Yes! I'm Going!

2026 Camper Information Newsletter

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Getting to IMC

Location

The INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMP is located in the International Peace Garden on the border between North Dakota and Manitoba, 15 miles north of Dunseith, ND on Highway 3 & 281 or 30 km south of Boissevain, MB on Highway 10.

Transportation To and From Camp

Most campers either drive or carpool to camp, but IMC can arrange to pick up campers arriving by bus, Amtrak, or plane.

SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED FOR PICKUPS! Shuttle service is NOT guaranteed. Please contact the IMC office as soon as possible before purchasing travel tickets. Travel arrangements should be finalized with the IMC office at least 2 weeks prior to arriving at camp.

Customs Documents

Passports are NOT required to get in and out of the International Peace Garden, but are the recommended form of identification. If you do not already have a passport, you will need a birth certificate (everyone in the vehicle) AND photo ID (anyone 16 or older) to return to your country of origin upon leaving IMC and the Peace Garden. Every passenger in each vehicle is expected to present these documents. This special exemption applies only to the Dunseith and Boissevain ports of entry. Passports will be required for US citizens to travel to Canada and for Canadians to enter the US.

Entering the International Peace Garden

All visitors to the International Peace Garden are required to pay an entrance fee. 2026 Admission is either $12 per day per person or $50 for a family annual pass, which allows as many entries in 2026 as you would like. These fees are established by the International Peace Garden. For more info on the activities available in the gardens, please visit: www.peacegarden.com or call 1-888-432-6733. Gate passes can be purchased in advance on the IPG website or at the gate.

Parking

In addition to the two parking lots on campus, additional parking is available across the road in the Masonic Auditorium. The International Peace Garden does have electric vehicle charging stations at the Interpretive Center. Check with the International Peace Garden for availability.

Sunday Registration at the Burdick Center Essentials

- Final Tuition Payment
- Health Form
- All Medications
- Cash or Check for the following optional items: Bank Money, Locks, Photo Order

Luggage must be left in the vehicle while checking in your camper in the Burdick Center.

There is NOT an ATM at IMC or in the Peace Garden.

Camper Sunday Schedule

- 12:30 - 3:00 pm - Registration at the Burdick Center
- 3:30 pm - Camper-only meeting in dorms
- 4:00 pm - Placement Auditions and 1st Session Meetings
- 6:00 pm - Evening Meal
- 7:00 pm - Evening Meeting
- 9:30 pm - Call to Quarters

Camper Information

Housing

Campers are housed in open dormitories and cabins. All room assignments and roommate requests are made when the registration is received. Requests are held for two weeks.

Each camper must bring their own sheets, blankets, pillow, sleeping bag, etc. (unless they arrive by plane). Evenings are cool so sleeping bags are an excellent choice. Campers will also need to bring their own towels, toiletries, and personal items. All campers are expected to help with dorm cleaning duties in the morning.

Meals

Meals are served in the camp dining hall. The first meal of each session will be the 6:00 pm Sunday evening meal following auditions or first classes. **Campers with dietary concerns (vegetarian, food allergies, etc.) should contact the camp at least 2 weeks prior to arriving to confirm that the Food Service Coordinator is aware of the nature and severity of the allergies.**

Campers either arriving the day before their session begins or departing the day after their session ends will be charged an additional $15 USD for meals and supervision. Campers staying for consecutive sessions will not be charged for Saturday nights between weeks. Please let the office know in advance if you need to drop off your camper early.

Concessions

Located in the front of the Dining Hall, the Concession Stand has numerous sweet treats and salty snacks as well as beverages and frozen treats available for purchase throughout the day. Located across the parking lot from the Dining Hall, the Allegro Shop is full of IMC gear from shirts to sunglasses to hoodies and more! Both the Concession Stand and the Allegro Shop accept US and Canadian cash and the Allegro Shop accepts checks in US Funds, Visa, and Mastercard.

