

A photograph of a forest with tall redwood trees. In the foreground, a wooden deck or platform is visible. In the background, a large, light-colored tent is pitched among the trees. Three people are standing on the deck, playing musical instruments. The scene is bathed in soft, natural light filtering through the canopy.

CAZADERO MUSIC CAMP CAMPER HANDBOOK SUMMER 2012

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Dates For Your Calendar

PAYMENT AND PAPERWORK

Payment in Full Due:

- May 1st

Registration Materials and all Forms Due:

- May 1st, Young Musicians and all Middle School Sessions
- May 15th, Junior High and High School Sessions

PARENT AND CAMPER ORIENTATION NIGHT

Wednesday, May 2nd at 7 p.m.

The Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley
(Directions are on the back of this handbook.)

CAMP SESSIONS AND CONCERT DATES

Please check whether your session begins on a **Monday** or a **Tuesday**
and whether your concert is on a **Sunday** or a **Saturday**.

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| Young Musicians Session Concert, Saturday, June 23 | Monday, June 18 – Saturday, June 23 |
| Middle School Session Middle School A, 1st week only Concert, Sunday, July 1 | Tuesday, June 26 – Saturday, July 7 Tuesday, June 26 - Sunday, July 1 |
| Middle School B, 2nd week only Concert, Saturday, July 7 | Monday, July 2 - Saturday, July 7 |
| Junior High Session Concerts, Sunday, July 15 & Saturday, July 21 | Tuesday, July 10 – Saturday, July 21 |
| High School Session Concerts, Sunday, July 29 & Saturday, August 4 | Tuesday, July 24 – Saturday, August 4 |

CONCERT TIMES

12 NOON: Lunch at Cafe Caz begins.

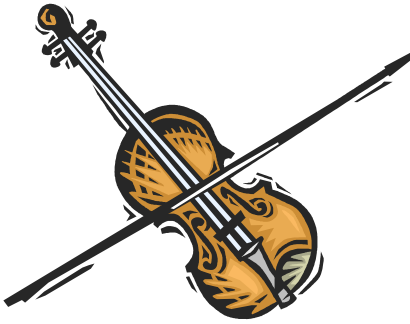
1:30 PM

Concerts begin with All-Camp-Choir (Middle School and Young Musicians),
and/or piano and guitar performances.

3:00 PM

Large Ensembles
Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Concert Band
Concerts usually end around 5 PM.

SECTION ONE: BEFORE CAMP BEGINS



COMPLETING YOUR REGISTRATION

Cazadero requires the following forms, please send completed forms to the Berkeley office:

- **Medical History/Release**

(Doctor's signatures are valid for 24 months; check your cover letter to see if you need a new doctor's signature this year.)

- **Medical Insurance Card Form**

- **Liability Waiver**

Forms for the Young Musicians and Middle School sessions are due on **May 1st**.

Forms for the Junior High and High School sessions are due on **May 15th**.

If you registered after May 1st then payment and forms are due as soon as possible.

No child can be allowed on the bus or in camp until the Berkeley office has received a properly completed set of forms and payment in full.

RULES CONCERNING ATTENDANCE AT CAMP

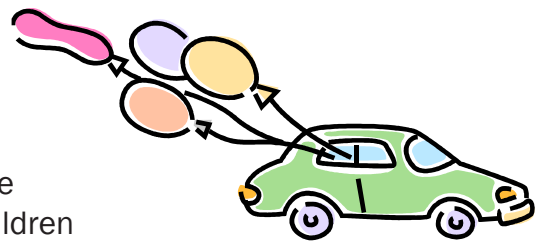
Cazadero is a residential camp focused on the study of music. Each session is carefully designed to give campers a coherent and progressive musical experience. This process begins upon arrival at camp and ends with the final good-byes on the last day. All campers are expected to stay for the entire session. **If you know in advance that your camper cannot stay for an entire session, please do not sign up for that session.**

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CAMP

Cazadero has buses running to camp on the first day of every session. Reservations can be made during registration or by contacting the Berkeley office. The buses load at the curb in front of the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley.

Arrive for the bus by 8:30 a.m. to check in and load luggage. Buses leave promptly at 9:00 a.m.

