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fine arts camp

2020 Camper Family Handbook

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This handbook is a resource for students and their families as they prepare for participation at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. It provides practical information relating to packing and other preparations, camp life, and what to expect upon arrival and departure. It outlines Blue Lake's policies on uniform, health, safety, communication, and behavioral expectations. It also provides unique information required for specific majors and minors. Please take the time to review these materials with your student, contact Blue Lake with any concerns or questions, and sign the acknowledgement within your account, indicating you have reviewed this critical material. Download this PDF to save as a reference.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Helpful Contacts

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Preparing for Camp

Checklist: Complete the following items through your account at least 30 days prior to arrival:

Session I Due Date: May 26 Session II Due Date: June 8
Session III Due Date: June 22 Session IV Due Date: July 6

- Complete student health record, then upload your health insurance card and immunization record.
- Pay remaining balance.
- Complete your Pre-Orders (uniforms, care packages, souvenir photos and recordings, camper-family lunches, camper email messages)
- Deposit spending money in the camper bank.
- Review the Camper-Family Handbook with your student.
- Do you have a need for camper early arrival or transportation to/from a local airport or station? Log in to your account, select “Make a Reservation or Pre-Order,” then complete the necessary information at “Early Arrival, Transportation, Late Departure.”

Checklist: Complete the following items at any time prior to arrival:

- Didn't enroll in a Minor yet? Call the Admissions Registrar at 800-221-3796 ext. 209 to inquire about availability.
- Make sure your student's musical instrument is in good working order. If it belongs to your school, ask your teacher for help!
- Make sure your personal insurance is current, covering instrument and/or valuable items coming to camp.
- Review the packing list. Get dark blue shorts, slacks, jeans, capris, skirts, and other uniform items ready for camp. Bring enough underclothes and socks for 2 weeks.
- Label all personal belongings and clothes with camper name or initials.
- Does your camper have any medication (prescription or non-prescription) coming to camp? Medication must be in the original container, not expired. Send enough for the entire 12-day session.

Good to Know: Important Camp Policies

Camper Citizenship

Campers at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp should arrive at camp eager to learn, make new friends, and have a great time. The staff strives to create a sense of community among students through the cabin environment, unit activities, and daily camp life. Campers are expected to focus on their art by working hard during their classes, and to be kind, considerate, and respectful towards all campers, staff, and faculty. Campers are required to follow all camp rules, which are designed to reflect basic expectations of good citizenship that positively contribute to an inclusive community environment. As a part of enrollment, students are required to review and endorse a citizenship pledge that addresses behavior standards and expectations.

Diversity & Inclusion

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp aims to inspire young artists to achieve their best potential, both artistically and personally. We therefore strive to recognize the unique spirit of each student and eliminate barriers that hinder an individual's growth potential. When students attend Blue Lake, they can be themselves – free of judgment, criticism, or fear. Our campus environment is designed to reduce racial, religious, sexual, and cultural stereotypes and to foster positive intercultural relationships. Blue Lake does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, gender, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, or gender expression or identity in the administration of its programs, policies, accommodations, and tuition assistance.

The Blue Lake Camper Pledge

All campers are required to sign the camper pledge as a portion of their application. Campers that choose to violate regulations may be expelled immediately from camp. Please review the following camper pledge with your student before arrival at camp:

"As a camper of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, I agree to abide by camp regulations and to cooperate with camp authorities in furthering its ideals. I agree not to use or possess tobacco, vaping products, alcoholic beverages or unauthorized drugs, not to deface camp property, not to participate in bullying,

hazing, threats, or violence, not to endanger the safety of myself or others, nor to go out of bounds without permission. I understand that if I violate any camp regulations, I jeopardize my good standing with Blue Lake, my parents will be notified, and I may be expelled immediately from camp."

Attendance at all classes, activities, and concerts, including the Final Sunday performance or exhibit, is required of all campers. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated: parents/guardians will be contacted immediately, and intentional absence from class is grounds for dismissal from camp. Destruction or defacement of camp property or equipment, including any graffiti, is considered sufficient cause to dismiss a camper from camp. Campers are not permitted under any circumstances to have a car while at Blue Lake, or to drive themselves to camp.

Cell Phones

Please be aware that Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp does not permit campers to have or use cell phones while on camp. Your acknowledgement on your camper's application has indicated to us that as a parent/guardian, you are able to fully support this camp policy. Please review this policy with your student and make sure they leave their cell phone with you.

Visiting Campers

Because part of the camp experience is learning independence, we strongly discourage visits during the session. While at Blue Lake, campers will spend their time in various scheduled and supervised activities. Participating fully in these activities, whether instructional classes, recreational activities, evening events, time with friends, or meals with cabin mates, is what makes the camp experience complete. In a camp setting such as Blue Lake, students have the opportunity to learn and grow as individuals, and the time away from family fosters independence and individuality in a structured, educational setting. Because of these reasons, the *majority of families and parents choose not to visit during the camp session*. However, if family circumstances dictate that visiting is absolutely necessary, we require that it be limited to the middle-Sunday, in conjunction with our camp schedule. A Camper may be signed out from his/her unit from 4:00pm – 5:00pm, and must return by 9:00pm. The middle-Sunday schedule consists of a regular instructional day full of classes, meals, recreational activities, and an evening event. Visitors are limited to parents, grandparents, and other immediate family members. See "Leaving Camp Temporarily" below for other important information regarding checking your camper out from camp.

Leaving Camp Temporarily

If special circumstances require that a camper leaves camp temporarily, they must be signed out at the Unit Director's office by a custodial parent or legal guardian only. Custodial parents or legal guardians may give Blue Lake permission for a camper to leave camp with another person who is 21 or older. This permission may be granted by adding an individual as an "Authorized Pick-Up" through your account. All authorized pick-ups will be confirmed by staff on opening day. Blue Lake staff will check photo I.D. at sign-out, and Blue Lake will not release campers from the premises with other individuals without a custodial guardian's valid written permission.

Early Withdrawal

If special circumstances require that a camper leave camp permanently, they must be signed out at the Unit Director's office by a parent or legal guardian only. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp cannot release campers from the premises with other individuals without a custodial guardian's valid written permission.

Personal Property and Insurance

To avoid unnecessary problems, make sure your student's name is on all items coming to camp. Campers are responsible for care of their own property. *Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items and strongly discourages campers from bringing valuable personal items to camp*, such as expensive cameras, sunglasses, electronic devices, etc. The Camp does not insure individual musical instruments or personal property, so as an extra precaution for each student's property, we strongly recommend that a personal property rider be taken out in connection with your family's homeowners policy or insurance contract, thereby protecting the instrument and/or personal property for all risk coverage. This will assure you of all risk coverage while at camp and at any other location during the year. For those who are borrowing instruments from a school music program, we recommend that you verify the insurance coverage of the instrument with the appropriate school official.

Lost and Found

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. However, the camp does maintain a Lost-and-Found Department. If an item is discovered missing while the camper is still at camp, they can refer to their counselor for assistance. If an item is discovered missing after a camper's stay at camp, they should contact the camp at (231) 894-1966. We will make every attempt to locate your belongings and return them to you. Please make sure that all belongings are clearly marked with your camper's name. Limited-value Lost and Found items such as perishables, toiletries, undergarments, etc. will be discarded at the conclusion of the session. All other items will be held at the Blue Lake Administration Building until 30 days after the conclusion of the session. Unclaimed items will be donated to local charities after that time.