Health Information

All Campers at IMC must turn in an updated 2026 Health Form before attending camp. Completed health forms should be turned into IMC two weeks prior to arriving at camp. Campers who do not have a completed health form will not be allowed to stay at IMC. If you have misplaced your health form, a digital copy may be found on the camp website.

Campers are expected to be in good health upon arriving at camp, since programs can be physically demanding and require communal living. Campers exposed to a contagious disease prior to camp should contact the camp in order to be rescheduled for a different session. If there are specific expectations related to communicable diseases, they will be shared with campers at the start of the summer.

Parents/Guardians will be notified by phone if and when there is a concern about a camper's health.

In compliance with the American Camp Association Standards, all prescription and over the counter medications will be stored in the Nurse's Station and are to be dispensed by the Camp Nurse. Exceptions to this rule include: asthma medications (such as inhalers) and Epi-pens for allergic reactions. Please have all your medications with you during registration on Sunday, as they will be checked into the Nurse at that time.

Campers coming to camp with Epi-pens must carry them at all times. Due to the distance from the camp to the nearest emergency facility, it is recommended that two or more Epi-pens be brought to camp. The Camp Nurse and the camper's dean should be notified of campers with Epi-pens.

Each camper should bring a reusable water bottle (also available for purchase at the concession stand & Allegro Shop). IMC recommends everyone consume adequate fluids while at camp, especially during periods of high heat, humidity, and/or activity.

NUT FREE ZONE: The International Music Camp is completely NUT FREE. Many campers and staff have life-threatening nut allergies and our proximity to emergency facilities may not allow adequate treatment of a reaction. No nuts, peanut butter, or nut products are allowed anywhere on camp property. Please double check ALL ingredients before bringing food to camp!

What to Bring

Daily Dress Code

Proper dress should be worn at all times. Casual clothing in good taste is allowed for daily classes. Clothing with inappropriate exposure is not allowed. Crop tops, one-shoulder shirts, and tube tops are not allowed to be worn on their own. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. When in doubt, leave it at home.

Shorts and skirts should be modest and in good taste. Shorts must be as long as your thumbs when your arms are at your sides and skirts must be as long as your fingertips. All dress code concerns are subject to approval by Dorm Deans and the Director of Student Activities. Shoes must be worn at all times outside of the dorms.

Come prepared for all weather; a variety of weather can happen in the Turtle Mountains in a week.

All campers are expected to be well-groomed at all times. This includes clothing, hair, and personal cleanliness.

Performance Dress

The uniform dress for Saturday performances and formal pictures varies from program to program.

Band, Jazz Band, Choir, Orchestra, World Percussion, and Handbells

Black pants (no jeans) or long black skirt, plain white dress shirt, and black dress shoes. No flip-flops.

Dance, Garage Band, Musical Theatre, and Drama

See specific information enclosed in this packet.

All other programs require a semi-dressy outfit for the final performance.

Other Items to Bring

- A watch (cell phones are not allowed on camp)
- A raincoat or umbrella
- Shoes that can get wet
- A semi-dressy outfit for Faculty Recital Night
- A warm jacket
- Good shoes for walking
- Insect repellant
- Bedding, a towel, and toiletries
- iPod w/headphones or e-reader are okay but should stay in the dorm.

  IMC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Instruments and Instructional Materials

All instrumental music campers must bring their own instrument in good working order. If you play a school instrument, make the necessary arrangements to bring the instrument with you. Pianos are provided. Some large instruments are available for rental to campers traveling via plane, train, or bus. Have your instrument in good working order prior to arrival.

Brass & String Players bring any available mutes.

Reed Players bring an ample supply of reeds and/or tools for adjusting and making reeds if you already own them.

Percussionists bring sticks and mallets for all the instruments you wish to study. Please bring a practice pad for private practice.

Garage or Jazz Band Drummers must bring their own drum set.

Electric Guitar & Bass Players must bring all amps and cords necessary. Please clearly label these items to prevent loss.

