

# 2026 Olentangy Summer Strings Camp

Dear Parents/Guardians

This is your official confirmation of enrollment in the Olentangy Summer Strings Camp for July 13-17, 2026 Your child has been placed in the ensemble that best meets their needs according to their registration information and teacher recommendation.

**FIRST DAY CHECK IN:** (Please note new check in location and staggered arrival times)

**On the first day** check in is at Roush Hall. This is where you will find out your child's group assignment. Please fill out the enclosed forms ahead of time to expedite your check-in and bring them with you. When you arrive please follow the steps below:

- **8:30am- Day Campers check in by last name at Roush Hall.**
- **8:30am- Overnight campers drop luggage in the lobby of the dorm (behind the campus center).** There will be staff to meet you. You can park in the Campus Center lot
- **8:45- Overnight Campers check in by last name at Roush Hall.**

At Check in you will do the following:

1. **Turn in** your student's emergency medical forms/waivers and receive their large ensemble group assignment.
2. **Visit the help desk if needed.** If you have medicines, outstanding payments, or have questions both camp administrators (Lori Cornett and Tiffany Bartelt) will be there to assist you.
3. **Find the counselor for your child's group.** The counselors will walk campers to their assigned group

**\*\* PARKING:** Limited parking is available by Roush Hall, at Cowan Hall across the street, the Battelle lot next door, and the commuter lot across from Battelle. You may need to walk a short distance. We appreciate your patience!

**DROP OFF/PICK UP:**

**After the first day, you will drop off and pick up your student off directly at their assigned location listed below.** We do our best to dismiss students on time, but please allow a few extra minutes during pickup. Directors will be at each pickup location to ensure student safety. Students rehearsing in Hanby Hall may be dropped off at the Chapel Courtyard. The Chapel connected to Hanby.

**LOCATIONS:**

Event	Location	Address
First Day Check In	Otterbein Roush Hall	27 S. Grove St
Parrett, Koogler, Japikse Rehearsal	Battelle Fine Arts Center	170 W. Park St.
Bixler's Group Rehearsal	Roush Hall	27 S. Grove St
Siebert Group Rehearsal	Otterbein Chapel	88 Cochran Alley
Britt Group Rehearsal	Hanby Hall	85 W. Home St
Overnight Dorms	Devore Hall	96 W. Home St.
Pick Up 1 (Parrett, Koogler, Japikse, Bixler)	Battelle Fine Arts Center	170 W. Park St.
Pick Up 2 (Britt, Siebert)	Otterbein Chapel Courtyard	88 Cochran Alley
Friday Performance	Westerville Amphitheater in Alum Creek Park N.	221 W. Main St.

## GENERAL SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION:

Time	Event
9:00 AM	Rehearsals Begin
12:00 PM	Lunch (provided)
3:00 PM	Small Group Instruction (Mon.-Wed.)
4:30 PM	Pick Up for Day-Only Campers (Mon.-Thursday.)
5:30 PM	Dinner (provided for overnight campers)
6:30 PM	Evening Activities for Overnight Campers
10:30-11 PM	Lights Out

- **Rules**
  - While camp is designed to be fun and exciting, please remember that you will be guests on a large campus. Students are expected to follow the same rules at camp that they would follow at school.
  - All campers are assigned a counselor and should check in with them before leaving their group for any reason including restroom usage.
  - Cell phones are allowed, but we ask that students keep them in their cases during rehearsal. We cannot be held responsible for any lost or damaged electronics.
  - Students who have repeated discipline issues at camp may be asked to return home.
- **Communication**
  - We will be communicating via email to the address that you provided when you registered.
  - If you would like to receive text messages via “remind” please text @26OSSC-1 for last names A-L and @26OSSC-2 for last names M-Z to 81010. Both you and your student can subscribe.
- **Instruments**
  - Everyone must bring their own instruments to camp including cello and bass students. There is a secure place to leave your instrument overnight, should you wish to keep it at camp.
  - Please label your case AND bow with your name. There are 200+ campers and all cases look alike.
  - We will provide the music for camp; there is no need to bring your strings book
- **Special Event Days/Extra Considerations**
  - We play some games that involve running so we find that tennis shoes are safer than flip flops.
  - Campers should bring a water bottle (label with your name) since we will be outside enjoying the weather.
  - Tuesday is tie-dye day. Please wear appropriate clothing (students may get dye on their clothes).
  - Thursday is Supergames/water games day. Plan to get wet at the end of camp. Please also allow extra time for pickup. Parents might also want to bring a towel for the car ride home or a change of clothing if you have plans after camp.
  - All camp activities are subject to change based on weather conditions.