"I lost it" Fees

Instrumental music campers are responsible for the music issued to them on the opening day of the session. Students will be charged \$1 for each lost part or \$10 for a lost folder. Additionally, campers are issued a badge on opening day, and this is used as a primary I.D. for them throughout their stay at camp. Campers pay \$1 to replace a lost badge.

Refund Policy

Refunds to those whose applications have been accepted will be considered and processed within 14 days of receipt of written notice, as follows: 1) If written notice to withdraw arrives 30 days before the opening of the session, all payments made, less the non-refundable \$200 deposit, will be considered. 2) If written notice to withdraw arrives 10 – 29 days before the opening of the session, all payments made, less a \$300 fee (incl. deposit), will be considered. 3) If written notice to withdraw arrives 1 – 9 days before the opening of the session, all payments made, less a \$400

fee (incl. deposit) will be considered. 4) If a student withdraws from camp before the end of a session, all payments made less a \$450 fee (incl. deposit), will be considered. The balance will be prorated on the number of days left in the session. The parent/guardian must complete an Early Withdrawal Form at the Unit Director's office. 5) Fees for Minors are non-refundable unless notice to withdraw from camp or request to change Minor enrollment status is received 30 days prior to the opening day of the session. 6) No refunds will be considered for withdrawals resulting from homesickness.

The Blue Lake Uniform

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is a uniformed camp. Campers, faculty, and staff members wear the camp uniform with great pride during their time at Blue Lake! The uniform shirts and pullovers are available only through Blue Lake and should be ordered in advance to avoid long lines and delays on opening day. Log in to your account and select "Pre-Orders" to purchase uniforms. Two shirts and one pullover are required, three shirts are recommended. The remainder of the uniform must be provided by the camper, and must meet the requirements below. *All campers are responsible for bringing the proper uniform items with them to camp.*

Uniform Policy

Badges:

Badges are a uniform requirement for all students, faculty, and staff, and are provided by the camp at check-in. They are to be worn on the upper left chest (over your heart!) at all times to help learn names, check out recreation equipment, and for identification at the health lodge, store, housing unit, dining hall, camper bank, and waterfront area. Campers who lose their badge will be required to pay \$1 for a new one. Take good care of it!

Girls:

For daily wear: Camp uniform shirt (tucked in); badge; solid dark blue slacks, jeans, skirts, skorts, capris, sweat pants, or shorts; solid white socks; substantial athletic shoes (closed toe and heel). No excessively short shorts!

For concert attendance or performances (formal uniform): Uniform shirt; badge; solid navy blue slacks, skirts, or skorts with natural nylons or navy blue knee socks; Blue Lake pullover. No jeans, denim skirts, capris, shorts, sweat pants or sweatshirts at performances. Skirt length must be no shorter than 6" above the knee.

Boys:

For daily wear: Camp uniform shirt (tucked in); badge; solid dark blue slacks, jeans, sweat pants, or shorts; solid white socks; substantial athletic shoes (closed toe and heel).

For concert attendance or performances (formal uniform): Uniform shirt; badge; solid navy blue slacks; dress socks or white socks; Blue Lake pullover. No jeans, shorts, sweat pants or sweatshirts at performances.

During Extreme Weather:

In case of extreme cold, campers must wear layered clothing as follows: 1) solid white undershirt beneath uniform shirt. 2) Blue Lake pullover and/or Blue Lake sweatshirt over uniform shirt. 3) If additional clothing is needed (i.e. another sweatshirt), it must be worn underneath the uniform fleece or sweatshirt. 4) If additional clothing is still needed, non-uniform jackets, windbreakers, and raingear can be worn. 5) Layering of the uniform must follow the above stated order.

Blue Lake Uniform Dos

- Wear your badge at all times.
- Keep your uniform shirt tucked in at all times. At least one button must be buttoned on the uniform shirt.
- Hair bands and other hair accessories are permitted, but should be subtle.
- Undershirts must be solid white, but may be short or long-sleeved.
- Dress pants and skirts should be a dark, navy blue.
- Denim jeans may be faded, but should be darker than the uniform shirt.
- Non-uniform shirts are permitted within the boundary of your Housing Unit only.
- Bring substantial and comfortable athletic shoes that are closed toe/closed heel. If you choose to bring dress shoes for your Formal Uniform, they must have closed toe and closed heel and be practical for walking long distances. Flip-flops, sandals, and slides are acceptable within your Housing Unit only.

Blue Lake Uniform Don'ts

Staff members will ask you to change if your attire is considered inappropriate and/or not meeting guidelines. Avoid these uniform don'ts:

- Ripped, frayed, bleached, super-faded, embroidered, striped, or torn jeans or shorts; cut-off shorts; excessively short shorts
- Bib-overalls, suspenders, neck ties, scarves
- Dark blue bottoms with logos, emblems, or text larger than 3"; stripes on bottoms
- Sandals or open-toe/heel shoes (sandals, slides, and flip-flops to/from the shower within the unit are ok)
- Non-uniform shirts are not permitted outside of the Housing Unit or recreational activities
- Royal blue, aqua, or turquoise bottoms
- Wallet chains, excessive jewelry, or other items that may disrupt a quiet setting
- Colored undershirts (t-shirts worn under the Blue Lake uniform must be solid white)
- Sunglasses are not permitted within classes, rehearsals, and performances
- Hats, bandanas, or any head coverings*

*Headwear is not permitted unless necessary due to religious, medical, or hygienic reasons. Please indicate any specific needs on your health record.

Camp Life

Typical Camper Schedule – Central Camp

Following the initial auditions, placements, and introductory meetings on the opening day of the session, each camper will be provided a schedule based upon their initial placement. While schedules vary as a result of a student’s major, placement within groups, minor, and class locations, all central camp students experience the same approximate framework for the daily schedule:

6:30am	Wake up
7:15am	Breakfast
8:00am	Classes/Rehearsals begin
12:00pm	Classes/Rehearsals dismiss
12:15pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Minor Classes
2:20pm	Afternoon Classes/Rehearsals
4:00pm	Recreation
5:15pm	Dinner
6:00pm	In Unit
7:30pm	Evening Activity and/or performance
9:45pm	Lights Out

Typical Camper Schedule – Camp Bernstein

Regardless of ensemble (band or orchestra), Camp Bernstein students follow the same daily schedule:

6:30am	Wake up
7:15am	Breakfast
8:15am	Morning Rehearsal
9:40am	Minor Class
10:30am	Sectionals
11:20am	Cabin Clean Up and Rest
12:15pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Afternoon Rehearsal
2:20pm	Recreation
4:00pm	Evening Rehearsal
5:15pm	Dinner
6:00pm	In Unit
7:30pm	Evening Activity and/or performance
9:45pm	Lights Out

Our Counseling Staff

Our counseling staff are carefully selected through a rigorous hiring process that includes recommendations, interviews, and criminal background checks. Blue Lake camp counselors are college-aged and are primarily involved in arts and education. They complete an intensive training covering youth development, conflict resolution, emergency procedures, homesickness, positive behavior support, bullying prevention, CPR and First Aid

certification, camp fun, and more! Camp counselors live with each group of campers; there is one counselor per cabin. Each group of cabins, known as a Unit, is led by an experienced Unit Director. Camp counselors supervise campers throughout meals, recreation and evening activities, and free time. Additionally, counselors serve as class assistants throughout the instructional day, providing support to the instructional faculty and students within the class setting. The counseling staff work to create a welcoming, inclusive environment where campers feel at home. They are consistently available to answer questions, assist with concerns, and make the camper's stay safe and enjoyable.