Please contact the IMC office if an instrument rental is required. Any campers using IMC instruments will be charged a $50 USD user fee, and the camper will be charged for any damages incurred. All rental arrangements must be made in advance. Priority is given to those flying to camp.

A repair shop is available for emergency repairs only. Campers will be charged for parts and other accessories.

Campers should bring an instruction book and a solo that they are presently working on or a piece that they would like to study for private lessons and private practice periods. They should also bring a notebook, pencils, and staff-lined paper. Music staff paper may be purchased at the Concession Stand, if needed.

What NOT to Bring

- Nuts, nut products, or anything containing nuts
- Cell phones (not allowed on camp)
- Strongly scented cologne, perfumes, deodorants, lotions, etc.
- Skateboards, rollerblades, etc.
- Stereos
- Valuable jewelry or technology
- Laptops or tablets (unless needed for your program)

Other Information

Parent Info for Saturday

- Check the concert schedule you receive at registration for finalized concert information
- Dorms will be open between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Please have the campers completely moved out of the dorms by noon.
- Parents may eat with their campers on Saturday between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Cost is tentatively set at $9 USD or the Canadian equivalent per person payable at the Dining Hall door (cash or check only).
- All performances are free and open to the public.
- Do not leave before the camper's final performance.

IMC Bank

Spending money is not required, but parents might want to leave some for snacks, items in the Allegro Shop, photos, or CDs. The Allegro Shop and Concession Stand are open during registration on Sunday if you want to check it out before deciding how much to leave for a camper. Campers are strongly encouraged to deposit spending money into the IMC Bank. The IMC Bank can only take cash or check. Money can be deposited during registration on Sunday. Campers will be able to access their money after 3:00 pm on Monday in the Administration Building. IMC is not responsible for any lost or stolen money.

Locks

All campers have small cubbies that can be locked for extra security of personal items. Combination and key locks are available for rental during the registration process. A $5 USD or CAD rental fee will be charged and $3 will be returned on Saturday when the lock is returned. **Personal locks may NOT be used.**

Audio Recordings

Audio recordings will be made of most music programs. These recordings will be available to order during the Saturday performances or through the IMC office. Recordings will be emailed in December.

Taps and National Anthem Certification

Campers are able to be certified in the performance of Taps or the National Anthem while at IMC. Campers interested in certification should contact IMC for more information.

Camp Photos

A professional photograph is taken of each program and available for purchase. Each camper will be given an order form on registration day. If the order form is completed and payment enclosed at the end of registration, the photos will be delivered to the campers on Friday night, otherwise, a photo signup sheet will be passed around during the picture session for orders to be paid for on Saturday. Signing up on the signup sheet represents a commitment to pay for the picture. For more information, contact Leonard Photos in Minot, ND at (701) 240-1355.

Pictures and videos will also be taken by IMC's Social Media Specialist and posted to IMC's Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, website, other social media platforms, or used for promotional purposes. **Any campers wishing to NOT be included in these pictures and videos should indicate this on the corresponding release on their Health Form and confirm with the Social Media Specialist during registration.**

Phone Cards

Cell phone use is not allowed at the International Music Camp. Phone cards are available for purchase at the Concession Stand for $5 USD or CAD. Pay phones are available at a central location in the camp and in some of the dormitories for camper use. If a camper needs to be reached urgently, or in case of an emergency please contact the IMC office at (701) 263-4211.

Conduct and Refunds

The International Music Camp has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy in regards to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, marijuana, e-cigarettes, weapons, or disruptive behavior. Campers are NOT ALLOWED to smoke, possess illegal drugs, tobacco, marijuana, e-cigarettes, alcohol, or weapons while attending camp. All campers must follow stated health expectations related to communicable diseases. Harassment, or any behavior that is disruptive or infringes in any way on the safety and welfare of other campers or staff will be grounds for dismissal. Campers unable to abide by the rules are subject to dismissal with NO REFUND.

No refund of the camp fees will be made to campers who leave the camp before the end of their session!

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact the camp office at (701) 838-8472.