If you will be driving your child to camp plan to arrive there between 10:30 a.m. (no earlier) and 11:30 a.m. Cazadero does not arrange a bus back to Berkeley since most parents attend the final concert and take their children home afterwards. **If you cannot attend, please make sure to send written authorization for someone else to bring your child home.**



SECTION TWO: WHILE AT CAMP



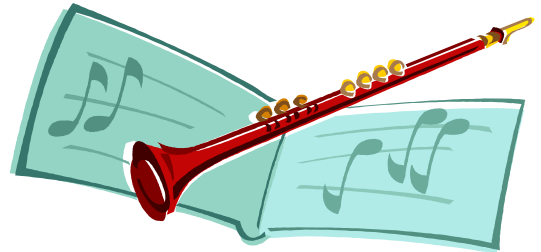
FIRST DAY DETAILS

Arriving

Whether arriving at camp by bus or car everyone disembarks at **check-in**. There, campers are greeted by their counselor and CIT (counselor-in-training) who will start to introduce campers to their tent mates and help them navigate check-in. Here is where campers will hand off any medications or special foods from home and here is where everyone starts to get acquainted with Caz.

Orientation

After lunch, campers return to their tent decks and counselors will begin camp orientation. Campers are taught the camp rules of conduct and will start to learn about the camp schedule. Soon, everyone will gather in the amphitheater to continue the orientation process. At this meeting, camp directors, deans, and other camp staff are introduced, as well as the guest conductors for the week. The elective classes for the session are announced and described and campers can begin to make their choices for the week.



First Day Auditions

Right after the orientation meeting is over, everyone is sorted by instrument group and will be asked to play a short audition for their music faculty. The audition will involve scales, sight reading, and something you've prepared to play, (this is optional but highly recommended). Please refer to the camp application materials for audition information specific to each instrument.



Part assignments, seating, and ensemble placement will be determined on the basis of this audition. Results are announced right after dinner, before the first ensemble rehearsals begin. After rehearsal and an evening program put together by the deans and counselors, the first day at camp will be over. Campers settle in for their first night of sleeping outside under the stars.

FOOD AT CAZ

The kitchen at Cazadero is awesome, offering a high quality menu with a wide variety of fresh, nutritious, and delicious choices. Our kitchen happily accommodates a wide range of food restrictions and sensitivities. Please make sure to tell us in advance about any special food needs so that we can be sure to provide enough of each type of food. It is also vital to record any food allergies on the green, *Medical History* form included in this packet. In the case of a very restricted diet, parents may be contacted by the Head Chef to clarify the restrictions and discuss the possibility of supplemental foods. *Note: we cannot accommodate vegan diets.*



CAMP STORE

Our camp store is stocked with a variety of necessities, Caz merchandise, and food treats; campers can shop there everyday. Parents can create a personal store account for their camper to use during the session. To set this up, simply return the *Camp Store Deposit* form to the Berkeley office along with your other camp forms. We accept checks, cash, or credit cards to create an account. Campers can bring cash to camp but it is recommended that they set up a store account upon their arrival.



CAMPER CONDUCT

We hold our staff and campers to a high standard of conduct. We are here to make music and have fun in a safe, secure environment. Campers are briefed on camp rules the first day and copies of our rules are posted throughout the camp. Campers are expected to abide by these rules at all times while at camp.

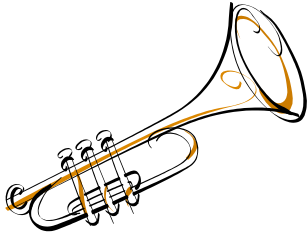


CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

Cabin assignments are made prior to the camp session and are based on age and school grade. Campers are invited to let us know if there is someone they would like to be placed with; we will refer to these when setting up the cabins but we can't promise that we will be able to meet all requests. Overall balance and compatibility will be given priority over individual requests.

