Great Lakes Wind Symphony
Summer Winds Music Camps
Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook
2027

Welcome

Welcome to the ***Summer Winds Music Camps***, an educational affiliate of the Great Lakes Wind Symphony. Our camps are offered in the heart of Williamsport in the beautiful Scottish Rite Theatre and Facilities. All the camps run from Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, making them the perfect fit for working families. Each camp is staffed by professional musicians, the majority of whom are certified music educators, and all have music degrees including bachelor's degrees to doctoral degrees. Each of our staff are experienced educators with over 50 years of combined experience teaching all levels of musicians. Whether you are a beginner or have a good amount of experience, our camps have something special to offer you.

In 2027 we plan to offer three camp opportunities to the community. Our Youth Music Camp will focus on campers ages 9 to 13. Our intention is to offer a variety of exploratory experiences to participating students. Experiences in vocal/choral music, exploring instruments like guitar/ukulele, piano, and percussion will be offered, as well as exploration of music theatre and lots of general music learning!

Our percussion camp is designed for students ages 9 through 18, with campers participating in full/large group experiences and ability-level appropriate sessions. We'll explore the most popular aspect of percussion - being in a drum line – while also learning about mallet percussion, rudiments, hand drumming and much, much more. All levels of ability are welcome!

Our Full Band Camp is designed for students entering high school through seniors in high school. A more traditional experience in band performance, campers will rehearse with the full ensemble, have daily split sectionals (all woodwinds, all brass and percussion), be provide masterclasses and specific instrument sectionals. There will even be a conducting course for students to explore what it is like to lead an ensemble!

At each camp, there are at least two snack breaks where we will provide, juices, water, fruit and other healthy options. **Each camper will bring their own bagged lunch** each day (no microwave or heating options are available, so prepare accordingly).

All the camps culminate with a closing "performance" for parents, family, and friends so you can see what was learned during the week beginning on Friday at 5:15 pm. There will be a light reception following the performance in the theatre lobby and campers will depart from there.

To register for one of our camps, go to www.greatlakeswindsymphony.org If you have any difficulties or need assistance, write to us at GreatLakesWS44@gmail.com.

We are glad to have you and your camper join us!

Adam F. Brennan,
CEO Great Lakes Wind Symphony

Mission Statement
As an affiliate of the Great Lakes Wind Symphony, the Summer Winds Music Camps mission is to encourage and actively promote exceptional musical growth in the many young musicians we encounter. We will meet every student at their current level of musical growth and work to provide skills and tools that can be used to develop and improve in their musical journey. We believe music is a unifying tool and we bring campers together to use their common bond in music to gain an understanding of other perspectives, experiences, and beliefs.

Instructional Staff
Our instructional staff includes certified music teachers and performers, all with the experience and knowledge to make your time with us both educational and enjoyable. Our curriculum follows a regular routine each day of the camp, so you know what to expect and all lessons are designed to inspire and motivate. Each member of our team has passed their State and Federal background checks, and we have chosen our team for their integrity and character.

The Ratio of Staff to Students/Supervision
Most of our camps are limited to 45 campers and are staffed by 7-8 instructors. This means there is a ratio of seven or less campers to each instructor, making supervision a top priority in our program. Furthermore, our camp is self-contained in the Scottish Rite facility: once the morning begins, campers are under our supervision until they depart at the end of the day. No one will leave the building, and the only time a student is alone is when they need to use the restroom. Even then, we know where you are and when you should return to a session!

Facilities and Equipment
Facilities are provided by the ***Williamsport Scottish Rite***. We are grateful for their willingness to allow us to make use of their historic venue. As such, we expect respectful use of the space while in the building. We will keep things neat and organized and never act in a manner that can damage any aspect of the WSR.

In addition, much of our equipment will come from the ***Great Lakes Wind Symphony*** and our friends at ***Epic Percussion*** and even ***R. M. Sides Family Music Centers.*** We will teach you the proper way to handle and interact with the musical equipment. It is your job to never intentionally do anything to damage the instruments or equipment. Remember: if something happens and it is determined to be from an intentional action, you might be responsible for repairing or replacing the item. Where musical instruments go, this could be expensive!

Student Behavioral Expectations
We rarely experience behavioral problems with music students, and we think it is because music inspires and influences so many aspects of our lives. Music kids are just the best! Even though we don't expect problems, we must be clear on what we expect from our camper's behavior while you are with us. So, Mom's, Dad's and/or guardians, please take time to go over these behavioral expectations with your camper!

