

# Frequently Asked Camp Questions

## 1. What should I do before I come to camp?

- Submit Student Health Form and PBS Wisconsin Television release form
- Photo Options considered with parents. Bring completed form with payment to Camp (optional)

## 2. *What should I bring to camp?*

- Personal Items
  - Sheets for regular sized twin bed, blanket or sleeping bag, pillow, pillowcase, towels and washcloths
  - Toiletries: soap, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
  - Snacks for free time and/or evenings. Consider common food allergies.
- Fan (optional)
  - Dorm rooms are NOT air conditioned, so you may want to bring a small fan.
- Clothing
  - Casual and comfortable clothing (covered midribs when seated and standing)
  - No spaghetti straps, halter tops or tube tops
  - No hats in rehearsal
  - Sweater or sweatshirt (rehearsal spaces are air conditioned)
  - Comfortable shoes
  - Concert Clothes:

### Appropriate Concert Attire:

Camp t-shirt with black dress pants (shirt tucked in) or skirt (at the knee or below) with black tights/nylons/socks/belt and black shoes. (no leggings, jeans, shorts or cropped pants)

**PLEASE NOTE: On the last day of camp you will be carrying your luggage from the dorms to the Haas Fine Arts Center, so pack light.**

## 3. What else do I need?

- Everyone should bring:
  - 2 Pencils for rehearsal
  - Yellow highlighter
  - Water bottle
- Instrumentalists:
  - Wire music stand with your name clearly marked on all parts.
  - All necessary items to make your instrument play properly.
    - ❑ **Strings:** A spare set of strings, rosin, mutes and recently haired bow.
    - ❑ **Brass:** A straight mute and cup mute. Trumpets also bring a harmon mute. Valve/slide oil to last for all of camp.
    - ❑ **Woodwinds:** Enough reeds and cork grease to last for all of camp.
    - ❑ **Percussion:** A variety of mallets & sticks plus a snare drum and stand.

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

#### **4. Do we get any free time?**

Yes. Please bring along appropriate free time activities. (Cards, games, balls, etc.) Various free recreation options will also be available to all students during free time.

#### **5. When do we receive our State Honors t-shirt?**

WSMA High School State Honors Project t-shirts will be given to students and staff at camp. Make sure to keep your t-shirt at camp for the group photo and the concert.

#### **6. What about parking on campus?**

If you drive your car to State Honors Camp, you will be allowed to park in the housing parking lot for the duration of camp. Other parking areas are closely monitored. Any parking tickets will be paid by the vehicle owner. Remember that you are not allowed to drive your car during camp and are required to turn in your car keys to a designated administrative staff member at the orientation meeting.

#### **7. Where do I register?**

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

[Click Here for the Map](#)

#### **8. Where do I pick up my child after the Work-In-Progress Concert?**

After the concert, please meet your child in the Haas Fine Arts Center lobby. If possible, please pick up your child's luggage before the concert.

#### **9. Can I request a roommate?**

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

#### **10. Do we get our music before Camp?**

No. All High School State Honors students sight-read their music at camp. You'll learn together with the best school musicians in our state, highly skilled section coaches and nationally recognized conductors. You will then be expected to practice over the summer and into the fall to prepare for the October concert.

#### **11. Do we receive an Honors camp schedule?**

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

### **Honors Philosophy:**

***“To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late and to be late is unacceptable.”***