Blue Lake's Environment

Walking Distances: Many first-time campers and families are surprised at the size and scope of Blue Lake's campus. Blue Lake owns approximately 1,600 acres of forest wilderness, with about 400 acres serving as the actual campus with facilities. It is not uncommon for a camper to walk a mile or more each day as they go to/from meals, classes, and events. As such, it is important that campers eat well, stay hydrated, and bring comfortable footwear. Those with larger instruments are strongly encouraged to bring a wheeled luggage cart.

The Environment: The environment at Blue Lake is rustic. We are surrounded by beautiful trees, a small lake, foot trails through the woods, and simple buildings. The weather can vary wildly: evening lows can range from 40-65 while day highs can range from 65 – 95. Check the forecast for Twin Lake, Michigan before you come to camp to make sure you're prepared!

Security: Blue Lake operates a closed campus. With the exception of Opening Day, Final Sunday, and occasional evening public performances, visitors are requested to register at the Administration Building. Blue Lake employees are trained to assist any visitors on campus and to help serve as general security for our camp community. Campers will not be released from our grounds without written permission from a custodial parent or guardian. Photo I.D.s will be requested by staff during the sign-out process.

A Word about the Woods: We are surrounded by wilderness in every direction; therefore we enjoy a wide variety of bugs and critters out here. During the summer months, most signs of wildlife stay far away from the hustle and bustle of daily camp activities. However, campers should be careful to follow our guidelines for storing snack foods (in sealable plastic containers) to keep unwanted guests from entering the cabin. Also, make sure to pack and use insect repellent daily while at camp to avoid bites from mosquitoes, ticks, spiders, flies, bees, and other creepy-crawlies.

Recreation and Free Time

Blue Lake provides a highly structured instructional day for students. However, during daily recreation and free time, students are welcome to participate in recreational offerings, hang out with friends in Central Park, visit the camper pools, rest in their cabin, visit the Museum, or practice. A complete recreational program is offered at Blue Lake, including activities such as: basketball, soccer, volleyball, ga-ga ball, ping-pong, ultimate frisbee, swimming, water games, dances, talent shows, unit activities, cabin games, song fests, and carnivals.

The Camper Bank

A banking service is provided to all campers, free of charge. We strongly recommend that campers use the camp bank for storing their spending money. Withdrawals and deposits can be made daily. The funds you leave with your camper is a personal decision. We suggest budgeting \$5 daily to cover basic snacks and incidentals, plus additional funds for any camp supplies, souvenirs, clothing, or other needs. You can open an account for your student by logging in to your account and selecting "Pre Orders." Additional funds may be added at any time by selecting "Camp Bank" from the Additional Options tab. You may also call the Blue Lake business office directly during regular business hours. Remember to close your camper's account and collect any unused balance on or before Final Sunday.

Blue Lake's Camp Store

The Happy Camper, Blue Lake's camp store, sells official uniform items, navy blue knee socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, shorts, jackets, and t-shirts. Also available: camp supplies, personal items, musical and instrument repair items, souvenirs, photos, and a whole bunch of other stuff essential for having great fun at camp! The Happy Camper also offers a complete snack bar, serving refreshments, drinks, snacks, sandwiches and pizza, ice cream, fresh-baked cookies, popcorn, and a variety of candy. Additional items can be found online at bluelake.org/shop.

Meals at Marek Hall

Campers take meals with their cabin mates and share in clean-up duties. Dining consists of well-balanced cafeteria-style meals served three times daily, all served by a professional food service staff. In addition to hot entrees and side dishes (regular and vegetarian options available), an extensive salad bar with fresh vegetables, proteins, fruit, and breads are offered at each meal. Beverage offerings include milk, juice, punch, water, tea, and coffee. See the camper health section for more information on dietary restrictions.

Stay Clean!

Living in the woods, trekking to/from classes, running around during recreation activities, living in a cabin with others – one can get pretty dirty while camping! Rest room and shower facilities are located within a camper's housing area and are a short walk from the cabin. Campers are encouraged to shower regularly (in the morning, before bed, or during breaks and free time) to stay healthy and clean. Nevertheless, part of camping is being a little dusty now and then, and students should be prepared to manage their cleanliness and hygiene on a daily basis.

Laundry

Each cabin counselor will machine wash and dry campers' uniform items (tops and bottoms) every other day (about 5 times a session). However, the counselor is not responsible for washing underwear and socks. Bring enough underwear and socks to last two weeks, or plan to wash your own by hand. In order to avoid lost items, mark all clothes, including uniform items, with your camper's name or initials!

Camp Cleanliness

As a part of the long-standing camping tradition at Blue Lake, all campers are expected to help with cabin clean-up, rest room clean-up, dining hall clean-up, and grounds clean-up. Camper cabins and restrooms are inspected daily for cleanliness.

Mail and Care Packages

We encourage family and friends to send mail or care packages to campers. Receiving mail while at camp is a great morale booster! Blue Lake recommends that you allow at least four working days for mail to reach your camper, just to be on the safe side. Mail is delivered to Blue Lake Monday – Saturday, and is promptly distributed to campers on the same day that it arrives at the camp office. Mail that arrives after a camper has departed will be returned to sender. Blue Lake cannot be responsible for mail and packages that are not addressed correctly.

Address your camper's mail to...

Central Camp Campers:

[First Name, Last Name]
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp
[Housing Unit] – [Cabin Name]
300 East Crystal Lake Road
Twin Lake, MI 49457

Camp Bernstein Campers:

[First Name, Last Name]
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp
Camp Bernstein – [Cabin Name]
300 East Crystal Lake Road
Twin Lake, MI 49457

Email Messages to Campers

Looking for a quick way to get an encouraging note to your camper? Log in, find the Additional Options tab, then select "Email a Camper" to purchase email credits to email your camper. Emails are printed and delivered daily. Only emails sent through this portal will be delivered to campers. Emails are one-way, and campers may reply via mailed letter.

Phone Communication

A part of Blue Lake's philosophy centers on allowing a camper to focus – without outside distraction – on their own growth and self-improvement, whether artistic or personal. In fact, this is a long-standing tradition within many American residential youth camps. Therefore, Blue Lake does not permit students to use land lines or personal cell phones while at camp. Campers should plan to leave their phones with parents/guardians, and parents/guardians are expected to fully support this camp policy.

Part of a child's personal growth is learning to trust other caring adults and solve some of their own challenges, and summer camp is a perfect environment to learn these skills. In our 50+ years of experience, we have recognized that phone calls home are most often disruptive to your camper's experience and do more to foster homesickness than independence. When your camper contacts you by phone call or text message, it prevents our staff from assisting them with problems and addressing their concerns promptly. As you prepare your camper for camp, please let them know that you trust Blue Lake and trust your camper to use their resources at camp by communicating openly with the camp staff to work through problems.

Of course, the camp staff will contact parents with questions or concerns as they feel necessary, and parents are welcome to call the camp's main number (231) 894-1966 to communicate with administration, staff, health lodge, and/or the camper as deemed necessary. Please note that phone calls often cause disruption in a camper's day i.e. your camper may be in a class or at a meal when you call, and staff may suggest better times within the schedule for calls to limit disruption.

Performances & Evening Events

All Blue Lake performances and events are open to campers free of charge and include activities such as recitals, master classes, concerts by faculty, staff, and visiting artists, and camper social and recreational events. Parents will be given a calendar of the session's events during check-in.

Chapel Service

On the Middle Sunday of each session, Blue Lake offers an optional, non-denominational chapel service for the camp community. The 40-minute service is universal in nature, featuring readings, music, and time for personal reflection. Parents who wish for their campers to attend a specific type of service off-camp are responsible for making appropriate transportation arrangements. Blue Lake cannot transport campers to off-camp worship services.

