

# **Sam Houston State University Summer Music Camps**

## **Single Reed Institute**

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## REGISTRATION AND AUDITION INFORMATION 2

Check-in takes place on the first day (6/14/26) of camp in the Music Building (located at 1751 Avenue I). Registration will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Room 201. Check-in is a 3-step process consisting of (1) signing into camp in the music building, (2) checking into the dorm and (3) returning to the music building to audition. Signing into camp is simple, provided your completed registration information is on file in advance with the camp office. It is suggested that luggage remain in the car until after the completion of the registration process in the music building. The camper will be given a name badge with a meal ticket that he/she must wear for the duration of the camp. The parent or guardian is asked to walk through registration with the camper.

The camper's name badge, meal ticket, camp t-shirt, and a packet of information will be given to parents at registration.

Once registration is completed, retrieve the camper's luggage, and then proceed to his/her dorm room. A map to the dorm is provided in the registration packet. Parking may not be convenient, so expect to carry luggage some distance. Climbing stairs may be required as there may not be elevators in the dorms. The camper may not have time to unpack until later in the evening. At the dorm check-in, each camper will be given a room key with a key-tag. It is important that the camper keep track of this room key. (There is a charge of \$75 for a lost key and \$1 for a lost key-tag.) **Once the camper is checked into the dorm, parents must take the camper back to the music building for auditions. Parents are encouraged to depart once the audition begins.**

Camp administrative staff and counselors will be on hand at the Music Building to answer questions and provide directions.

### **Audition Information**

Auditions will be held in the Music Building. For auditions, each Camper will need to bring prepared musical selection of 1-2 minutes. The selection should allow the Camper to demonstrate their best playing ability. The audition will also consist of major scales and the chromatic scale. Campers should first warm-up for a brief period and then report to the audition room: Clarinet room 317, Saxophone room 313. Campers are welcome to use any open practice room on the 1st floor of the Music Building. Counselors will supervise the campers through the audition process. Campers should expect some waiting time. Parents may depart once the audition begins. Camp Faculty on each instrument will hear each camper's individual audition. Based on this audition, repertoire will be determined best suited for his/her current playing ability. Once the audition is completed, campers are to report to room 202 in the Music Building. Campers are not permitted to return to the dorm without a counselor.

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### What to Bring:

#### Dormitory Items:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| a. Bed sheets (regular twin size) | f. Washcloths                                   |
| b. Pillows                        | g. Hand soaps                                   |
| c. Blankets                       | h. Hangers                                      |
| d. Alarm clock                    | i. Cell Phone (optional)                        |
| e. Towels                         | j. Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, etc.) |

#### Clothing:

- a. Bring neat, casual hot-weather clothing. T-shirts and shorts must reflect general school dress codes and be in good taste.
- b. While the weather outside is hot, the music building is cold, so bring a light jacket or hoodie.
- c. Bring comfortable shoes (we will be doing lots of walking over hills!)
- d. There are no laundry facilities available during the camp. Campers should bring at least one change of clothing for each day of the camp.

**For the Final Recital:** Bring nice dress clothes (no jeans, no t-shirts, no sneakers). Be aware that the stage is eye level to the audience; skirts should be long enough to cover appropriately.

#### For rehearsals:

- a. Campers must bring their own instrument.
- b. Bring all necessary accessories (reeds, pencils, etc.)

#### Other items:

- a. Pack an umbrella/poncho.
- b. Snacks (optional - Cooking in the dorms is not allowed).
- c. Cell phones are allowed - but must be turned off and put away during classes, rehearsals, when campers are being moved between buildings and when counselors are giving instructions.

#### Money:

Campers may want to bring extra cash for incidental expenses, such as vending machines, video games at Kat Klub, etc. For these items, bring change or one dollar bills. It is also common for campers to pool their resources and order pizza following evening activities (amount would depend on how many nights, the number of campers the student is sharing with, etc.). The parent or guardian should decide the appropriate amount to send with the camper. The camper will be responsible for managing his/her own cash.

