

Alaska String Camps Camper Information Package 2018

This package is used to collect additional information about your camper. It also answers many questions people have about string camp and its policies.

Please read the entire package carefully and return forms to us by email or USPS.

Thanks!

You are scheduled to attend one of the following camps:

Elementary Camp: July 12-14, 2018

Intermediate Camp: July 15-18, 2018

High School Camp: July 6-10, 2018

Location:

Birchwood Camp

17161 David Blackburn Road

Chugiak, Alaska

Camper Check-in is from 9:15-10:00 a.m. on the first day of each camp. A parent must be present to complete the check-in process.

Parents should plan to pick up their camper on the last day of their camp following the demonstration concert. **Campers will only be released to their designated adult.** The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. for Elementary and High School Camps and 7:00 p.m. for Intermediate Camp.

For liability reasons, **any camper leaving camp will not be permitted to return.** Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments, sporting events, or other obligations.

For insurance and safety reasons, **no visitors are allowed onsite** outside of the check-in and concert times.

Birchwood Camp does not allow any pets on the premises. Please leave all animals at home when checking in your child and attending the final concert.

Special notes to High School campers:

The limited parking available is reserved for staff and teachers. Please make arrangements for transportation to and from camp. **Under no circumstances is any camper allowed to leave the camp for any reason, nor may campers receive visitors during camp.**

Phone Policy: High School Campers are allowed to have phones with them at camp as long as they agree to abide by our phone policy. Phones are only allowed to be used during appropriate times and must be put away for rehearsals, rotations, and any other time as directed by camp staff. All camper phones are collected at bedtime and securely stored. No exceptions.

Any questions regarding this policy can be directed to director@alaskastringcamps.org.

Elective Courses

High School campers get to select one elective course. The list of choices will be sent to you as soon as it becomes available. Please return your selection to us as soon as possible.

If you have a special request for a course you would like to have offered this year, please contact us at director@alaskastringcamps.org

String Camp is a wonderful opportunity to unplug and enjoy the tranquility of nature while focusing on music and forming bonds with others. For this reason as well as camper safety, mobile phones and other internet capable devices are not allowed at our Elementary and Intermediate Camps.

In the event of an emergency, camp directors can be contacted 24 hours a day at this number:

(907) 406-7002

All other inquiries should be directed to our normal camp number:

(907) 696-2267

An experienced nurse is on duty 24 hours a day at camp. All medications, prescription or otherwise, are kept and dispensed by the nurse.

We highly recommend that you review your homeowner's insurance policy for coverage for your instrument. Although problems are rare, Alaska String Camps, Inc. is not responsible for any loss or damage to any instrument. You are expected to bring your own instrument to camp.

If you do not have your own instrument and need assistance arranging to have an instrument at camp, especially cellos and basses, please contact us immediately at info@alaskastringcamps.org

Recommended Camp Supply List

Linens and Clothing:

Sleeping Bag or Blanket and Sheets
Pillow
Towels (for showers and swimming)
Extra pair of shoes
Clothing for cool, warm, and wet weather
Swim suit
Dark pants or skirt for concert
Flip Flops/Shower Shoes

Miscellaneous Supplies:

Water Bottle
Flashlight
Soap/Shampoo
Laundry Bag
Deodorant
Quiet time book
Rain Gear

Music Supplies:

Instrument
Bow
Rosin
Shoulder Rest (Violin/Viola)
Endpin Rest (Cello/Bass)
Cleaning Cloth
Folding Music Stand
Extra Strings

Make sure your name is on everything!
Our lost and found overflows every year.

Reminder: No phones or internet capable devices, except at High School Camp

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For all our volunteers: Consider coming to camp with your camper. We especially need volunteers for High School camp. Free meals! Free concerts! Free recreational facilities! Heated cabins! Hot showers! AND MORE! Be amazed as you observe your camper learn music during rehearsals. Enjoy recreational opportunities. Read a book. Enjoy kids in a non-stressful environment. We try to make camp as much fun for our volunteers as it is for our campers. We even have husband and wife teams come to camp.

Overnight Cabin Chaperones

We need both men and women for overnight chaperones. These chaperones need to be available during times when the campers are not in rehearsal. Cabin chaperones are 2 per cabin of 10-12 campers. Chaperones assist campers in getting to meals and rehearsals on time, and supervise during recreational times and evenings after planned activities have ended. Optional tuition reduction is given to overnight chaperones. Please call us for more information.

Chaperones typically have 2-hour morning breaks, 3-hour afternoon breaks and 1-2 hour evening breaks. They may leave camp during breaks if necessary. There are several excellent coffee shops in Eagle River plus some wonderful small boutique/country shops.

Chaperones are welcome to nap, observe rehearsals, snack, read, hike, etc. during their break times. We rent the camp from Birchwood Methodist Camp and their policy restricts smoking (except designated areas) and alcoholic beverages on site.

We can usually accommodate camper's wishes if they prefer (or not) to be in the same cabin with a parent, and try to accommodate chaperones preferences as to co-chaperones. If you have been a chaperone in the past, we hope to see you again. If you haven't tried it, **now's the time!**

Recreation Time Supervision

Don't have several days off in a row? Adults are needed to assist with a variety of activities during recreation time. Activities may include swimming, boating, softball, volleyball, soccer, or special events. We appreciate all help, whether it is for an hour or a day.

Please print the next four pages.

These pages must be filled out and submitted to us in order for your child to attend camp.

After you've completed the forms, you can either:

**Scan and email the forms to
info@alaskastringcamps.org**

or

**Mail them to
Alaska String Camps
P.O. Box 770057
Eagle River, AK 99577**

or

**Hand deliver them to our courtesy dropbox,
compliments of
Mike's Music
12551 Old Glenn Hwy
Eagle River, Alaska**

Alaska String Camps, Inc.