Blue Lake's International Exchange Program

Central Camp campers wishing to gain membership to the Blue Lake International Exchange Program will have an opportunity to learn more about the program, and complete an application and interview while at camp. Students are accepted into the program throughout the summer and fall months.

More information is available by calling the International Office at (231) 894-1966 ext. 201. Camp Bernstein campers are not eligible for the International Exchange Program.

Would You Like to Host a Foreign Camper?

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp expects nearly 50 foreign students this summer and each one needs a caring host family for one week before or after their camp session. Most students come from France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Denmark, Italy, and Austria. If you are interested in becoming a host for a student with similar artistic interests as your child, or would like to learn more about Blue Lake's International Exchange Program, please contact the International Exchange Program Office at (231) 894-1966 ext. 203.

Camper Health Information

Your Camper's Health Record: *Due 30 Days Prior to Arrival*

All campers must have a health record on file with Blue Lake prior to arrival. Log in to your account and visit the Document Center to complete the record and upload your health insurance and immunization records at least 30 days prior to your camp session. You must complete the health record online prior to arrival. Campers will not be permitted to check in without a health form on file.

Opening Day Health Screening

In order to ensure the health and safety of the camp community, Blue Lake completes a health screening with students at opening day check-in. Your child's cabin counselor will ask several basic questions regarding your child's current health condition, and will also confirm medical release information in the event that your child must leave camp due to illness. On your child's health record, you will be asked to designate a family member or other party over the age of 21 to assume responsibility for your child in the event that you are not available to do so.

Camper Medication Check-In

The State of Michigan requires that children's camps review, store, dispense, and log all campers' prescription and nonprescription medications, and that all medications be in the original container. All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) should be checked in at the Unit Director's Hut in your camper's housing unit on opening day. In order to prepare for a faster check-in, please have all necessary medications in the original containers and matching the dosage/frequency information submitted on the camper's health record. Make sure that medications do not expire during the camp session and that there is enough medication to last the entire session. **Please note: Blue Lake cannot accept any medications (including prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and supplements) that are not in original containers.**

Don't Bring Your Basic First-Aid Items!

Blue Lake stocks many basic first-aid items and over-the-counter medications for students, such as cough drops, Tylenol, Advil, bandages, Neosporin, Benadryl, etc. Because we are required by law to check in *all* medications brought to camp, including over-the-counter items, it will save you time during your check-in process if you do not bring these basic items to camp.

Medication Storage While at Camp

All medications (with the exception of certain emergency rescue medications) will be kept in Blue Lake's locked medical facilities or unit first-aid stations. Daily medications are stored and dispensed from the centrally located Health Lodge. In rare cases, medications may be stored and dispensed from the camper's unit. The Blue Lake staff will give you detailed information upon arrival. If you have questions prior to arrival, please contact Health Services at (231) 894-1966 ext. 288 or healthservices@bluelake.org after June 1. Information about medication storage is also included on the health record.

Health Care and Services

Blue Lake operates a Health Lodge 24 hours a day to provide first aid care and assist with any emergencies that may occur. Our staff consists of registered nurses, first responders, camp health officers, and other trained personnel who work closely with a physician and medical center located minutes away. Ambulance and hospital care are available 15 minutes from the camp. Blue Lake is not responsible for costs associated with medical services provided outside of camp, such as emergency room visits, area medical clinics, or prescriptions. Any medical expenses incurred while at camp will be billed directly from the provider.

Special Needs or Health Concerns

Blue Lake's faculty and staff do not have specialized training in working with special needs. Arrangements for enrolling children with significant physical limitations, medical concerns, or cognitive/behavioral disabilities should be made prior to submitting the camp application. Examples include but are not limited to diabetes, life-threatening allergies, injectable medications, mobility concerns, and autism spectrum disorders. To help our staff properly prepare for your camper, submit detailed information with your application and health record. You may also contact the Director of Student Services at (231) 894-1966 ext. 214.

Dietary Restrictions

While Blue Lake does not provide a separate gluten-, dairy-, or peanut-free menu, we routinely work with campers who experience a wide variety of dietary needs due to allergies and other medical conditions. Campers requiring a restrictive diet due to diabetes, severe allergies, or other significant dietary concerns must submit a detailed explanation along with to their health record. If your child is not able to consume menu items due to a significant health restriction such as a life-threatening allergy or serious gastrointestinal disease, you may supplement our menu with personal food or

beverage. Some limitations apply. Parents will be provided menu details upon request. Contact the Director of Health Services at (231) 894-1966 ext. 211.

Arrival & Opening Day

Traveling to Blue Lake

See <https://bluelake.org/visit/directions.php> for directions to camp. Allow plenty of time for travel and summer road construction.

Attention Navigation Software users!

Please note that some navigation software gives incorrect directions to Blue Lake (often to tiny dirt roads, rather than East Crystal Lake Road). Our only entrance to Blue Lake is off of Russell Road. If you are on a dirt road at any point, you are going the wrong way! Also, we are *not* located within the town of Twin Lake -- this is simply our mailing address. If you have questions, please call.

Families with RVs or Camping Trailers!

Blue Lake's campus is not designed to accommodate recreational vehicles, or vehicles with large trailers. It is not possible to park such vehicles in or near camper housing units. The only parking available for vehicles of this type is at the Sousa Field, located at the east end of E. Crystal Lake Road, within Camp Sousa. Please call prior to your arrival for directions to the Sousa Field.

Arrival at Camp

Plan to arrive at Blue Lake during the time specified in your Personal Camper Information (sent 6-8 weeks prior to camp) and proceed directly to your assigned housing unit. Find your housing unit on our [camp map](#) and watch for signs as you enter the campus. The Blue Lake staff will welcome campers and help them move in. During check-in, camp staff will confirm your completed a health record, collect any medicine, give you pre-ordered uniforms, and provide you with information to help you with your stay at Blue Lake. Staff will then instruct you as to where you are to report for your audition and/or first class.

Uniforms and Bank Deposit

Families should plan to pre-order uniforms and deposit money in the camper bank prior to arrival. Pre-ordered uniforms will be waiting for you at your cabin, and your bank funds will be ready to go on opening day. If you do not pre-order or deposit funds in advance, you can do so after cabin check-in by visiting the Camp Store and Camp Bank, located in the Central Park area of the campus. Allow extra time and be prepared to wait in a line.

Lunch for Campers and Families on Opening Day

On the opening day of the session, campers and families are arriving all throughout the day. A camper's first meal with their new cabin mates and counselor is dinner at 5:15pm. For your convenience, an optional lunch will be available for a small charge for parents and students at Blue Lake's Marek Hall between the hours of 11:00am - 1:30pm. Snacks, beverages, hot dogs/burgers, and ice cream are also available at the camp store until 4:00pm. Campers and families are welcome to bring along a picnic lunch. You'll find picnic tables throughout camp, central park, in housing units, and at the beach area by the lake.

Auditions and Placements

Camp Bernstein campers are not required to audition while at Blue Lake. Central Camp music, dance, and theater campers audition on the opening day of the session for placement in groups. Please refer to "Audition Criteria for Music, Theater, and Dance Majors" for detailed information.

Checklist: Opening Day

- Arrive during your specific assigned check-in time. Allow extra travel time for any road construction taking place en route.
- Check in at camper's assigned housing unit and cabin. The staff will lead you through check-in, answer questions, and help direct your student to other camp locations.
- Parents receive the following items from your cabin counselor:
 - o Calendar of events
 - o Things Parents Need to Know document
 - o Final Sunday presentation schedule
- Campers receive the following items from your cabin counselor:
 - o Badge
 - o Camp Map
 - o Welcome To Camp checklist
 - o Pre-ordered uniform items (also available at the camp store if you did not pre-order)
- Make sure all personal belongings, instrument, clothes, and uniforms are labeled with camper name or initials!