Keep hands to yourself. Do not touch another camper's person, or personal belongings. Do not touch instruments that do not belong to you unless an instructor directs you or gives permission.

Be respectful to fellow campers and instructors. Arguing, talking back, damaging others' property, using inappropriate language, bullying, hitting, biting, pinching will not be tolerated.

If you are ever feeling overwhelmed, be sure to discuss what is happening with an instructor. Sometimes we just need a break and find a quiet spot to decompress. Our staff will help you and ensure you are safe while working through any issues you may be experiencing.

Dress appropriately for each day. Messaging on clothing must be positive and use appropriate language. Political or inflammatory messages will not be allowed and may necessitate a change of clothing. It is summer, so shorts, t-shirts, and sandals are appropriate.

Each camper is to pack their own lunch each day with a drink. Bags should be clearly marked with the camper's name. Refrigeration, microwaves or ovens are not available, so pack appropriately. Campers are not allowed to touch another camper's lunch. After lunch is consumed, campers are expected to clean up their trash and dispose of it appropriate. Any lunch items left at the facility will be discarded.

When a camper needs to use the restroom, they should ask one of the staff if they can be dismissed before leaving. One of the staff will ensure you are escorted and protected and you will return to the session quickly.

All campers are expected to participate in all activities during all sessions. Afterall, you paid to be here and music is a "doing" activity. Don't be afraid of failure – we all fail. But when things are difficult, that's when you learn the most! And don't say "It's not fun" because you can't know if it is fun until you do it! Refusal to participate may result in a call to your parents or guardian.

We have to say it: no smoking, vaping, alcohol, or illicit substance are allowed on the premises. Neither are weapons of any kind. Infractions of this kind will result in immediate dismissal from the camp. No refunds will be given and pending the infraction, authorities may be called. We want a completely safe environment, and that starts with YOU. None of the things listed in this behavioral point are good for any of us, so let's be smart.

Results of Behavioral Violations

We know that kids will test their limits, and as professionals we are prepared to deal with violations of behavioral policies. Most of the time, infractions are minor and are easily corrected through redirection, and that is usually all it takes. If it is a little more than just a simple infraction, we may take the student aside and speak with them privately

When infractions are habitual (more than three times), they are often disruptive to other students and we will need to take a different approach. Our first step after talking to the camper privately is to contact the parents and conference about what is happening and what the parents do if they experience similar disruptions. We hope that working together and with your cooperation, we can help the camper behave more appropriately.

If after speaking with the parents the negative behaviors and disruptions persist, we will have call the parents and ask that the student picked up for the day. They may return the following day and hope that the parents can talk with their child to ensure their behavior is improved.

If a student is dismissed for the day and their behavior continues to be a disruption, interfering with the learning environment and other campers, we will be forced to dismiss the student from the remainder of the camp. Note: no refunds are offered when a camper is dismissed.

Registration
Registration for the camps opens in March of 2027 and closes June 10, 2027. To register for the camp, go to www.greatlakeswindsymphony.org and click on the Summer Camps tab in the menu bar. From there you can gain access to the registration form. Question may be directed to GreatLakesWS44@gmail.com

Tuition
Tuition for the Youth Music Camp and the Percussion Camp is $300.00 for the five-day experience. That's $60.00 a day and $7.50 per hour.

Deposit
A deposit of $100.00 is due at time of registration and may be made on the website provided above. The balance for the camp is due two weeks prior to the start of each camp.

Refund Policy
The deposit for the camp is non-refundable. Should a camper become ill and be unable to attend the camp and has paid the tuition in full, $200.00 will be returned to the person who paid either by credit card refund, or check mailed to the home of the camper. (Please see the dismissal policy. No refunds are offered if a student is dismissed.)

Daily Schedule
On the following pages you will see a sample schedule for each of the camps. Be aware that the first day activities are slightly different as we get to know our campers and begin our assessments of how best we can help each camper. The final day of the camp is also slightly altered to accommodate preparation for the end of camp performance.