Cazadero Performing Arts Camp

Sample Daily Schedule



Morning

7:30 Reveille

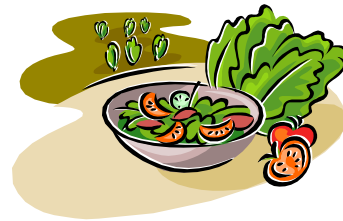
8:00 Breakfast

8:45 Elective Classes
(or All-Camp Choir)

9:45 Elective Classes

10:45 Large Ensemble Rehearsal

12:30 Lunch



Afternoon

1:30 Free Time, Rest and Recreation

3:30 Large Ensemble Rehearsal

5:00 Electives, Chamber Music Ensembles

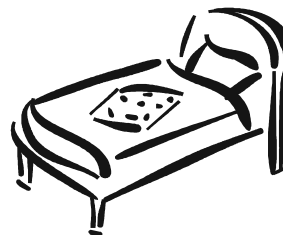


6:00 Dinner

Evening

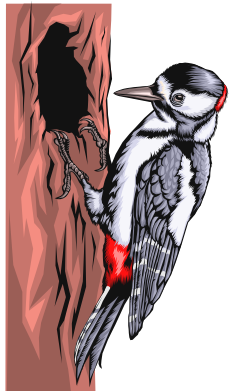
7:00 Evening Activity

9:30 Taps



SECTION THREE: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

COMMUNICATION AND HOMESICKNESS



Mail

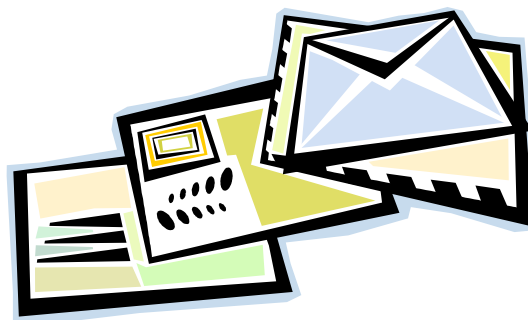
Allow 4 to 5 days for mail and packages to reach camp. Note there are two different addresses: one for USPS and one for UPS or Fed Ex. If you want a letter or care package to arrive during the first few days of camp, you should send it the weekend before your camper leaves.

Sending regular mail, the address is:

Camper name and session
Cazadero Music Camp
P.O. Box 140
Cazadero, CA 95421

Sending Fed Ex or UPS, the correct address is:

Camper name and session
Cazadero Music Camp
5000 Austin Creek Road
Cazadero, CA 95421



Phone calls

Campers are not allowed to call home, nor do we encourage parents to call and ask to speak to their children while at camp except in case of emergency. Long familiarity with campers has shown that phone calls home can often make a case of homesickness worse. If there is a message that you want delivered to your camper or if you have questions or concerns call the camp office at 707-632-5159. The Camp Director or Deans will call you to discuss your concerns. Alternatively, you can e-mail our Camp Director, Jim Mazzaferro at jim@cazadero.org.

Homesickness

When writing to your camper, we ask that you keep the letters positive and upbeat. Try to avoid telling them how much you miss them as this may make even a happy camper feel homesick.



Should you receive an early letter from your camper that seems downcast, try not to be overly concerned. In the vast majority of cases, the difficulties of adjusting to camp are over within the first forty eight hours. This means your camper is usually feeling fine by the time their letter reaches you at home. In the rare event that a camper's homesickness is chronic or

becomes acute, rest assured that we will contact you. If you are concerned about your child's homesickness, contact the Camp Director or the Deans; they will inform you of your child's progress and discuss with you our strategy for helping him or her adjust to camp.

CONCERTS AND CAMP VISITS

Concert Days

At the end of each week, sometimes a Sunday, sometimes a Saturday (check the schedule for your camper's session) students perform a gala concert for family and friends. **All concert days have the same schedule:** lunch at Cafe Caz begins at 12 noon, small ensemble performances including choir, piano and/or guitar, begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by large ensembles at 3 p.m. usually ending by about 5 p.m. See *Dates for Your Calendar* for concert dates.

At the mid-session concert (two week sessions only), many families enjoy taking their camper out to dinner. Campers are required to attend the entire concert to support their fellow campers; so please don't ask to take your camper away until the Large Ensemble concert is over. Campers need to be back in camp by 8:30 p.m. **The final concert marks the end of a camp session and families should come to take their campers home.**

We cannot release a camper to anyone other than their parents or legal guardians without written permission at either the mid-session or the final concert.