- Address any concerns or needs with the unit director or cabin counselor
- Turn in any prescription or non-prescription medications to the unit director
- Will your camper be signed out by anyone other than a parent/guardian during or at the conclusion of the camp session? Your cabin counselor will confirm any authorized individual(s) for your student. You can add an authorized adult to your account online if necessary.
- Are Final Sunday travel arrangements clear with camper & staff?
- If you did not deposit funds in the Camper Bank prior to arrival, you may do so today at the Camper Bank (located in Central Park near Stewart Shell). You may also return to your account and add funds online.
- Have a safe trip home. See you at the end of the session!

Audition Criteria for Music, Theater, and Dance Majors

In order to ensure that campers are assigned to the appropriate ensemble for their artistic development, the Blue Lake faculty conducts placement auditions on opening day. Once you have checked in to your cabin, changed into your uniform, and received a brief orientation, you will proceed to your audition.

Audition Information for Central Camp Band and Orchestra Majors*

**except pre-auditioned and pre-placed Advanced Chamber Strings and Masterworks Winds/Percussion*

**Camp Bernstein students do not audition for placement*

1. Scales: you will be asked to play one or two major scales. You are welcome to play as many octaves as you can, based upon your proficiency. Some instruments may be asked to also play a chromatic scale.
2. Sight Reading: you will be asked to perform several excerpts from current Blue Lake ensemble folders or similar material.
3. Solo: you will have the option of performing an additional excerpt of your best polished piece (no more than 20 seconds in length). Memorization is preferable. Evaluators are listening for musical qualities such as: intonation, tone, rhythm, technique, and expression.

Percussion campers: you have the option of performing an additional excerpt of a published solo (no more than 20 seconds in length) on one of the following instruments - snare drum, timpani, xylophone or marimba (2 mallets). Memorization is preferable.

Audition Information for Choir Majors

1. Vocal Exercises: You will be asked to sing several vocal warm ups in order to determine voice part: triads, arpeggios, ascending and descending pentachords, and/or scales. While current voice part is taken into consideration, you may be placed in a different voice part in order to balance the choir. Voice part determination is based on range and voice color.
2. Tonal Matching: you will be asked to sing back several tonal patterns that are played on the piano (High School sessions) or to independently sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" in a round (Middle School session).
3. Sight Reading: You will have time to study and perform an eight measure sight reading example with rhythm and melody in the key of C, G or F Major.

Chamber Choir placement is based on the best total score with emphasis on tonal color and sight reading ability.

Audition Information for Theater Majors

All Theater Majors must prepare a one-minute monologue for Opening Wednesday scheduling assignments. These monologues must be memorized, written for the stage, and reveal the actor's ability to create an original interpretation of the text based on character, objective, and obstacle. These demonstrations allow faculty members a chance to get to know you as a person and become familiar with your command of your craft. **Contemporary Acting Majors** need only audition with their one-minute monologue. **Musical Theater Majors** should also prepare a 16+ measure excerpt from standard musical theater repertoire. Please provide sheet music for the piano accompanist. **Shakespeare Majors** should prepare a one-minute excerpt of a monologue from a Shakespeare play.

Audition Information for Piano Majors

Pianists will be asked to complete two parts for a placement audition: theory placement and a brief audition. The theory assessment will consist of a short question/answer test. The audition will consist of sight-reading and a short excerpt of a prepared piece. Plan to bring your current music with you to the audition.

Audition Information for Jazz Majors

All jazz majors will be asked to perform the following as a part of their auditions: A short excerpt from a prepared piece, several scales, sight-reading excerpts, and jazz improvisation (optional).

Audition Information for Harp Majors

Harpists will have the opportunity to discuss current harp studies and repertoire with the faculty instructor before performing a brief audition to demonstrate ability. Plan to bring your current music with you to the audition.

Audition Information for Dance Majors

Dancer should arrive wearing dance attire, or may change in the locker room at the dance studio. Bring your ballet shoes or pointe shoes. Auditions will include the following group technique classes: ballet technique, pointe technique (women) / men's class (men), and modern technique.

Check-Out & Final Sunday

Final Sundays at Blue Lake are filled with smiling faces, beautiful art, and wonderful performances. Final Sundays can also be a bit hectic. Read on for information that will help make your Final Sunday at camp as smooth as possible.

Arrival

Plan to arrive in plenty of time to find your camper's housing unit, park, sign out, load up, and get to your camper's Final Sunday commitment. We suggest arriving approximately 45-60 minutes before your student's warm-up commitment.

Parking and Accessibility

Parking can be a challenge on Final Sundays. Please see the [camp map](#) to view parking locations marked with a **P**. In addition to these larger locations, limited parking is also available throughout the campus. As you park, be careful not to block other cars or limit traffic flow. Parents should be prepared to walk throughout the campus, as parking will not be available near every venue or cabin. Handicap Accessible parking is available in the upper lot of Marek North as well as other limited locations throughout the campus. If you wish to request assistance in parking due to a physical limitation or other concern, please call the Associate Staff Director Office at (231) 894-1966 ext. 273.

Camper Check-Out

Central Camp check-out is between 9:00am - 12:00pm. Camp Bernstein check-out is between 8:00am - 9:00am. *Campers must be checked-out prior to their final presentation!* Sign out your camper at their cabin. You will be asked to present your photo I.D.

Check for your items before you go!

Take a few moments to check for all of your belongings before you leave! Did you have medications checked in to camp? If so, you can retrieve them from the Unit Director office. (Medications requiring refrigeration can be picked up at the Health Lodge in Central Park). If you are missing an item, please consult with a staff member or visit the administration building to file a "missing item" report. Any forgotten items will be stored at the administration building lost-and-found area for 30 days after the conclusion of your session.

Close Your Bank Account

Campers and/or parents are responsible for closing their account prior to or on Final Sunday of the session. The bank closes at 3pm on Final Sunday. Unclosed accounts will be charged a \$5 processing fee for returning leftover funds. Unclosed accounts with a remaining balance of \$25 or less will not be returned, and will be considered a donation to the Blue Lake Scholarship Fund.

Camper-Family Final Sunday Lunch

On the Final Sunday of each session, an optional lunch is available for a small charge for campers, families, and guests in air-conditioned Marek Hall North from 11:00am – 2:00pm. (Your camper will receive breakfast as a final meal that morning with cabin mates). Camper-Family lunch menu options will include: Grilled burgers, sandwiches, chips, full salad bar, an assortment of cookies, and several beverage options. Limited items are also available at the Camp Store. To purchase tickets for the Camper-Family Final Sunday lunch, log in to your account and visit Pre-Orders prior to your session.

Performances, Demonstrations, and Exhibits

A camper's stay at Blue Lake culminates with their participation in a final performance, exhibit, or demonstration. This participation is an essential part of the camper's experience and something many look forward to with great anticipation. Parents, family members, extended family, and friends are

welcome to attend! All campers are *required* to participate – every member is an essential part of the group. Parents will be given a written list of all final camper presentations upon check-in on opening day. See below for a tentative draft of Final Sunday events. While it is possible that times and locations may change due to weather or programming considerations, the schedule below is considered a “final draft.” You will receive the confirmed Final Sunday schedule during check-in on Opening Day.