Camp Information Sheet

Check camp attending: Elementary _____ Intermediate _____ High School _____

NOTE: Teaching and Chaperone Assistants should check all applicable camps.

Student's Name Home phone Parent Work phone/Cell phone

Parent's Name Home Address

Emergency Contact person Home phone Work phone/cell phone

Is there any activity in which your child should NOT participate? _____ If so, please explain:

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Has this camper ever exhibited any of the following medical conditions?

Convulsions	Yes _____	No _____
Diabetes	Yes _____	No _____
Insect stings	Yes _____	No _____
(If yes, is a sting kit necessary?)	Yes _____	No _____
Allergies	Yes _____	No _____
Food Allergies (please give details below)	Yes _____	No _____
Asthma	Yes _____	No _____
Hay Fever	Yes _____	No _____
Sleep Walking	Yes _____	No _____
Other _____		

If your child has allergies or food allergies please explain the severity _____

Does your child have any special dietary needs? _____

Has your child been under a physician's care recently? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain _____

ALASKA STRING CAMPS, INC. PARENTAL PERMISSION/MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Date: _____

We hereby give our permission for our child, _____ to attend the Alaska String Camps, Inc. **Elementary (July 12-14)** **Intermediate (July 15-18)** **High School (July 6-10)** (circle one) String Camp at Birchwood Camp, Chugiak, Alaska. It is agreed that the above named child will abide by all of the String Camp's rules and regulations. We give our permission for our child's picture and name to be used for Alaska String Camp public relations.

After camp, our child will be picked up by: _____ (name) _____ (relationship to child)

SIGNATURE PARENT/GUARDIAN

We hereby authorize the Alaska String Camps, Inc. administration to secure routine, non-surgical medical care and emergency medical or surgical treatment for our child and hereby waive on behalf of ourselves and our child, any liability of Alaska String Camps, Inc. or any of its agents, volunteer staff, employees, staff or board members, arising out of such treatment.

We agree to reimburse for any expenses incurred.

Insurance Company	Policy/ID # <i>REQUIRED</i>
Insured's Name	Relation to camper
Dated in _____ (city, state)	this _____ day of _____, 20__.
Parent/Guardian's signature	Parent/Guardian's signature

Alaska String Camp's Inc. Nurse Permission Form

Camper's Name: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Physician's Phone #: _____

****Camper's **Physician's name and phone number** is required****

******Or** the name and phone number of a **healthcare provider to contact to deliver emergency care.******

I hereby grant permission for the camp nurse to administer Advil, Tylenol and liquid Benadryl, if deemed necessary by the nurse.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Please return all forms no later than June 1st.

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Miscellaneous Information

All campers receive a camp t-shirt included in their registration fee. If you would like to order additional merchandise, please indicate below.

Item	Price	Circle Adult Size	Quantity	Total
Music Bag (canvas bag with camp logo)	\$18.00	One size	_____	_____
Extra Camp T-shirt (logo on front)	\$18.00	S M L XL	_____	_____
Hooded sweatshirts (logo on front)	\$49.00	S M L XL	_____	_____
Hooded sweatshirts with zippered fronts (logo on back)	\$55.00	M L XL	_____	_____
Add \$5.00 each for XXL, XXXL, etc. sizes		2X 3X 4X	_____	_____
Camper Name on T-shirt back camper list	\$10.00			_____
Camp Cap (logo on front)	\$18.00		_____	_____
Camp mug (logo on front)	\$15.00		_____	_____
Camp Photo Collection	\$25			_____
		TOTAL :	_____	_____

Roommate Requests

If you have friends that you think are coming to camp and you would like to stay in the same cabin, please enter their names below. We try to accommodate as many requests as possible, but can not guarantee that all requests will be met.

Requested Roommates:

A Note From the Directors

Thank you for signing up for Alaska String Camps. A lot of effort goes into making sure that your camper gets the best camp experience possible. As a non-profit organization, we rely on support from a number of sources to ensure that camp gets better every year.

Whether this is your first or twentieth year with String Camp, please consider supporting us with your time or business. There are two very easy ways you can help.

First, you can advertise your business or simply show your support with us! Every year, over 150 of our camps shirts are distributed to our campers and staff. Emblazoned across the back are ads from business and individuals. We see these shirts almost daily all over town. For information on how to purchase an ad, please see the last page of this packet or contact us at info@alaskastringcamps.org.

We are also frequently in need of volunteer chaperones. If you or a close, responsible adult are interested in a mini-vacation with some great kids, please let us know. Chaperones supervise and stay in cabins with the campers and have lots of free time to relax in our peaceful camp setting. There's no shortage of electricity or hot showers. If this sounds like fun to you, please let us know by emailing us at info@alaskastringcamps.org.

We're looking forward to meeting you (or seeing you again) this July.

Sincerely,

Michael Preskitt and Sarah Odom
Camp Directors
director@alaskastringcamps.org

Directions to Birchwood Camp

From Anchorage:

Take Glenn Highway past Eagle River
Exit on **South** Birchwood Loop
Turn left onto **South** Birchwood Loop
Continue under bridge, past Chugiak High School approximately 1 mile
Turn left at Beach Lake Road
Continue past railroad tracks and up hill
Turn left at David Blackburn Road
Continue to Birchwood Camp and watch for parking directions.

From Palmer/Wasilla:

Take Glenn Highway past Eklutna and Peter's Creek
Exit on **South** Birchwood Loop
Turn right on **South** Birchwood Loop
Continue past Chugiak High School approximately 1 mile
Turn left at Beach Lake Road
Continue past railroad tracks and up hill
Turn left at David Blackburn Road
Continue to Birchwood Camp and watch for parking directions.