## FRIDAY CONCERT

Campers will remain until 5:00 PM for our final concert at the Amphitheater in Alum Creek Park. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and sit in the center section. Students will have reserved seating on the side of the amphitheater. They will be dismissed to their families after the approximately one-hour concert. **In case of inclement weather, alternate plans will be shared.**

## ADDITIONAL CONTENTS OF THIS PACKET

In the packet you will find the following forms:

- **Emergency medical forms** to be filled out and turned in on the first day of camp. The waiver form for our camp is on the back. Please sign all sections that apply to your child.
- **A receipt with tax ID info** for those who have already paid will be at the bottom of this letter.
- **Overnight rooming assignments** (only for those students who will be staying overnight). This is on the back of this sheet.
- **Overnight information sheet/packing list** only included for those students who will be staying overnight.
- **Prescription and Non-Prescription medicine forms** only needed if medicine needs to be administered at camp or your child will self-carry over the counter medication (Advil, Benadryl, etc). Copy as needed
- **Payment letter** for those who may have outstanding payments.
- **Carpool list** will be emailed to those who requested it. Let me know if you wanted to be included but were left off and I can email it to you.

## RECEIPT

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ attended the Olentangy Summer Strings Camp at Otterbein University on July 13-17, 2026.

	Amount	Transaction #
Payment 1		
Balance (if necessary)		
Total Paid: *includes credit card fees if applicable		Balance Due:

### Financial Notes:

Patrons of Orange Performing Arts  
2840 E. Orange Rd.  
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035  
Tax ID Number 27-0345577

## CONTACT

In case you have any other questions, please use the following to contact us directly:

**Email:** [OSSC.Parents@gmail.com](mailto:OSSC.Parents@gmail.com)

**Phone:** (614) 664-8939 (Urgent/Emergencies only)

\*\*You can also text us through the Remind app (codes to sign up above under "communication")

If you need another copy of any of the enclosed forms please log on to the camp website:

**[www.olentangsummerstrings.com](http://www.olentangsummerstrings.com)**

**We are very excited about this year's camp and are looking forward to meeting all of your campers.**

Lori Cornett and Tiffany Bartelt, Camp Administration

Please continue to the next page for a campus map and information about your child's roommate (if applicable)

## Campus Map

Click the QR code to be directed to a color map of the Otterbein University as well as other resources to help you find your way around campus

A color map is also available on our website at [www.olentangsummerstrings.com](http://www.olentangsummerstrings.com)



## Overnight Rooming Assignments

Overnight students are housed in Devore Hall which is set up like a suite with two double rooms connected by a bathroom. We have worked hard to assign each student to a room where we feel he or she will be comfortable and enjoy their time at camp. While we were able to honor most of the roommate requests we had several instances where more than four people asked to room together. In these cases we split groups into a set of two and a set of three within two suites so that one person was not left out. These groups are placed in rooms that are close in proximity to each other. If two or three students requested to be placed together we put them in a suite with an additional person or roommate set to fill out the suite. We did our best to place singleton students in a room with others that are from the same school, play the same instrument, or are similarly aged.

Please check the list below for your child's suite assignment. Please remember that all of our rooms are full and so any requests for change will result in a "domino effect" that could ultimately result in a large number of other alterations. At this time we will only consider moving students when there is a legitimate health or safety concern in their current placement. Please reach out to an administrator if you need to discuss your child's overnight placement.

Student Name

Camp Option:

Your Child's Roommate:

Your Child's Suitemates: