



SUPERIOR String Alliance

July 10, 2017

Dear Campers and Parents,

It's almost time for SSA Summer Music Camp 2017! We look forward to seeing familiar faces and greeting new ones! If you have any questions after reading this info letter about camp, please contact Executive Director/Music Director Danielle Simandl: danielle.simandl@gmail.com or 906-362-0439.

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Early Camper Removal:

Please **DO NOT** pick up campers before official check-out time unless there is an emergency. In that case, it must be discussed with Danielle (Executive Director) and April (Camp Director).

Medication:

If you bring prescription or over-the-counter medication for your child, it **MUST** be in the original container and given to the camp nurse upon your arrival, per State of Michigan regulations.

Where is SSA Camp?

The camp's address is:

211 Brown Road
Michigamme, MI 49861

The camp is located off of M-28/US 41 between Champion and Michigamme.

Coming north on M-95, turn left (west) on M-28/US 41.

Coming west on M-28/US 41, continue through Champion. The camp road is about 4 miles past (west of) Van Riper State Park. You will cross the Peshekee River and pass Michigamme Shores Campground. You will turn left (south) onto Brown Road (we have a large brown sign with yellow letters at the highway). Stay on Brown Road, taking the right fork and following the road to the end. Presbytery Point has a sign over the entry road. We will also have our black and white SSA sign on the turnoff from the highway.

Coming east on M-28/US 41, you will pass by Michigamme. Continue east about 1 mile on M-28/US 41 watching for the "Camp Michigamme" sign, then the Methodist Church. Brown Road is the next road to the right (south). It comes very quickly after the church, and the brown and yellow sign has trees blocking it until you are right there. Turn right (south) onto Brown Road, taking the right fork and following the road to the end. Presbytery Point has a sign over the entry road. We will also have our black and white SSA sign on the turnoff from the highway.

Camper Mail:

We suggest that parents bring letters/packages for campers and give them to the SSA staff during check-in. Mail delivery has gotten slower, and Presbytery Point has been getting camper mail the week after campers leave. We can hand out letters and packages throughout the week if they are given to us at check-in time! But FYI, the mailing address for Presbytery Point is:

<Full Camper Name>
Presbytery Point Camp
HC 1 Box 2030
Michigamme, MI 49861

Check – in Process:

We promise to keep check-in as streamlined as possible so that you can be on your merry way in about a half hour.

- Check in with the Camp Director in the Dining Hall and get cabin assignment.
- Sign up for audition time (Camp Allegro, Camp Presto, and Camp Vivace only).
- Check in with Camp Nurse in the Dining Hall and drop off any medications.
- Drop off any special food to Camp Cook (this is for campers with major food allergies who have made prior food arrangements with SSA).
- Help your child move into their assigned cabin.
- Audition. You can stay with your child for their audition, but it is up to them! You are not required by SSA to stay for their audition. ☺

Check - out Process: (for all sessions except Camp Vivace)*

- After the final concert, join everyone in the Dining Hall for a dessert reception.
- Check out with Camp Director in Dining Hall.
- Pick up medications from Camp Nurse in Dining Hall.
- Help your child move out of their assigned cabin.

***Camp Vivace’s check-out process will run differently from other sessions this summer. This is because Camp Vivace has so many campers that SSA will not be able to fit the final orchestra concert with all campers and family in the Fellowship Hall at Presbytery Point as we will with other sessions. It is a great problem to solve!**

Michigamme’s Township Hall has kindly offered to host Camp Vivace’s Orchestra Concert at 7pm on Friday, July 28. Here’s how we’re going to make this work:

- Parent/guardians will check campers out *before* the final orchestra concert between 5-6:15pm on Friday, July 28.
 - Check out with Camp Director in Dining Hall.
 - Pick up medications from Camp Nurse in Dining Hall.
 - Help your child move out of their assigned cabin.
- SSA will feed campers an early dinner before 5pm, but you may want to bring a picnic dinner to eat while you hang out in Michigamme before the concert. There is a great park by the lake. Michigamme’s one restaurant, The Moose Drop Inn, also has great food! Order ahead to pick up dinner.
- Once you check your camper out, drive over to Michigamme and make sure your camper is in the Township Hall getting ready for the concert *by 6:40pm*.
- *Parking in Michigamme:* You can park on any street in Michigamme around the Township Hall.

