2012 Wooster Music Camp General Information

Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you enrolled in the 2012 Wooster Music Camp to be held at The College of Wooster from July 8-12. This letter is full of important information about the camp, so please share it with your parents today! Please retain this letter since it is the final mailing you will receive before camp.

LOCATION: The College of Wooster is located north of downtown Wooster, easily accessible from all directions. Please see the enclosed map for details. If you plan to use a GPS, the street address for Scheide Music Center is 525 E. University Street.

FINANCIAL REMINDERS: The balance of fees for resident campers was due by June 18, 2012. Non-resident campers have already paid the entire fee. Please be sure that final payments have been made.

MEDICAL CARE: By now you should have received and returned all necessary medical forms to the camp office. If you have not done so, please send the Medical History Form, OTC Permission Form, Prescription Permission Form, and Self-Administration Permission Form to Nancy Ditmer, Wooster Music Camp, Scheide Music Center, Wooster, OH 44691. Copies of these forms can be downloaded from the Wooster Music Camp website: http://musiccamp.scotblogs.wooster.edu (they can also be emailed to you if you contact us at woostermusiccamp@wooster.edu). Parents/guardians of campers with special medical concerns or medications are required to meet with the nurse during registration.

HOUSING: All housing will be in Holden Hall, conveniently located just across from the music building. Because we understand the importance of roommate requests, we have carefully marked applications according to the dates received and have honored preferences indicated on the registration forms in the order received and to the extent possible. In rare cases where the requests could not be met, every attempt has been made to put the campers in rooms that are in close proximity. NO INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE REGARDING HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS UNTIL REGISTRATION ON JULY 8th.

REGISTRATION: Campers should register in Scheide Music Center between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 8th. The Scheide parking lot and the parking lot behind Lowry Center are both accessible from University Street east of Beall Avenue. Campers will be given their dorm assignments at the registration site and can then proceed to unload luggage and other personal belongings at their respective dorms.

CAMP MEETING: Following registration, a camp meeting will be held in McGaw Chapel at 2:30 p.m. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend, but this is not a requirement. All parents should plan to leave the campus after this meeting. Sunday's schedule and the camp rules will be distributed to campers at registration; these should be brought to the meeting where they will be discussed.

INSTRUMENTS: Tubas & baritones/euphoniums (Rm. 113), and snare drums (Rehearsal Room) may be left in these indicated rooms in Scheide Music Center. Basses and cellos should be taken to Lowry Center 119 for storage. Bass clarinets, tenor saxes, and bari saxes can be left in Morgan 307. All other instruments should be taken to the camp meeting in McGaw Chapel. At the conclusion of the camp meeting, campers will be introduced to their section instructors and will follow them to the audition sites.

GENERAL RULES: All campers are expected to attend all rehearsals and activities and to wear their name badges (issued at registration) at all times during the week of camp. No campers are permitted to possess or use tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or unauthorized drugs. Campers are expected to remain in their rooms after lights out. Non-resident campers will be excused to leave campus after their evening rehearsals but are welcome and encouraged to stay for the evening activities. Campers are not permitted to leave campus unless signed out in the camp office in Scheide Music Center by a parent or legal guardian. Any damage to college property will be charged to the parents or legal guardians of the campers involved. Violators of camp rules will be dismissed from camp with no refund of fees. Parents/guardians will be responsible for their immediate transportation home. It is expected that parents/guardians will be able to be reached within a short period of time at the emergency numbers provided.

MAIL: Camper mail should be addressed to the camper c/o Wooster Music Camp, 1189 Beall Avenue, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691.
PHONE CALLS: While we like to keep the office phone line open for official camp business, you can reach the camp office at 330-287-3617 if absolutely necessary. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. In case of an emergency when the camp office is not open, please contact campus security at 330-263-2590 for assistance. General questions about camp can be emailed to the camp email account (woostermusiccamp@wooster.edu). For additional details concerning campus phones, please refer to the computer and phone policies, which are on the back of the enclosed housing policies.

WHAT TO BRING: Linens are not provided, so campers should bring towels, washcloths, bed linens, a blanket, a pillow, soap, and other toiletries. Campers may also wish to bring a camera, suntan lotion, rain gear, and a jacket. Because the dormitories are not air-conditioned, we recommend that each camper bring a fan. Please label all personal belongings, including your instrument!

EQUIPMENT: Campers will need a folding music stand (labeled with name and address on all parts, of course) for the sectional rehearsals. Percussionists should bring sticks and mallets and a snare drum with stand and/or drum practice pad. Please be certain that you bring extra reeds, valve oil, and other necessary accessories and check to be sure that your instrument (also labeled with name and address) is in excellent playing condition! It is considerably less expensive to have repairs done at home than in an emergency situation at camp. While the campus is safe and secure and instruments will be in locked rooms during times when there are no rehearsals, we recommend that you check to be sure that the instrument is insured.

CLOTHING: Informal clothing that follows school dress code policy is appropriate for daily activities. For the final concert, boys should wear slacks, dress shirts, and neckties and girls should wear skirts (below knee length) and blouses, dresses, or a nice slacks outfit.

TALENT SHOW: Campers wishing to perform in the talent show/student recital should bring music or equipment needed, including a CD accompaniment for vocal solos. An accompanist can be available for soloists or ensembles if preferred over a CD accompaniment.

SPENDING MONEY: Campers may wish to bring spending money for items from the college bookstore, video games, and snacks. Due to the college’s financial policies, it is not possible to cash travelers’ checks on campus. The Wooster Music Camp accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen money or personal items. Campers should use care in handling their cash and should be aware that dormitory room doors automatically lock when closed.

CAMP PICNIC: Family and friends are invited to join the campers for dinner at an indoor picnic on Thursday, July 12th before the final concert. Tickets will cost $10 for adults and $5 for children, and the meal will include hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, a variety of side dishes, and dessert. The tickets will be available for purchase only during camp registration on Sunday.

FINAL CONCERT: Family members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend the final concert on Thursday, July 12th. All groups will perform in McGaw Chapel beginning at 6:30 p.m.; all campers are required to participate in the final concert and should plan to stay until the end of the entire concert. Order forms for CDs and DVDs of the concert will be provided. A color photo of each group will be available for purchase at $10 each. Ensemble rosters and approximate performance times will be posted on the camp website.

CHECK OUT: Campers may check out of their dorms on Thursday between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of the concert. Because staff have significant concert responsibilities, checkout will not be possible between 6:00 p.m. and the conclusion of the concert.

We look forward to working with you at the Wooster Music Camp! If there are questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nancy Ditmer, Camp Director, at 330-263-2052 or via e-mail (woostermusiccamp@wooster.edu). You may also contact Bill Guegold, Camp Coordinator, at 330-972-7951 or by email at guegold@uakron.edu. We look forward to seeing you soon!

For more information, please check our website frequently:

http://musiccamp.scotblogs.wooster.edu