

SIERRA MOUNTAIN MUSIC CAMP is a non-profit program designed to benefit children musically & inspirationally. **SMMC** is not a commercial entrepreneurial enterprise. Camp needs & welcomes all parental assistance. The camp staff members are highly qualified, uniquely dedicated, carefully selected & screened professionals. Equally qualified parents & adult volunteers assist us as Registered Nurse, storekeeper, administratively, accountant, crafts, sports, & activities director, etc.

* **SIERRA MOUNTAIN MUSIC CAMP** does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or physical disability in its admissions, financial aid, educational programs, activities or employment policies.

Please read Camp Policy, **SIGN & RETURN** Contract/Assumption of Risk form along with Registration form, Emergency Medical Form & tuition balance, no later than June 1, 2008 to guarantee a T-shirt, photo, concert tickets, sheet music & DVD. **Congratulations!** You have become part of an exclusive family who believe in quality music & want the best for your children.

RATIO: Campers are typically placed in cabin groups of one to two counselors to 6 or 7 campers by age & gender, & prior friendship, where advisable. Each cabin is staffed with carefully chosen cabin counselors. Our staffing ratio is approximately 4 to 1, twenty or more are older adults. However effective, camp supervision is unlike home. It is dependent on a degree of regimentation & discipline. **Therefore it is essential that parents review & explain our policies & rules to their children & obtain their written agreement & commitment to them in order to participate.**

1. **General Policy** – To insure your child's safety & well being, it is imperative that **adult staff** be informed of a camper's whereabouts at all times. Strict adherence to the schedule is expected. **NO** camper may be in a cabin or rehearsal hall unattended. Campers must obtain the permission of Rick Croom, Program Director, BEFORE altering their schedule or activity. **Leaving the grounds, skipping rehearsal without permission or other behavioral problems may result in dismissal from camp**, forfeiture of fees paid & the necessity of a parent to arrange for a camper's transportation home.
2. **Discipline Policy** – We have implemented the following discipline policy. The first line supervisors of behavior & cooperation are:
 - i. The music directors in rehearsals
 - ii. The area supervisors during Recreation or Activity periods.
 - iii. The counselors in the cabins
 - iv. **Any** SMMC or Diamond Arrow staff member or counselor witnessing inappropriate behavior.

If any of these first line supervisors has concerns regarding behavior or difficulties in getting a camper's cooperation, the camper will be referred to the Program Director. Upon referral, the Program Director will implement the following:

1st Referral: Camper must give up part of his/her next activity period to meet with the Program Director to discuss & correct the problems.

2nd Referral: Camper must give up an entire activity period under Program Director's supervision. A call will go home to notify the parent that we have had at least 3 different instances of inappropriate behavior or lack of cooperation & respect.

3rd Referral: Camper's parents are notified that he or she must be picked up. Camper remains under Program Director or Nurse's supervision until a parent arrives. Campers sent home might not be allowed to return to camp next year.

Any serious breach of respect and cooperation can result in an immediate call home.

- **Contraband** – **Zero tolerance policy** for tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. The camp nurse will distribute all prescription or over-the-counter medication & vitamins or food supplements. *(See Item #6 below)*
- **Respect for Peers** – It is the very nature of our week together to be respectful and supportive of each other's individuality. Harassment of any kind—physical, sexual, teasing—is completely opposed to our camp culture. Cursing and foul language, **as well as graphic sexual cabin talk**, has no place in the rich musical environment we will create together. Tolerance of different cultures, ethnicities & religions, etc. is expected.
- **Respect for Staff** – Our staff always has as its primary directive to do what is best for all the campers and for the program we're creating. All staff decisions must be respected. This respect should be extended to facility staff also.
- **Respect for Property** – Tampering with instruments or belongings, theft, or graffiti will result in an immediate call home. Restitution for deliberate or negligent destruction or misuse of property will be expected.
- **Respect for Environment** – Campers are expected to behave responsibly toward the campsite. Littering or defacing any part of the camp property or environment is prohibited. Teasing, feeding or handling animals, or destroying protected plant species is prohibited.
- **Dress Code** – We enforce a dress code similar to public schools. Please display modesty. **Tank top straps** need to be at least 1 ½ inches or 2 fingers wide. Bare midriff shirts, halter-tops or tube tops, spaghetti straps or see-thru tops, uncovered camisoles (may be worn with a modest blouse over it), cut-off shorts, short-shorts, and micro-mini skirts must not be packed or worn. Bathing suits are to be worn at the pool only. **NO** T-shirts, jackets, etc. endorsing sex, drugs or violence. Campers are expected to change inappropriate attire at staff request.
- **Sleep** – We have a full schedule & an early reveille, which means that campers must go to bed on time. For their own welfare & enjoyment, campers must remain in their cabins after 10:00 p.m. **NO** late night raids, etc.
- **Valuables** – Staff cannot be responsible for camper's personal items. Please do not bring cash or expensive items to camp, (i.e. cameras, jewelry, etc.). **NO** TV sets, video games or laptop computers, PDA's, cell phones (no

signal), radios, stereos, I Pod's, MP3's, tape or disc players. ONLY counselors may bring stereos, to be stored with the Program Director when not being used for an approved activity. **No music in the cabins after 10 p.m.**