- *Things to do in Michigamme:* Michigamme Moonshine Fine Art Gallery has great art on display and for sale. The Crock and Rocker is a lovely store full of home items and women's clothing. The Michigamme Library is in a small church and is open 24/7. There is also the lakefront park.
- Michigamme's Township Hall is handicap accessible.
- There will be a dessert reception after the concert in the Township Hall!
- This will be a big community event, and it might have some hitches because it's the first time we're trying to do an off campus concert for campers. Help us out by arriving on time to check your camper out and making sure they are in the Township Hall by 6:40pm.

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

Arrival/Departure Times:

Below are the check-in and check-out times for each camp session. Please do not arrive before the set check-in times, as we will not be ready to check you in!

Please note: Camp Vivace has a different check-out process from other sessions this year!!

Camp Vivace (Grades 10 - 12+)

Sunday, July 23 @ 10am - noon: check in
 Friday, July 28 @ 5 – 6:15pm: check out*

*Camp Vivace's check-out process will run differently from other sessions. Refer to "Check-out Process" portion of letter for details.

Camp Presto (Grades 8 - 9)

Sunday, July 30 @ 10am - noon: check in
 Thursday, August 3 @ 8pm: check out

Camp Allegro (Grades 6 – 7)

Saturday, August 5 @ 10am - noon: check in
 Tuesday, August 8 @ 8pm: check out

Camp Dolce (Grades 4 – 6)

Thursday, August 10 @ 10am - noon: check in
 Saturday, August 12 @ 8pm: check out

Concert Schedule

Special note: The final orchestra concert for Camp Vivace is off-campus this year! All other camp concerts will take place in the Fellowship Hall at Presbytery Point.

Camp Vivace

Sunday, July 23 @ 7pm: Faculty Recital

Wednesday, July 26 @ 7pm: Camp Vivace Honors Recital

Thursday, July 27 @ 7pm: Camp Vivace Chamberpalooza

Friday, July 28 @ 7pm: Camp Vivace Final Orchestra Concert*

*Camp Vivace Orchestra concert will be held at the Michigamme Township Hall. Details in the check-out process portion of this letter!

Camp Presto

Sunday, July 30 @ 7pm: Faculty Recital

Wednesday, August 2 @ 7pm: Camp Presto Chamberpalooza

Thursday, August 3 @ 7pm: Camp Presto Final Orchestra Concert

Camp Allegro

Saturday, August 5 @ 7pm: Faculty Recital

Monday, August 7 @ 7pm: Camp Allegro Chamberpalooza

Tuesday, August 8 @ 7pm: Camp Allegro Final Orchestra Concert

Camp Dolce

Thursday, August 10 @ 7pm: Faculty Recital

Saturday, August 12 @ 7pm: Camp Dolce Final Orchestra Concert

What to LEAVE at Home:

Campers **may not** bring the following items: electronic devices (cell phone, laptop, iPod etc.), knives, lighters or matches, fireworks, firearms, and large amounts of cash (campers won't need money for any reason while they are at camp). This is for the safety of both the campers and their treasured belongings.

Disposable cameras or non-phone cameras are acceptable. SSA will also post camp photos and videos to Facebook.

What to Bring to Camp:

Camp Stuff:

- Sleeping bag/ bedding & pillow
- Two towels
- Water bottle
- Personal bathroom items
- Swim suit
- Flashlight
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Book to read
- Notebook/Stationary
- Umbrella/poncho/raincoat
- Clothing for hot and cool weather (this IS the U.P!)
- Clothes and close-toed shoes that *will* be permanently altered (for messy field games like paint tag)
- Second pair of shoes in case first pair gets wet
- Shower flip-flops, which can double as:
 - "Watershoes" or beach footwear like flip-flops; the waterfront/beach at Presbytery Point is a bit rocky
- **Concert dress** will be an SSA tie-dyed T-shirt received and made at camp, but could you pack dark pants/shorts?
- Camp Vivace Honors Recital dress for performers: dressy casual

Music stuff:

- Fully functional instrument
- Bow
- Shoulder rest/sponge for violin/viola
- Cello rockstop/strap
- Rosin
- Pencils
- Audition music (more info below)
- Solo music (or any music) to work on in private lessons
- Metronome (if you have one!)
- Wire stand (if you have one!)