## HOUSING 4

### Housing

Campers live with one roommate in the dorm room. Two dorm rooms share a bathroom (suite). Counselors stay on the same floor with their assigned campers.

Although requests cannot be guaranteed, students may indicate a preferred roommate on the registration form. To ensure a roommate assignment, both campers must request each other. If no preference is indicated, an effort will be made to match students of the same age, instrument, and/or school.

Dormitory buildings are assigned to the Music Camps by the Department of Residence Life. The SHSU Summer Music Camps office is not able to change building assignments. Each building is different and operational rules will vary. Generally, boys and girls are housed on separate floors, sometimes in separate buildings. Visitation between campers of the same gender housed on different floors is allowed at the discretion of the campers' assigned counselors. Boys are not allowed on girls' floors and girls are not allowed on boys' floors. In the event a housing shortage occurs, and boys and girls are housed on the same floor, counselor rooms will be placed between the two groups, and special rules will be invoked regarding use of the meeting areas on that floor. If there is a meeting area on the floor, residents of that floor may use it as a gathering and visitation site. If the dorm has a main lobby, both boys and girls may visit in that location. A counselor will be present at this location.

Campers will not spend much time in the dorm during the day. Instruction, rehearsals, and activities take place in and around the Music Building. Between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:30 p.m., Campers will usually spend no more than two hours in the dorms. Campers are advised to keep their rooms locked and to leave non-essential and valuable personal items at home. Never leave items of value unattended. The camp cannot be held responsible for campers' personal money or other assets. Items left behind at the end of the camp will be held for two weeks. Also, due to the type of air-conditioning system used in the dorm, campers are NOT to open the windows.

Check-out is before and after the Final Recital. A check-out list, detailing what to do (clean, put out trash, pack personal items, etc) and check-out instructions will be provided to campers a day ahead of check-out.

Each camper will be issued a key tag and a key to his/her dorm room. The key tag and dorm room key must be returned during check-out. Lost items will be charged to the camper: Key tag = \$1; Dorm room key = \$75.

## HOUSING DORM CHECK OUT 5

Dorm Checkout: There are two options for checking your camper out of the dorm. You may check them out after the concert or you may meet them at the dorms before dinner (approximately 4:45). If you check your camper out of the dorm before the concert, please leave them with the counselor on their floor before the concert; they will walk to the music building with their band. This will ensure that the camper gets to their concert warm-up on time. You may eat dinner with your camper in General's Market for approximately \$11.00. Due to time constraints, campers are not to be taken off campus for dinner.

SHSU has removed the landlines from the dorm rooms. Campers may bring cell phones to communicate with their parents. Please note that campers are not to be on their cell phone during class lessons, sectionals, rehearsals, or when any staff member is giving instructions.

Campers will have access to lobby phones in the dorm and the music office phone with a counselor in case of an emergency.

### Night Activities:

There will be a different activity each night. Activities may include an Ice Cream Social; Games Night in the LSC Kat Klub; Movie Night; Dance Night; Grand Concert.

### Supervision:

Our experienced counselors are SHSU undergraduate/graduate students or students that have recently graduated. The camp maintains a counselor-to-camper ratio of 1:15. Campers are supervised at all times by counselors or faculty. The Counselors are housed in the dorms alongside the Campers.

As a general rule, Campers are not given free reign of the campus. Campers will be allowed free movement within the music building, within The General's Market, and on their dorm floor.

Campers are escorted by counselors every time they move from point A to point B (Music Bldg. to dorms, dorms to dining hall, etc.) at breakfast, lunch, before dinner, and for evening activities. During the day, attendance is taken at the beginning of each class.

Three meals are served daily in the General's Market. Traditional breakfast items are included in the mornings. Lunch and dinners consist of fresh dough pizza and hamburgers, as well as 2-3 alternate hot selections. There is a variety of vegetables, delicious desserts, beverages and an assortment of breads and hot rolls. Service is cafeteria style and all-you-can-eat. Meals are only provided for the campers.

