a variety of mallets and sticks.

All instruments should be checked, cleaned and in excellent working condition before camp. Please check your instrument now.

3. Do we get any free time?

Please bring along appropriate free time activities. (Remember, all free time activities should be appropriate.) Cards, games and things like that would be allowed. Various free recreation options will also be available to all students during free time.

4. When do we get our Honors T-shirts?

Newly designed 2008 Wisconsin High School State Honors Project T-shirts will be given to students and staff at camp registration. Make sure to keep your T-shirt at camp for the picture.

5. What about parking on campus?

If you drive your car to Honors Camp, you will be allowed to park in the Studio Arts parking lot for the duration of camp. Parking around the dorms is only for loading and unloading luggage and is closely monitored. Remember that you are not allowed to drive your car during camp and are required to turn in your car keys to a designated administrative staff member.

6. Where do I register?

When you arrive on campus, report to the Studio Arts Cafeteria to check in. There will be signs directing you to the registration tables. Dorms are a short distance from registration. Band and orchestra members may register before or after their assigned audition time. As we all know, summer is construction season in Wisconsin. Please plan extra travel time.

7. Where do I pick up my child after the "Work-in-Progress" Concert?

After the concert is over there is a lot of equipment that has to be moved. Please meet your child in the Studio Arts lobby. Jazz Ensemble students should meet their parents near the entrance to the Weidner Center. If possible, please pick up luggage before the concert in the lounge area of the dorm.

8. Can I request a roommate?

No. Part of this experience is getting to know someone from a different part of the state. Roommates are assigned with this in mind. Most Honors students do not know anyone else when they arrive on campus, but by the end of camp have a new set of friends and a broader perspective on life.

9. Do we get our music before Camp?

No. All High School State Honors Students sight-read their music at camp. You'll learn together with the best school musicians in our state, highly skilled Section Coaches and nationally recognized conductors. The "Work-in-Progress Concert" is exactly that, and all will be well prepared for that concert and for the October Concert.

10. Do we receive an Honors Camp Schedule?

No. Schedules often need to be adjusted to meet conductor needs and facility requirements. Plan on being in rehearsal morning, afternoon and evening. You'll have some free time most late afternoons. Someone from the Honor's staff will make announcements at the end of every rehearsal. Listen carefully during announcements, ask questions when needed and prepare to have the musical time of your life!

***Always remember the Honors Philosophy:
"To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late and to be late is unforgivable."***