Camp Vivace students:

- Piano accompaniment sheet music if you are auditioning for the Honors Recital and your solo has a piano accompaniment. If you are selected to perform for the Honors Recital, SSA will provide a pianist to play with you and rehearsal time before the recital.

First Day Auditions:

- Camp Dolce will not have any auditions!
- All Camp Allegro, Camp Presto, and Camp Vivace campers will audition for orchestra and chamber ensemble placement when they get to camp.
 - The purpose of these auditions is to let us better understand each student's needs for the best private teacher and chamber music placement.
- How auditions work:
 - Parents/campers will sign up for an audition time when they check in to camp.
 - Each audition will last for 3-5 minutes and will consist of a few scales, some excerpts from orchestra music everyone will learn at camp this summer, and possibly sight-reading.
 - ***The audition music (required scales and orchestra music excerpts) for each instrument for each session can be found on the SSA website superiorstringalliance.org: Summer Camp > Audition Repertoire.*** Please make sure to print the specific audition materials for your camper's instrument and session so that your camper can practice for auditions.
 - Contact Music Director Danielle Simandl with any questions at danielle.simandl@gmail.com or 906-362-0439.

Camp Vivace Honors Recital:

Camp Vivace campers have the opportunity to audition for the Honors Recital during their first-day audition. The Camp Vivace Honors Recital is a special recital for Camp Vivace campers to perform a prepared solo. Plan for an additional 5 minutes added to your audition time if you plan on auditioning for the Honors Recital. If you choose to audition for the Honors Recital, please bring your sheet music as well as **the piano accompaniment sheet music**. If your solo is unaccompanied please bring a second copy of your solo sheet music for the audition panel to see while you audition. Vivace campers are NOT required to audition for the Honors Recital.

Concert Attendance

Parents and public are invited to attend all the SSA recitals and concerts. All campers will perform in the Final Orchestra Concert of the session for which they are registered. All campers in Camp Allegro, Camp Presto, and Camp Vivace will perform in a chamber music recital (Chamberpalooza) of the session for which they are registered. Chamberpalooza = campers performing in small groups without a conductor. Camp Vivace will also host an Honors Recital for campers who have a polished solo to play at camp.

SSA Chamber Players Concert Tour:

SSA Camp Faculty members Danielle Simandl (violin), David Rubin (violin), Ria Hodgson (viola), Adam Hall (cello), and Maddy Herdeman (cello) will be performing several concerts around the U.P. between July 18 – July 22. They will perform a fast-paced program of classical chamber works inspired by folk music from around the world. Join us for some unbeatable live music at the following concerts:

Gitche Gumee Cafe and Records, Marquette

Tuesday, July 18th, 2017 @ 7pm

Admission: \$5 (cash)

The Joy Center, Ishpeming

Wednesday, July 19th, 2017 @ 7pm

Admission: Free, donations accepted at the door

Greenway Books, Iron Mountain

Thursday, July 20th, 2017 @ 1pm

Admission: Free, donations accepted at the door

Bonifas Arts Center, Escanaba

Thursday, July 20th, 2017

Public Masterclass @ 5pm

Community Potluck @ 6pm

Concert @ 7pm

Admission: Free, donations accepted at the door

Michigamme Moonshine Fine Art Gallery, Michigamme

Friday, July 21st, 2017 @ 3pm

Admission: Free, donations accepted at the door

Falling Rock Cafe & Bookstore, Munising

Saturday, July 22nd 2017 @ 7pm

Honor System Cover Charge (cash only)

\$5/Adult, \$1/Kids 18 and under, \$20/Family

You are invited to SSA Camptopia Day!!
Sunday, August 13 @ 12 – 4pm

Where: Presbytery Point, Michigamme, MI

When: Sunday, August 13th, 2017 12pm – 4pm

Why: We want to hang out with everybody in the SSA network! That includes campers, parents, staff, U.P. string teachers, board members, and SSA's donors!

What: We will be having a cookout lunch between 12pm – 2pm. We will also have field games, swimming, a special workshop for everybody (you don't have to have an instrument), and camp tours. Or you can just hang out and enjoy nature at our beautiful campus!

RSVP: By telling SSA Camp Director, April, at your child's camp check-in time!

Thank you so much! We can't wait to see all of those smiling faces and work with such wonderful, talented campers! See you soon!



Sincerely,

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