## TELEPHONES NIGHT ACTIVITIES SUPERVISION MEAL SERVICE 6

All meals are provided for Resident Campers. For Day Campers, Dinner is provided on the first day of camp and on Wednesday, with Lunch being provided on the other days. Day Campers that wish to stay for the evening activities may have dinner provided with advance notice. Students with food allergies MUST contact us before arriving at camp so we can make necessary arrangements. Please email our Camp Coordinator [maggiemcinnis13@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemcinnis13@gmail.com) and let Maggie McInnis know what food allergies you have so that we can best accommodate you. The General's Market does not allow bags, jugs, and personal drinking cups in the cafeteria.

The Final Recital will be held on the last day of the camp (Wednesday - June 17).

The concert will be held in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center. All performances are free and open to the public. All campers must perform with their ensemble. The camp officially ends at the conclusion of the concert. Following the concert, parents must take their camper to the dorms for check-out.

Official 2026 Summer Music Camp T-Shirt: Camp T-shirts are included with the cost of the camp.

Video Recordings: The Final Recital will be recorded by the Performing Arts Center. Upon the conclusion of the camp, the recording will be made available, and parents will be notified once the recording is ready.

Lockers: Campers will be assigned a locker in the Music Building for storing his/her instrument during mealtimes and overnight. Students may elect to keep their instruments in their rooms overnight, but they will be responsible for carrying the instrument back and forth to the music building. Practicing is not allowed in the dormitories. All lockers use a school-supplied combination lock. It is the camper's responsibility to ensure the locker is securely locked after each use. Sam Houston State University does not assume liability for lost or damaged instruments. We recommend that insurance be obtained for each instrument.

## MEDICINES AND ALLERGIES

Medicines and Allergies: Faculty and staff do not supply campers with medicine. If a Camper has medicine that needs to be taken on a regular basis, the parents may elect to:

- (a) leave the medicine with the Camper to take, or
- (b) leave the medicine with a Counselor to distribute to the Camper at the appropriate time.

Please inform the staff at Registration if you wish for a Counselor to distribute medication and if there are other medical/behavior issues that need to be addressed. **If your camper has a hard time remembering to take their medication, please consider leaving it with our Counselors at Registration. If your child has any major allergies or dietary restrictions, the camp office must have this information prior to camp check-in.** This is very important if your child has a food allergy (gluten, peanut, etc.) so that preparations can be made for meals. The University cafeteria plans meals for upcoming camps weeks in advance. Please email the camp coordinator prior to arriving at camp to make arrangements for special meal needs. Amy Lawhead at [musiccampsamy@gmail.com](mailto:musiccampsamy@gmail.com)

Camper behavior Campers are expected to acquaint themselves with the rules, procedures, and standards of conduct established by the Summer Music Camps prior to arriving. A camper who does not fulfill the responsibilities set out by such rules, procedures, and standards of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Summer Music Camps without refund.

- 1) All campers are required to participate in all activities, rehearsals, and the Grand Concert. Campers may not stay behind in the dorms during activities.
  - (a) Campers must leave the dorms to go to meals at the appointed times.
  - (b) All campers will participate in the night activities.
- 2) Campers should immediately report any accident or illness to their counselor.
- 3) Campers are expected to show consideration for others:
  - (a) Noise disturbances, destruction of property, and mischievous pranks are inappropriate behaviors.
  - (b) Proper courtesy is to be shown to camp staff, camp faculty, and camp counselors.
  - (c) All instructions given by camp staff, camp faculty, and/or camp counselors are to be followed.
  - (d) Cell phone use will be limited to when campers are on free time in the dorms. Campers that are on their phone during classes or when a staff member is giving instructions will have their phone taken up for the remainder of the camp. The phone would be returned at the conclusion of the camp.
- 4) Medical or family emergencies are the only acceptable reason a camper may take early departure from the camp. If a camper must leave camp early due to a medical or family

emergency, the parent or legal guardian must contact the camp administrator or coordinator to sign the camper out.