Visiting

We discourage "drop-in" visits during the week; it can distract campers from their activities and may even engender homesickness. If parents would like to visit camp on a non-concert day, please call the Camp Director to discuss a visit.

A word about dogs

We request that you **do not** bring your dogs to the concerts to avoid disruptions.



A NOTE ABOUT LAUNDRY

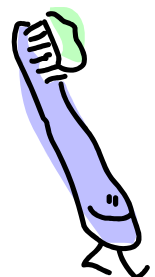
There are no laundry facilities at Caz so pack enough clothing for the entire session, whether one week or two. Alternatively, parents planning to attend the mid-session concert can make an exchange of laundry with their camper on that day.

PARENT AND CAMPER ORIENTATION MEETING

The Berkeley office of Cazadero Music Camp would like to invite all interested campers and their parents to our annual orientation meeting at the Northbrae Community Church on **Wednesday, May 2nd** at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the Camp Director and the Executive Director and get all your questions about camp answered.

LOST AND FOUND

The end of every session sees an assortment of unclaimed items left at camp. If labeled, these are collected, stored at camp for about a week, and then transferred to the Berkeley office. Call if you are missing anything and we will look out for it and set it aside for you to pick up. Those items not labeled or claimed will be donated to a local charity.



Packing for Camp

Label everything; things at camp have a way of wandering to unexpected places.

Pack in a large suitcase or top-zip type duffel bag; campers live out of this container during the session.

Bring your instrument

Except for keyboards & percussion, the camp does not supply instruments. If your student is using a school instrument, make sure you can sign it out for the summer. Verify that the instrument is in good condition as repair work is not easily available.

In addition to the instrument itself, please bring any of the following that apply:

Camping gear

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Blanket for added warmth
- Pillow case
- Flashlight and extra batteries*

- Extra strings
- Rosin
- Mutes
- Valve oil
- Extra reeds
- Cork grease
- Sticks and mallets

Everyday clothing and shoes

- Casual clothes for everyday wear
- Sweater or sweatshirt, light jacket, and a light rain jacket
- Comfy closed-toe shoes for lots of walking around camp
- Non-skid water shoes or sandals for the pool and shower areas
- Swimsuit and beach towel
- Special clothes: PJ's for the Pajama Breakfast; a wild shirt for the Wildest Shirt Contest
- High school session: dress clothes for formal Dinner Dance Night.



Concert clothes

- Khaki colored pants, or khaki knee-length skirt or shorts
- Dark colored shoes
- Caz tee shirt (each camper receives one the first day of camp).

Toiletries and personal items

- Toilet articles: shampoo, soap, toothbrush*, toothpaste*, deodorant, comb, brush, sunscreen, insect repellent, hand mirror, etc.
- Medications; make sure these are clearly labeled.

Note: Our nursing staff will collect medications from campers as they arrive. The nurses will then be responsible for keeping all medications safe and for dispensing them as required.

Miscellaneous

- Personal sports equipment (balls, gloves, Frisbees, etc.)
- Camera and film*

What not to bring:

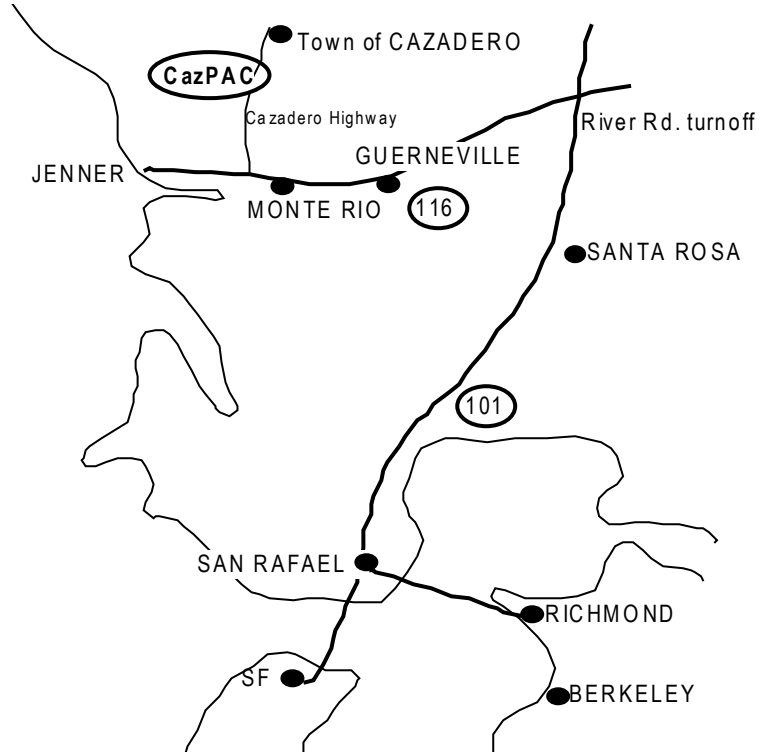
- o Cell phones (they do not work at camp).
- o Clocks, or radios
- o Fireworks (illegal in western Sonoma County)
- o Snacks (Food is not allowed in the tents; it attracts unwanted attention from wildlife.)