SAMPLE DAY AT A GLANCE

Youth Music Camp	Percussion Camp	Full Band Camp
9:00 am Arrival/Attendance	9:00 am Arrival/Attendance	9:00 am Arrival/Attendance
9:15 am Mind Capture- Rhythm of the Day, Stretching, Warm Up	9:15 am Mind Capture- Rhythm of the Day, Stretching, Warm Up	9:15 am Mind Capture- Rhythm of the Day, Stretching, Warm Up
9:30 am Camp Choir	9:30 am Full Camp Drum Circle	9:30 am Full Camp Band Rehearsal
10:30 am Snack Break	10:15 am Snack Break	10:45 am Snack Break
10:45 am Music Theatre Block 1	10:30 am Mallet Session (3 levels/locations)	11:00 am Split Sectionals Woodwinds Brass/Percussion
12:00 pm Lunch Break	11:45 am Lunch Break	12:00 pm Lunch Break
12:45 pm Music Theatre Block 2	12:30 pm Rudimental Session (3 l levels/Locations)	12:45 pm Individual Section Rehearsal
2:30 pm Snack Break	1:15 pm Snack Break	
2:45 pm. Exploratory		

Instruments (groups of 15 that rotate every 30 minutes) Group A Guitar/Ukulele Group B Piano Group C Percussion 4:30pm Closing Activity 5:00 pm Pick Up	1:30 pm Experience as a Bass Drummer 2:00 pm Experience as a tenor drummer 2:30 pm Experience as a snare drummer (+ flub drummer) 3:00 pm Snack Break 3:15 pm Full Camp Drum Line 4:20 pm Hand Percussion 5:00 pm Pick Up	2:00 pm Full Camp Band Rehearsal 3:30 pm Snack Break 3:45 pm Master Classes 4:30 pm Conducting Class 5:00 pm Pick Up

This schedule is for reference purposes only and is subject to change.

Final Day Ending Performances.
Each camp ends on a Friday, and there is a special 30-minute performance program we will present to parents, family and friends. This will start promptly at 5:15 pm to allow those who work a little time to travel. Bring lots of people to celebrate your camper's accomplishments. Light refreshments will be included after the show in the theatre lobby and you may then depart with your camper.

See the following pages for samples of the forms we require to be submitted at registration. All forms can be found at the registration site and may be submitted with the registration or emailed to GreatLakesWS44@gmail.com

MODEL RELEASE FORM
The Great Lakes Wind Symphony
The Great Lakes Youth Wind Symphony
The Great Lakes Summer Wind Camps
23 Grant Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901

I, (Full Name) _____, and on behalf of my minor-aged camper (Full Name) _____located at (full address)

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hereby agree and consent as follows:

A. I consent and authorize The Great Lakes Wind Symphony and their affiliate Summer Winds Camps with main offices located at 23 Grant Street, Wellsboro, Pa 16901, Wellsboro, PA 16901 ("Releasee"), to use: (Check one)

☐ my likeness, image, and appearance
☐ the likeness, image and appearance of my child, _____
☐ I prefer not to have my child's images used.

in any photograph ("Photos") for the event or activity listed below:

- Event/Activity Name: **GLWS Summer Winds Camps and/or Youth Wind Symphony**
- Event/Activity Date(s): 2027-28 GLWS Season_____

B. I grant the Releasee the irrevocable right to use the Photos for lawful commercial purposes, including but not limited to advertising, promotion, marketing, or trade, in any format or publication, whether print or web-based. This consent applies globally, is not limited by time, and includes the right to copy, edit, enhance, crop, or otherwise modify the Photos as needed. I also waive any right to inspect or approve the final product featuring the Photos.

C. I understand and agree that all Photos, including any derivative works, are the exclusive property of the Releasee, and I do not retain any ownership or intellectual property rights to the Photos.

D. (Check one)

☐ I acknowledge that I am not entitled to any compensation, royalties, residuals, or any other form of payment in connection with the Photos.

Initial Here_____

E. I agree to release and forever discharge the Releasee, its affiliates, successors, assigns, officers, employees, representatives, partners, agents, and anyone claiming through them, in their individual and/or corporate capacities, from any and all claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, disputes, demands, damages, causes of action of any nature or kind, known or unknown, which I, or anyone claiming on behalf of me, may have or claim to have against the Releasee in connection with the use of the Photos.

F. (Check one)

☐ I represent that I am at least 18 years of age and have the full legal capacity to execute this Photo Release Form.

☐ I represent that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____and have the full legal capacity to execute this Photo Release Form on their behalf.

G. I have carefully read and fully understand all the provisions of this Photo Release Form and am freely, knowingly, and voluntarily signing.

H. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any disputes arising from this agreement shall be resolved in the courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania .

I. If any provision of this Photo Release Form is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

_____ _____

Signature Date

_____

Print Name

Upon Completion of this form, send a copy to GLWS at GreatLakesWS44@gmail.com

Hold Harmless Agreement

The Great Lakes Wind Symphony and Affiliates
The Great Lakes Youth Wind Symphony
The Great Lakes Summer Winds Camps
23 Grant Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901

This Hold Harmless Agreement ("Agreement") is made effective on September 1, 2027, by and between The Great Lakes Wind Symphony and its affiliate Youth Wind Symphony and Summer Winds Camps, of 23 Grant Street, Wellsboro, Pa 16901, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901 and Parent or Guardian whose signature is below on behalf of (minor student name) _____. The Great Lakes Wind Symphony and Parent or Guardian are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" (collectively, "Parties").