- 5) The consumption of alcohol or other controlled substances is strictly prohibited.
- 6) Proper behavior is to be displayed inside buildings:
  - (a). No running or yelling in hallways.
  - (b). Do not open windows.
  - (c). No standing on furniture.
  - (d). Do not write on desks, walls, furniture, etc. Parents will be charged for this type of damage.
  - (e). Do not use elevators in the Music Building.
  - (f). Playing of musical instruments is not allowed in the dorms.
- 7) Campers are not to touch other's belongings.
- 8) Campers will be sent home immediately for the following:
  - (a). Fighting with other campers, staff, faculty or counselors.
  - (b). Hiding from staff, faculty, or counselors.
  - (c). Inappropriate sexual conduct.

#### CONTACTING YOUR CAMPER

SHSU has removed the landlines from the dorms. Campers may bring their cell phone to communicate with their parents. The camp office will not accept calls and messages, via telephone, for non-emergency situations.

The suggested time for parents to call their camper is during mealtimes and at night between the hours of 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Parents may also wish to set up a time/date for their camper to call home. As a rule, campers should not be on cellular devices after lights out.

Campers will not be pulled out of rehearsals and instruction time for phone calls unless there is an emergency.

A message board will be set-up in the Music Building for non-emergency messages. Parents send messages via email ([MusCamps@shsu.edu](mailto:MusCamps@shsu.edu)). To send via email, put the camper's name in the subject line.

Your camp e-mail address header:

To: [muscamps@shsu.edu](mailto:muscamps@shsu.edu)

From: parent's email address

Subject: Message for (camper's first & last name)

Messages will either be delivered to the camper, or posted on the board, dependent upon current camp activity. Messages received after noon on the last day of camp will not be delivered. Please do not send attachments of photos with email messages. Please note that messages will not be

posted if it appears that the camper is competing with other campers for a higher number of messages.

If there is an emergency and you must contact your child, call the School of Music office between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (936-294-1360). For all other times, you will be given a list of emergency contact numbers during registration.

#### DAILY SCHEDULE

A copy of the daily schedule will be emailed. Parents should go over the Daily Schedule with their Camper so the camper will know what to expect. Advise your Camper that some minor changes may be added to the schedule from time to time. Each Camper will receive a copy of the updated Daily Schedule in their packet at Registration. Campers will be given a copy of their schedule during the Sunday night rehearsal.

#### HEALTH CARE

Campers that require medical attention will be accompanied to the Student Health Center by a camp counselor, faculty, or staff member. Medical costs incurred for treatment at the Student Health Center will be the responsibility of the parents or guardian of the individual treated. A Camp representative will call the parent from the Student Health Center to arrange payment at the conclusion of treatment. Due to the new payment system at the SHSU Health Center, parents will no longer be able to pay for an office visit over the phone. The Health Center can only accept cash or checks. If the Summer Camps pays for a camper's appointment costs, the parents must reimburse the Summer Camps when picking up their student from camp. The cost is approximately \$35.00, before prescriptions or other treatments.

If the camper is seriously ill or injured, it is the policy of the Camp to send the camper for treatment while the parents are being contacted. The doctor at either the Student Health Center or hospital will call concerning treatment. The Student Health Center may send the camper directly to a hospital or emergency room at his/her discretion. Please be aware that, with the Medical Release in hand, camp and medical staff will get immediate medical attention for the camper, even if unable to contact the parents or guardian. The camp will continue to try to reach the parents or guardian about the situation.

Parental notification of minor injuries (scratches, small cuts, etc.) and illnesses is left to the discretion of the camper. Please discuss with your child your expectations regarding communication of such information. A completed Medical Release form is mandatory for attendance and participation in the camp.

## DAY CAMPER PROCEDURES:

Sunday: Day Campers must audition and participate in the Sunday Night Rehearsal. After the Camper has auditioned, parents should take their child to a Camp Counselor. Parents may leave at this point. The Counselors will supervise the Day Camper until the Parents take the child home after the night rehearsal. The Day Camper will be finished Sunday night around 8:30 pm. Pizza dinner will be provided.