*These items are available for sale at the Caz Camp Store



DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

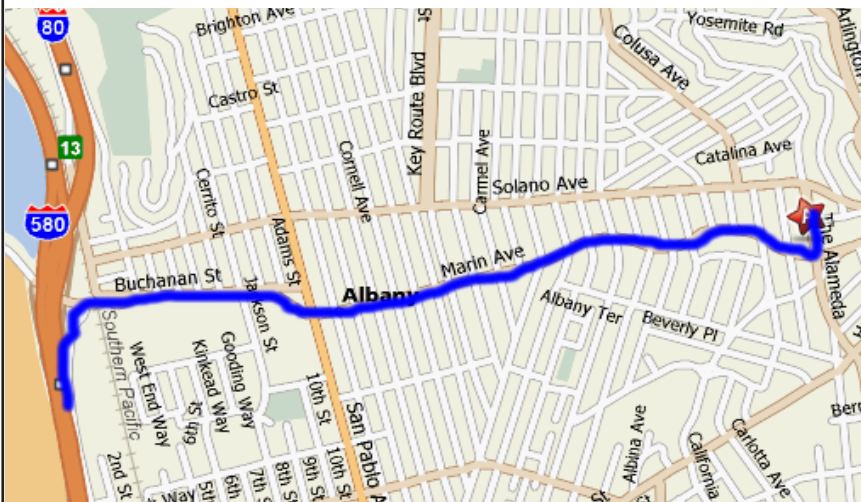
From northbound Highway 101 take the River Road exit just north of Santa Rosa,. Turn left at the bottom of the off ramp onto River Road heading WEST. Drive approximately 20 miles on River Road. River Road merges with Hwy 116 in Guerneville. Continue on Hwy 116 to Monte Rio. From the stop sign in Monte Rio bear right and drive about 2.75 miles to the turn off for Cazadero Hwy. Turn right. Follow Cazadero Hwy 5.5 miles; the camp will be on your left. Park in the lot and walk across the suspension bridge.



DIRECTIONS TO THE NORTHBRAE COMMUNITY CHURCH, THE BERKELEY OFFICE

The Berkeley office for Cazadero is in the Northbrae Community Church building at 941 The Alameda on the east side of the street between Solano and Los Angeles. There is parking behind the building.

- **Going east on 80:** Take the Buchanan Street/Albany exit. See below.
- **Going west on 80:** Take the Albany exit, turn left at the bottom of the exit on Jacuzzi. Follow Jacuzzi south until it winds under the overpass and there is a stop sign. This is Buchanan Street going east, see below.
- **Going east on 580:** Take the Albany exit, turn left at the bottom, this is Buchanan, see below.



Drive east on Buchanan (toward the hills) and cross San Pablo Ave. The street name changes to Marin. Continue up hill for about 1 mile to The Alameda, turn left. The Northbrae Church is 1 block down on your right, at the corner of The Alameda and Los Angeles.

**Cazadero Music Camp
Berkeley Office**
510-527-7500/ Fax 510-527-2790

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 7908
Berkeley, CA 94707

Shipping Address:
941 The Alameda
Berkeley, CA 94707