Checklist: Final Sunday

- Meet your camper at his/her cabin 45-60 minutes prior to their warm-up commitment. Make sure to allow extra travel time for any road construction, traffic, and parking. Campers must be signed out from the cabin prior to their final exhibit, demonstration, or performance. You will be asked to present photo I.D.
- Retrieve any medications from Unit Director office – the same cabin where you checked it in.
- Check for all personal belongings! If you are missing something, you can consult with a staff member in the unit, or file a report at the administration building.
- Proceed to your warm-up site or exhibit location.
- Remember that the Camper-Family Final Sunday lunch is available from 11:00am – 2:00pm at Marek North.
- Did you order a unit or group photo? You can pick up photos near the Camp Store in Central Park. The store will be open until 3:30pm.
- Did your camper close their bank account? If not, you can do this at the Camper Bank, in Central Park. The bank is open until 3pm.

Tentative Session 1 and 2 Final Sunday Schedule				
GROUP	PERFORMANCE or EXHIBIT	VENUE	WARM-UP TIME	WARM-UP LOCATION
Art Exhibit	9:30am – 12pm	Marek South	N/A	N/A
Art Camper Award Presentation	11:30 AM	Marek South	N/A	N/a
Harp Recital	9:15 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall	8:30 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall
Piano Recital (Ensembles D, E & F)	10:00 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall	9:15 AM	Chopin & Schumann
Piano Recital (Ensembles A, B & C)	11:30 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall	10:45 AM	Chopin & Schumann
Masterworks Orch. Woodwind Choir	1:15 PM	Blodgett Recital Hall	12:30 PM	SAC 126
Masterworks Orch. Brass Ensemble	1:15 PM	Blodgett Recital Hall	12:30 PM	SAC 126
Advanced Chamber Orchestra	1:45 PM	Blodgett Recital Hall	1:00 PM	SAC 126
Masterworks Orchestra	2:15 PM	Blodgett Recital Hall	1:30 PM	SAC 126
Theater Presentation	10:00 AM	Miller Theater, then The Rose	9:00 AM	Miller Theater
Choirs	1:00 PM	Miller Theater	12:15 PM	Dance Studio/Miller Theater
Dance Demonstration	10:30 AM	Jacobson-Bueche Dance Studio	9:30 AM	Jacobson-Bueche Dance Studio
Camp Bernstein	9:30 AM	Stewart Shell	9:00 AM	Stewart Shell
Begin Band	11:00 AM	Stewart Shell	10:15 AM	SAC 125
Vander Linde Band	11:50 AM	Stewart Shell	11:05 AM	SAC 125
Symphony Band	12:40 PM	Stewart Shell	11:55 AM	SAC 125
Wind Ensemble	1:40 PM	Stewart Shell	12:55 PM	SAC 125
Birdland Jazz Band	11:00 AM	Hull Jazz Bowl	10:15 AM	Grease Pit East
Blue Note Jazz Band	11:30 AM	Hull Jazz Bowl	10:45 AM	Grease Pit East
Vanguard Jazz Band	12:00 PM	Hull Jazz Bowl	11:15 AM	Grease Pit East
Symphony Orch Brass Ensemble	11:00 AM	Bartlett Shell	10:15 AM	Bartlett Shell
Symphony Orch Woodwind Choir	11:00 AM	Bartlett Shell	10:15 AM	Bartlett Shell
Symph./Masterworks Orch Perc. Ens.	11:00 AM	Bartlett Shell	10:15 AM	Bartlett Shell
Concert Orchestra	11:30 AM	Bartlett Shell	10:15 AM	Bartlett Shell
Symphony Orchestra	12:20 PM	Bartlett Shell	11:30 AM (strings)	Toscanini

Tentative Session 3 and 4 Final Sunday Schedule				
GROUP	PERFORMANCE or EXHIBIT	VENUE	WARM-UP TIME	WARM-UP LOCATION
Art Exhibit	9:30 AM	Marek South (9:30 AM – 12 PM)		
Art Camper Award	11:30 AM	Marek South		
Harp Recital	9:15 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall	8:30 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall
Piano Recital (Ensembles D, E & F)	10:00 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall	9:15 AM	Chopin & Schumann
Piano Recital (Ensembles A, B & C)	11:30 AM	Blodgett Recital Hall	10:45 AM	Chopin & Schumann
*Advanced Chamber Orchestra	1:15 PM	Blodgett Recital Hall	12:30 PM	SAC 126
Theater Presentation	10:00 AM	Miller Theater, then The Rose	9:00 AM	Miller Theater
Choirs	1:00 PM	Miller Theater	12:15 PM	Dance Studio/Miller Theater
Dance Demonstration	10:30 AM	Jacobson-Bueche Dance Studio	9:30 AM	Jacobson-Bueche Dance Studio

Camp Bernstein	9:30 AM	Stewart Shell	9:00 AM	Stewart Shell
Vander Linde Band	11:00 AM	Stewart Shell	10:15 AM	SAC 125
Begian Band	11:50 AM	Stewart Shell	11:00 AM	SAC 125
Concert Band	12:40 PM	Stewart Shell	11:55 AM	SAC 125
Symphony Band	1:30 PM	Stewart Shell	12:40 PM	SAC 125
Birdland Jazz Band	11:00 AM	Hull Jazz Bowl	10:15 AM	Grease Pit East
Blue Note Jazz Band	11:30 AM	Hull Jazz Bowl	10:45 AM	Grease Pit East
Vanguard Jazz Band	12:00 PM	Hull Jazz Bowl	11:15 AM	Grease Pit East
Bartlett String Orchestra	11:00 AM	Bartlett Shell	10:15 AM	Bartlett Shell
Marek String Orchestra	11:50 AM	Bartlett Shell	11:05 AM	Toscanini
Concert Orchestra	12:40 PM	Bartlett Shell	11:50 AM	Toscanini
Symphony Orchestra	1:30 PM	Bartlett Shell	12:40 PM (strings)	Toscanini

Important Information for Art Majors and Minors **Only**

The Art Show, displaying each art majors' and minors' artwork, will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. At 11:30 a.m., the Visual Arts faculty will make a short presentation to acknowledge campers' work and present the Outstanding Camper Awards. Student artwork will be available to be removed from the show at 12:00pm, but not prior. Thank you for your consideration.

Important Details for Dance Ensemble Members **Only**

Members of the four-week Dance Ensemble are expected to participate fully in the camp program throughout their time with us, including all scheduled events and activities. Please make a note of the following times for visitation, performance, and check-out.

June 24 - Arrival: Please refer to "[Arrival and Opening Day](#)" for important information on arrival time, check-in procedure, and other camp information.

June 28 and July 12 -- Middle Sunday Visit Times: Campers may be checked out from their unit by a designated adult on Middle Sunday between 4:00 - 5:00pm. Campers must be back in their unit by 9:00pm. Refer to Blue Lake's policy on visiting and temporary sign-out for more information.

July 5 -- End of Session I: Dance Ensemble members are free to be checked out for session break beginning at 8:00am on Final Sunday, *not prior*. There will be no classes or camp activities over the break. Dance Ensemble members must return no later than 8:45am on Opening Wednesday of Session II.

July 8 -- Opening Day of Session II: Following is the schedule for Dance Ensemble members only:

8:15 - 8:45am	Return to Blue Lake and check in with cabin counselor
9:00 - 12:00pm	Rehearsal in Dance Studio
12:00 - 1:00pm	Sack Lunch picnic at Dance Studio
1:00 - 2:45pm	Rehearsal in Dance Studio
3:00 - 5:00pm	All campers in units for orientation meetings
5:15pm	Dinner
7:00 - 7:45pm	Rehearsal in Dance Studio
8:00pm	All campers in units
9:30pm	Lights out

July 18 – Check-Out and Performance:

The Dance Ensemble matinee performance is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, at 4:10pm at Miller Theater. Parents are requested to meet and check out their camper promptly at 2:00pm in their housing unit, prior to final preparations for the performance. Once checked out, dancers may proceed to Miller Theater. Students will be free to depart campus with parents following the performance (approximately 5pm).