Morning Drop-Off: Parents may drop-off Day Campers at the Music Building, Monday-Wednesday, between 7:45 - 8:20 a.m. Day Campers must be ready to start rehearsal at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is provided M-W. At the time of drop-off the parent should inform the Counselor in charge of Day Campers if they will be participating in the night activity.

### Pick-Up Times:

- \* Parents may pick-up Day Campers between 4:45 - 6:00 p.m. on Monday & Tuesday.
- \* On Wednesday, a recital is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Day Campers may leave at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided on this night for all Campers.
- \* On Wednesday, Parents should either make arrangements to meet their child after rehearsal (4:45) in order to dress, have dinner, and be ready for warm-up before the concert, or plan to check out after the concert.

Day Campers may elect to stay for the night activities on Monday and Tuesday. In this instance, arrangements for dinner should be made (contact Amy Lawhead at [musiccampsamy@gmail.com](mailto:musiccampsamy@gmail.com) to eat in the cafeteria). Parents may pick-up the Camper at the conclusion of the Night Activity, roughly at 9:30 pm, in the Music Building.

## REFUND POLICY:

The \$75.00 deposit is non-refundable. No refunds will be issued after May 24, 2024. In accordance with University policy, all refunds will require the social security number of the payer. Refunds take 3-4 weeks for processing.

## OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Parents will be financially responsible for the following charges:

1. Any and all charges incurred for University Health Services.
2. Any and all damages caused by their camper to Sam Houston State University property, including, but not limited to School of Music facilities and dormitory rooms.
3. Any and all charges assessed by SHSU Department of Residence Life for loss of, or failure to return room keys and key-tags.
4. Any charges assessed by the SHSU Department of Residence Life for extra cleaning charges to the dorm room. This will generally involve cleaning charges to the carpet

(such as ground-in food particles) or the removal of trash and personal items from the dorm room (campers should follow the “Check-Out Procedures” list to avoid these types of charges).

5. Your balance must be paid in full the Friday before camp check- in (June 12, 2026). Checks, cash, and money orders will no longer be accepted after this date. To pay your balance, please visit our website.

**SHSU Summer Camps**  
**Single Reed Institute Sample Schedule**  
**Patricia Card, clarinet     Masahito Sugihara, saxophone**

<b>Sunday</b>		Clarinet	Saxophone
1:00	registration	201	201
	Warmup	PR	PR
3:00	Audition	317	313
4:30	Faculty Recital and meeting	Recital Hall	Recital Hall
5:30	Dinner		
7:00	First rehearsal/practice	205	201
8:00	Nightly activity		

<b>Monday</b>			
7:30	Breakfast		
8:30	Group warm up	205	RH
9:00	SRI Technique Bootcamp	205	RH
10:00	Break		
10:15	masterclass	205	RH
11:00	Chamber rehearsal	205	RH
11:45	Lunch		
1:00	Choir rehearsal	RH	205
2:00	Theory class	218	218
3:00	break		
3:30	Chamber Rehearsal	RH	205
5:00	Dinner		
6:30	individual practice (optional)	PR	PR
7:30	Kat Klub activities		

<b>Tuesday</b>			
7:30	Breakfast		
8:30	Group warm up	RH	205
9:00	SRI Technique Bootcamp	RH	205
10:00	Break		
10:15	masterclass	RH	205
11:00	Chamber rehearsal	RH	205
11:45	Lunch		
1:00	Choir rehearsal	205	RH
2:00	Jazz session	205	205

3:20	Break		
3:45	chamber rehearsal	205	RH
5:15	Dinner		
6:30	individual practice (optional)	PR	PR
7:30	Nightly activity		

**Wednesday**

8:30	Group warm up	205	RH
9:00	SRI Technique bootcamp	205	RH
10:00	Final Chamber rehearsal	205	RH
11:00	Final Choir rehearsal	205	RH
12:00	Lunch		
2:00	performance run through	RH	RH
3:00	individual practice (optional)		
5:00	dinner		
6:30	Recital	RH	RH

RH = recital hall

PR = practice room