WHEREAS, Parent or Guardian agrees to hold harmless The Great Lakes Wind Symphony from any claims and/or litigation arising out of (student)_____ actions in connection with rehearsals, instruction, performances, uses of facilities, use of equipment or while engaged with the GLWS or its affiliate Youth Wind Symphony or Summer Winds Camps.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, The Great Lakes Wind Symphony and Parent or Guardian hereby agree as follows:

Hold Harmless. Parent or Guardian shall fully defend, indemnify, and hold harmless The Great Lakes Wind Symphony from any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, causes of action, liability, loss, damage, and/or injury, of any kind whatsoever (including without limitation all claims for monetary loss, property damage, equitable relief, personal injury, and/or wrongful death), whether brought by an individual or other entity, or imposed by a court of law or by administrative action of any federal, state, or local governmental body or agency, arising out of, in any way whatsoever, any acts, omissions, negligence, or willful misconduct on the part of Parent or Guardian, its officers, owners, personnel, employees, agents, contractors, invitees, or volunteers. This indemnification applies to and includes, without limitation, the payment of all penalties, fines, judgments, awards, decrees, attorneys' fees, and related costs or expenses, and any reimbursements to The Great Lakes Wind Symphony for all legal fees, expenses, and costs incurred by it.

Authority to Enter Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the actual legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

Amendment. This Agreement may be modified, amended, or supplemented only if the changes are made in writing and signed by all Parties.

Waiver. The failure of either Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that Party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement.

Attorneys' Fees. If a legal suit, action, or proceeding, including arbitration, is brought by any Party to enforce or to interpret any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing Party will be entitled to recover, in addition to any other damages awarded, all costs associated with conducting the suit, action, proceeding, or arbitration and reasonable attorneys' fees.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties related to the matters specified herein and supersedes any prior oral or written statements or agreements between the Parties relating to such matters.

Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable

for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision, it will become valid, legal, and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Pennsylvania.

Signatures. This Agreement shall be signed on behalf of The Great Lakes Wind Symphony by Adam F Brennan, CEO, Great Lakes Wind Symphony, and on behalf of (student)_____by the undersigned and identified Parent or Guardian and effective as of the date first written above.

The Party A:
The Great Lakes Wind Symphony

Adam F Brennan, CEO, Great Lakes Wind Symphony

Signature_____

Date_____

The Party B:
Parent or Guardian
Print Name_____

Sign Name_____

Date: _____

Once signed, please send to the GLWS at GreatLakesWS44@gmail.com
This form must be on file before a student may take part in any and all associated activities.

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MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT
Great Lakes Wind Symphony and Affiliates
Youth Wind Symphony and Summer Winds Camps
23 Grant Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901

I, _____, being the parent/guardian of _____ authorize the GLWS staff to seek, obtain and consent to routine medical care and treatment, emergency medical care and treatment, for any injuries obtained while participating in activities of the GLWS music camps or youth wind symphony as deemed necessary by a licensed medical or healthcare professional. This authorization is for the time period when my child under the supervision of the GLWS and its affiliates, and is effective for as long as my child is participating in the activities for which they are registered,

Child's Information

Child's Full Name: _____

Address: _____, PA _____

Date of Birth: (00/00/XXXX)_____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Child's Health Information

Health Conditions: (List; e.g. Diabetes, Heart Issues, ADHAD, ASD, Anxiety, etc.)

Allergies: (List all: Food and Other)

Prescription Medications: (List all, dosages, and schedule)

Will they need to take these Prescription Medications during their time under our supervision? yes/no

Do they need Assistance/Supervision Taking Prescription Medication: Yes/No Date

of Last Tetanus Injection/Booster: _____

Child's Medical Care Information

Physician/Pediatrician: _____ Phone Number: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy/Group Number: _____ Policy Holder: _____

Parent's Information

Parent's Name: _____

Address, _____, _____PA _____

Phone Number (H): _____ **Cell(C):** _____

Phone Number (W): _____ **Email:** _____

Emergency Contact Person's Information

Emergency Contact's Name: _____

Phone Number (H): _____ Phone Number (C): _____

Phone Number (W): _____ Email: _____

Signature of Parent

Signature

_____

Print Name Date

_____ _____ _____