Early Arrival, Transportation, and Multiple Sessions

Early Arrival

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp *strongly discourages* campers from arriving early for their camp session. If deemed absolutely necessary due to unavoidable circumstances, students *may not* arrive earlier than 9:00am Tuesday before their scheduled session (for sessions 2, 3, and 4) and not earlier than 6:00pm Tuesday before session 1. The camp bank, store, and other services will not be available until Opening Wednesday. All early arrival campers

must pay a fee of \$85 per day (or any portion of a day) for meals, supervision, activities, and accommodations. Log in to your account, select Make a Reservation or Pre-Order, then complete the necessary information at “Early Arrival, Transportation, Late Departure.”

Camper Transportation

Blue Lake can provide transportation for students to and from commercial transportation depots within a one hour radius of the campus. This includes Grand Rapids Air, Train, and Bus; Muskegon Air, Bus, and Ferry; Holland Train; and Ludington Ferry. Students traveling by air are strongly encouraged to fly through Grand Rapids International Airport to allow for the greatest flexibility if airline schedule adjustments arise. Students traveling with unaccompanied minor status must fly exclusively via Grand Rapids. Transportation fees vary by distance and staffing requirements, and range from \$85 to \$225 one way. Student travel itineraries should allow for full participation in the camp program, and arrival and departure windows are limited. Visit https://bluelake.org/summercamp/registration/transportation_assistance.php for more information. Log in to your account, select “Make a Reservation or Pre-Order,” then complete the necessary information at “Early Arrival, Transportation, Late Departure.”

Campers Enrolled in 2 Sessions

Campers who enroll in two consecutive sessions have the option of leaving with a parent/guardian during the session break or staying on camp in between sessions. Most campers opt to leave camp with family for the break. Campers who choose to stay on camp in between enrolled sessions are subject to a fee of \$170 for meals, supervision, activities, and accommodations. As a part of the enrollment process when adding a second session, you should have indicated your choice. To verify your selection or make an adjustment, please contact the Admissions Registrar at 231-894-1966 x 209.

Packing List

Checklist: What to Bring

When packing for camp, take a moment to consider the environment in which you'll be living for two weeks. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is located in a forest, filled with beautiful trees...and bugs, critters, dust, dirt, and lots and lots of sand! You'll be living in a very rustic cabin filled with new friends...and all of their stuff, too! Below is a guide to help you pack. *Make sure that you label all personal items with your full name or initials prior to arrival!*

<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Your Instrument, and/or other items needed for your Major or Minor	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothes (uniform items, and other items)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pillow & Case	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Lesson Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Underclothes (pack enough for 2 weeks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Blanket	<input type="checkbox"/> Portable Music Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes (comfy ones, good for walking)
<input type="checkbox"/> Towel & Washcloth (and a beach towel if you plan to visit the pools)	<input type="checkbox"/> Costumes, Equipment, Props, or Music (if desired, for the talent show auditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jammies! Comfy Clothes! Something to wear to/from the restroom building
<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry Items	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-uniform Shirt
<input type="checkbox"/> Shower Caddy (to transport your toiletries to/from the restroom)	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/> Disposable or Digital Camera (<u>no phones!</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> A little Laundry Soap (optional, only for hand-washing socks and underwear if you don't bring enough for 2 wks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bug Repellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Activities (Stationery, book to read, stuff to do during free time)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sealable plastic bin (for snack storage)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathing Suit & Sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottled Water (of course we have water, but bottled water is handy at camp!)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lockable storage bin or case (if desired)	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Attitude!

Do Not Bring These Items!

- ⊗ Cell phones, laptops, netbooks, ipads, tablets, etc.
- ⊗ Dust-sensitive electronic equipment, video cameras, radios, MP3 players, ipods, expensive cameras, hand-held gaming devices, etc
- ⊗ Expensive sunglasses, or other expensive items that are easy to lose
- ⊗ Roller blades, skateboards, rip sticks, bikes, scooters
- ⊗ Pocket or camping knives
- ⊗ Battery operated toys, toys that resemble any type of weapon, walkie-talkies
- ⊗ Fireworks, sparklers
- ⊗ The Fire Marshall prohibits the use of extension cords and electrical appliances in the cabins
- ⊗ Any item that disrupts camper events, creates a nuisance, or is considered potentially harmful to other individuals will be placed in the custody of the Unit Director until Final Sunday.
- ⊗ Remember that the camp provides basic over-the-counter first aid items for campers, so there is no need to pack things such as band-aids, Tylenol, cough drops, etc.

Unique Items for Majors and Minors

Additional Items: All Campers with Instruments

All instrumental music campers must bring:

- Instrument in a case
- Folding music stand

- Pencil
- Solo music and etudes presently being studied
- Central Camp trumpet, cornet, and trombone players: bring a straight mute
- Campers who play larger instruments such as tuba, baritone, bari sax, bass clarinet, etc: We *strongly encourage* you to bring a portable luggage cart for transporting your instrument to rehearsals. Campers are responsible for moving their own instruments, and an easily maneuverable cart is recommended for longer distances.

Musical Instrument Care and Repair

To avoid unnecessary problems, make sure your student's instrument is in good working order before coming to camp! Those borrowing instruments from a school music program should also check the condition prior to camp – ask your teacher for help.

- String players should bring an extra bow and strings, if possible.
- Brass players should bring slide grease & valve oil.
- Woodwind players should bring cork grease, a swab, and extra reeds.

Instruments should *never ever* be transported around Blue Lake without a case. An instrument repair service will be available to repair minor damage and make small adjustments, courtesy of Meyer Music Company. Temporary loaner instruments are available to campers if necessary (i.e. due to a needed repair), free of charge.

Additional Items: Band and Orchestra Percussion Majors

Percussion majors have the opportunity to study a variety of percussion instruments including snare drum, xylophone, timpani, and accessory percussion instruments (bass drum, cymbals, tambourine, etc.). It is important to bring the necessary equipment to ensure a successful learning experience.

- Snare drum
- Snare drum stand
- Snare drum case
- Snare drum sticks (1 pair)
- Xylophone/bell mallets (1 pair with hard plastic heads)
- Marimba/suspended cymbal mallets (1 pair with medium hard yarn covering) *
- Timpani mallets (1 pair with felt heads) *
- Protective bag or case for mallets
- Pencils
- Clothespins (to prevent music from flying away in outside performance conditions)

* Marimba/suspended cymbal and Timpani mallets are optional for Camp Bernstein students. Please bring them if available.

If you do not already own the percussion equipment listed above, Blue Lake recommends you contact your band director for advice on specific brands and models to purchase. Your local music store or private percussion teacher may also have helpful suggestions. Please note that Blue Lake does not require expensive professional-model equipment. Student-level equipment is quite acceptable.

As everyone will use their snare drum on several occasions in percussion technique classes, every percussionist must bring a snare drum and stand. Although you may bring a practice pad with you, you will not be able to use a practice pad in place of a snare drum.

All items should be clearly marked with your name. Please note that you will be responsible for all your personal belongings, and you should not store any items at your rehearsal site. We suggest that items of value are covered by your family's insurance. Should you have further questions about this list, please don't hesitate to call 1-800-221-3796, ext. 267 after June 1.