- **Musical Instruments** – We assume no responsibility for damaged musical instruments. Orchestra & Symphony Students may lock up their instruments in the rehearsal room during afternoon & evening activities.
 - **ASK** – If something isn't covered here, ask a staff member or counselor. They will get back to you with an answer.
3. **Meals** – Please advise us if your child requires has **special dietary need**, i.e. Vegan meal, non dairy, non meat. The camp is prepared to provide vegan meals. Please indicate on the registration form or notify us in writing before camp.
 4. **Snacks** – Campers should not bring excess candy, food, snacks, drinks, etc. We provide all of the above at our camp store. Food supplements or special dietary snacks should be registered and checked in with the camp nurse. As a safety & sanitation issue, campers are expected to dispose of litter appropriately. **We do not want to attract wildlife or insects.**
 5. **Camp Store** – **NO** cash at camp. Name badges will be required to make your "purchases". We have included a store credit as part of the tuition payment. The store account will be maintained showing the camper's daily purchases. Campers are allowed 1 drink (soda, water) & 1 candy/snack per activity period per day. Campers will also be allowed an additional water bottle per day. This is a "**use-it or lose-it**" policy. Campers may not accrue snacks or beverages for another day. Sorry!
 6. **Medical Concerns** – We have a wonderful Registered Nurse that must be notified of all medical needs, such as physical limitations for physical activity, medicine, asthma, etc. All medicines, whether prescription or not, must be placed in her custody & administered daily by her. Campers may keep their asthma inhalers in their possession after registering with the camp nurse. See enclosed Medical Emergency Form. Dehydration is possible at high elevations and exhibits flu-like symptoms, headaches, nausea, fever, etc. Remind your camper to bring a water bottle & **drink plenty of water DAILY**
 7. **Camp T-Shirts** – The camp T-shirt is included in tuition. These will be the concert uniform with jeans, dark pants or skirts.
 8. **Photos & Concert** – DVD's & photos are included in tuition as a prized souvenir of your child's camp experience.
 9. **Transportation** – While SMMC does not assume liability or responsibility for transportation to or from camp, many parents & friends have indicated a willingness to transport children other than their own, provided parents fill out the permission slip on our registration form. If your child needs a ride either to go to camp or to return home, contact Rick Croom at 916-944-4399. He will put you in touch with a person willing to help out with transportation.
 10. **First Day-Sunday, June 22, 2008** – It is anticipated most parents will want to look around camp, so plan to **arrive between 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.** Sunday. Orchestra & Symphony students will be assigned their audition time on arrival. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. **Please pack a picnic lunch for your family or a bag lunch for your camper.** The first meal served at camp will be **DINNER**. Following lunch, a group picture of the campers will be taken. Parents should plan to leave no later than 1:00 p.m. Campers will attend orientation & have their first rehearsal.
 11. **Last Day-Saturday, June 28, 2008** – Campers will eat a noon meal & then have a dress rehearsal concert. **Please do not arrive before 1:30 p.m.** We must clear the campground by 3:30 p.m.
 12. **Concert-Sunday, June 29, 2008** – An essential part of our camp program, we have scheduled a formal concert at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium in Sacramento. Please invite your friends & relatives. We need & expect every camper to participate. If you are from outside the Sacramento area & would like to make arrangements for your child to stay in town with camp staff Saturday night June 30th so they can be sure to participate in the Sunday concert, please contact the camp office before June 29, 2008. Please have your child at Hiram Johnson Auditorium **no later than 2:00 p.m.** for orientation & warm-up. The concert begins at 4 p.m. & will last approximately 2 hours, followed by an ice cream social fundraiser. Please have your camper dressed in their **camp T-shirt & blue jeans** (clean, no holes, tears, or stains) or dark pants or skirt and clean shoes!
 13. **Telephone Calls** – There are limited phone lines into camp. These must be kept clear for business & emergency purposes; parents may call campers **ONLY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**. Do not give out numbers to camper's friends, please!! Diamond Arrow Camp Site Manager - **(530) 265-3295**. The camp pay phones are off limits to campers. Campers may call home with permission of the camp nurse. **NO cell phones** – few service providers cover this area at any rate.
 14. **Mail** – Campers love to receive mail! You can write to your camper, just be sure to **write early** to avoid delay in delivery. "Care" packages are also acceptable. In the bottom left hand corner, **put the dates your camper will be in camp.**
Camper's Name
Sierra Mountain Music Camp
C/O Diamond Arrow Christian Conference Center
15742 North Bloomfield Road
Nevada City CA 95959
(June 22 – June 28, 2008).
 15. Please see "What to Bring" list for necessary supplies. Dollar stores are a great place to pick up necessities & sundries.

Please read the above rules with your child then **SIGN & RETURN** the **Contract & Assumption of Risk** form with **Registration Form** & the **SIGNED Medical Forms**. Thank you for your cooperation.