Additional Items: Theater Majors and Minors

Theater campers must have the standard formal Blue Lake uniform attire that is required for performances. However, please make sure that your clothing and shoes *allow for movement* in presentations. Please avoid short skirts, heels, denim, and tight slacks.

Additional Items: Art Majors

Blue Lake's art department will provide all necessary equipment and materials for assigned projects and creations. Although not necessary, you are welcome to bring along your own sketch books, utensils, and other basic supplies. You will be responsible for your own belongings. Make sure all items are labeled with your name prior to arrival.

Additional Items: Jazz Rhythm Section Majors and Minors

The Jazz Bassist's Packing List

As a jazz bassist (major or minor), you will need to bring your own bass and amplification equipment. You may bring an electric bass or an upright string bass. However, if you bring an upright string bass, you must also bring an electronic pick-up (a device mounted on the instrument that converts the sound into an electronic signal and feeds the signal to the amplifier). If you do not currently own a pick-up and amplifier for your bass, please contact your teacher or local music store for advice on specific brands and models. Here is a list of items to bring to camp:

- Bass (electric or upright with pick-up)
- Bass amplifier and all necessary electronic patch cords (necessary for either the electronic bass or the upright string bass)
- Cases or protective coverings for your bass and amplification equipment
- Pencils
- Tuner (optional)

Bring all equipment with you to the Jazz Department on Opening Day. Bases and amplifiers will be kept in locked storage at your rehearsal site. Please note that you will be responsible for all personal belongings: items should be clearly marked with your name, and we suggest that items of value are covered by your family's insurance. If you have questions, contact the Program Coordinator at 1-800-221-3796, ext. 267 after June 1.

The Jazz Keyboardist's Packing List

As a jazz keyboardist (major or minor), you will be rehearsing on an acoustic piano provided by Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. However, you do have the option of bringing your own electronic keyboard and amplifier. If you choose to bring your own equipment, please pack the following:

- Electronic keyboard (optional)
- Electronic keyboard amplifier and all necessary electronic patch cords (if keyboard brought from home)
- Cases or protective coverings for keyboard and amps (if brought from home)
- Pencils

Bring all equipment with you to the Jazz Department on Opening Day. Keyboards and amplifiers will be kept in locked storage at your rehearsal site. Please note that you will be responsible for all personal belongings: items should be clearly marked with your name, and we suggest that items of value are covered by your family's insurance. If you have questions, contact the Program Coordinator at 1-800-221-3796, ext. 267 after June 1.

The Jazz Percussionist's Packing List

Majors: As a jazz percussion *major*, you will concentrate your studies on drum-set and other jazz auxiliary percussion instruments (congas, guiro, etc.). Here is a list of the percussion-related items you will need to bring to camp. **Please note:** Blue Lake will supply drum-sets (bass drum, 3 toms, 2 cymbal stands, hi-hat stand, seat, and bass drum pedal). Please do **not** bring your own drum-set.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 ride cymbal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum stand | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 crash cymbal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum sticks (1 pair) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair hi-hat cymbals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum case | <input type="checkbox"/> Protective bags or cases for cymbals and sticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brushes (1 pair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils |

Bring all equipment with you to the Jazz Department on Opening Day. Your snare drum, stand, and case will be kept in locked storage at your rehearsal site. Plan to carry your cymbals, sticks, and brushes to and from class. Please note that you will be responsible for all personal belongings: items should be clearly marked with your name, and we suggest that items of value are covered by your family's insurance. If you have questions, contact the Program Coordinator at 1-800-221-3796, ext. 267 after June 1.

Minors: As a jazz percussion *minor*, you will concentrate your minor hour time on drum-set and other jazz auxiliary percussion instruments (congas, guiro, etc.). Here is a list of the percussion-related items you will need to bring to camp. **Please note:** Blue Lake will supply drum-sets (bass drum, 3 toms, 2 cymbal stands, hi-hat stand, seat, bass drum pedal, and all needed cymbals and cymbal stands). Please do not bring your own drum-set and cymbals.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum | <input type="checkbox"/> Brushes (1 pair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum stand | <input type="checkbox"/> Protective bag or case for sticks and brushes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum sticks (1 pair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snare drum case | |

Additional Items: Piano Majors

Please bring items to the first piano meeting at camp.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch (no cell phones) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pad of Manuscript Paper (8.5 x 11) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metronome (labeled with your name, no cell phones) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Clipper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Music (see below)* |

*Most of your lesson and practice time at Blue Lake will be spent on new material that your instructor will assign. However, please also bring a solo that is memorized and performance ready for an optional department-wide performance at the beginning of the session, as well as all current music, etudes, and technique books. You may also bring a piece or two you that you would like to begin working on.

Additional Items: Harp Majors

- Chromatic tuner (labeled with your name, no cell phones)
- Metronome (labeled with your name, no cell phones)
- Pencils for marking music
- Music to play on the first day of camp*

*You will be asked to play a current piece of music for the harp instructor. This is not an audition, but rather an opportunity for the instructor to get to know your level of playing.

Additional Items: Dance Minors

Male:

- Form fitting t-shirts
- Gym shorts or pants (avoid super large, baggy styles)
- Bare feet

Female:

- Solid color leotard or tank top
- Tights, leggings, shorts, or yoga style pants
- Bare feet

Additional Items: Dance Majors

Male:

- Black tights (footed or convertible style for ballet class; footless or convertible for modern technique)
- Plenty of white t-shirts (form fitting)
- Skin-toned dance belts
- Black ballet shoes
- Waist elastics as needed to help keep tights up
- White socks (ankle length and mid-calf length)
- Navy blue sweatpants for chilly mornings on camp (available for purchase at the camp store)
- Water bottle and sweat towel
- Spiral note book; writing utensil
- Gym bag or backpack for storing items

Female:

- Black leotards
- Pink or skin-toned tights
- Pink or skin-toned ballet slippers
- One solid black leotard camisole or tank style
- Black chiffon ballet skirt
- Pointe shoes (if working on pointe)
- Black tights/leggings acceptable for modern class
- Black fitted dance shorts for modern class
- Navy blue sweatpants for chilly mornings on camp (available for purchase at the camp store)
- Water bottle and sweat towel
- Spiral note book; writing utensil
- Gym bag or backpack for storing items
- Hair styling supplies for keeping hair in tidy ballet bun

Additional Dance Attire Requirements for Dance Ensemble Members*

*in addition to the items listed above for Dance Majors

Female:

- At least 3 pairs of pointe shoes, more if needed for daily pointe class/rehearsal
- Product to harden pointe shoes (example: jet glue)
- Needle and thread, extra ribbon and elastic
- New pair of non-seamed convertible tights for performance
- Clean pair of split sole pink or skin-tone split sole ballet slippers
- Black leotard, camisole or tank
- White camisole leotard for performance
- White chiffon ballet skirt
- Bright colored tight fitting tank t-shirt
- Basic stage make up (foundation, lashes, blush, eyeliner, shadow, lipstick)
- Completed Costume Information, submitted by June 10. Log in to your account to complete necessary information

Male: No additional attire required. Completed Costume Information, submitted by June 10. Log in to your account to complete necessary information.

Camp Map

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- Camp Entrance is 5 miles North of U.S. 31
 Upon arrival, please proceed to your housing unit:
 -- Central Camp Girls: turn right at "Camp Gerstwin" entrance
 -- Central Camp Boys and all Camp Bernstein students: turn right at "Camp Sousa" entrance
 -- The Camp Store and Camp Bank are located in "Central Park"

