



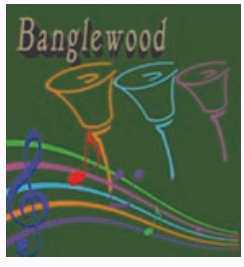
MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS DAY
CAMP

PARENT HANDBOOK



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General Information

Banglewood is a music and performing arts day camp for kids who are entering 1st – 8th grade. So much more than ‘camp,’ Banglewood features superior musical instruction from trained and professional staff with 40 years of music instruction expertise. In 15 years, we have led over 10,000 children through a performing arts day camp experience. Our school-year program, Bells After School, has a national reputation for excellence that we bring to Banglewood so every child can experience the joy of music and the performing arts.

Banglewood Campers learn music, performance skills, teamwork, focus, concentration, responsibility, commitment, the value of hard work and the satisfaction of individual achievement. Music education offers kids so much more beyond just note reading and rhythm. Music students are better students and better citizens. Music education improves math, language and critical thinking skills. We use English Handbells to teach music, so your camper will enjoy increased ambidexterity, which increases cognitive function.

There is no instrument to purchase, and no home practice required. All learning is done at camp. At the end of the summer, there is a showcase concert where they can exhibit their newly acquired skills.

Our staff is excited to meet your kids and start, or continue, with them on their musical journey. Every child -- regardless of musical experience -- can benefit from a summer at Banglewood. We are looking forward to meeting you!

If you have any questions, please call me at 540-850-3700

Neesa Hart
Programming Director



Guidelines

FACILITY: Our newly completed facility is the perfect learning environment for kids! We developed the space especially to equip young music learners. We have large, open learning spaces for group lessons and kid-friendly spaces. We ask that you, and your children, respect our facility and instruments by following staff instructions. Pick Up and Drop off will be in the front of the building. **Please enter the parking lot from Banks Ford Parkway and exit through the back via Jewett Lane.** Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to safety!

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONICS: Campers will not need, and should not bring **ANY** electronic devices. They may have a cell phone, which may only be used for calling parents/guardians under staff supervision. Any other electronic devices will be held at the administration desk until the end of the day. If your child is attending before and/or after care, they **MAY** bring electronic devices and turn them in to the administrative desk when camp begins. Please note: there is no secure area at the pool for cell phones, and we cannot be responsible for phones getting damaged, wet or stolen at the pool or on field trips. Please encourage your camper to leave the phone behind when we exit the facility.

DRESS CODE: Campers should wear comfortable, appropriate clothes. For younger children, we encourage you to leave a change of clothes with us for accidents and spills.

1. Because of certain techniques with handbells, halter-style tops are not allowed. Campers must wear shirts that cover the upper collarbone and shoulders. Tanks tops are acceptable.

2. We encourage you to either send a hoodie or light sweater for each day in the event the AC becomes cold, or leave one in your child's cubby for their daily use.

3. Closed toe shoes are required. Flip flops or open toe sandals may only be worn to the pool. Children must bring these separately and change into them before going to the pool. They must change back into closed toe shoes after returning to camp.

4. On pool and field trip days, campers must wear their provided camp t-shirt. Extra shirts are available for \$20. If a camper comes to camp on a pool day or field trip day without his/her camp t-shirt, an extra t-shirt will be issued and we will charge your account \$20.

5. On pool days, campers should arrive at camp wearing their pool attire under appropriate clothes. For pool attire, we require boys to wear trunk-style suits and girls to wear suits that cover the midriff – tankinis or one-piece suits are acceptable. Short or long wet-suit style suits are also allowed. Swim shoes are required by the facility. Children should bring their own towels, floaties, goggles, and any other pool equipment they may need. Each camper will need his/her own pool bag and a change of clothes. Campers will use changing facilities at the pool to change back into camp clothes before boarding the return buses. We recommend quick-dry suits and towels.

EMERGENCY: If an emergency happens to any camper, we'll make sure that the appropriate emergency contact is contacted as soon as possible. If you have any type of family emergency and need to pick up your camper early, please call our program director -- Neesa Hart at 540-850-3700 or our Office phone at 540-356-0104 to make arrangements.

DAILY COMMUNICATION: To keep you informed about events, pool trips and field trips, an informative email is sent out prior to each camp week. You will be automatically added to our daily text blast. If you would like to add another parent or adult to the text or email list, please notify us.

DAILY PICKUP AND DROPOFF AND CAMP SCHEDULE: Camp begins promptly at 830 and ends at 430. Campers are expected to be on time and ready to learn each day. If you need before and after care, we have providers who can assist you with that. Please be timely. We require that campers be dropped off between 815 and 830 and picked up between 430 and 445. When campers are picked up after 445, charges may incur. Students who miss any, or part, of the camp day do not have the opportunity to learn! Please make every effort to limit early pickups and late drop offs. We understand that appointments, family plans and other things may, occasionally, interfere with camp -- but do your best to make sure your campers is present each day.

FIELD TRIPS AND POOL DAYS: Weather permitting, we will go to the pool every Wednesday. If inclement weather prohibits pool safety, we will go to the movie theater for G-rated, family friendly movies, or the bowling alley. There is no increased cost for these activities. Each Friday (except the final week), we will take a music and arts-friendly Field Trip. You will receive a list of all field trips before the first week of camp and weekly reminders in our email and text blasts. **ALL** campers will attend **all** events. Your child may come to the pool and not get in the water if he/she wishes. We have staff who can sit with them for reading, card games or other activities. **ALL** campers will also attend Field Trips. If you want your child to miss a certain Field Trip, please do not send them to camp that day. We use professional bus service to take kids to and from the pool and field trips. On Field Trip days, please send a bagged lunch. We do not offer hot lunches on Field Trip days. Children will eat lunch at the pool and at the Field Trip site. If you arrive at camp **AFTER** the buses have departed on these days, you will be responsible for providing your child's transportation to the pool or the field trip location.

LUNCH, SNACKS, WATER: Generic snacks are provided. If special allergen-free snacks are needed, please consider sending your own. Each camper must provide his/her own lunch daily. You should send a ready-to-eat lunch that does not need refrigeration or a microwave to store/prepare/consume, or, we provide a hot lunch option for \$7/day when reserved in advance. On Field Trip days, students must bring a packed lunch unless we give notice that lunch is provided. Same-day hot lunch reservations can be made for a cost of \$7.50 paid by cash or CC the morning of. We have water bottle filling stations available and encourage all campers to bring refillable non-breakable water bottles.

Rates, Invoices and Payments

COST:

To secure a spot for your child, a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required. The deposit will be applied to your child's bill for the last week of camp. Your weekly payment is due **BEFORE** Monday morning for each week of camp. Your child cannot be dropped off at camp until you have paid for that week in advance. You can either leave a credit card on file – it will be charged Sunday night before the week -- or you can click to pay on the invoice you will receive weekly. We also accept Venmo, Paypal and Zelle.

RATES:

For campers who register for 8 or 9 weeks -- the rate is \$165/week. We do not offer multi-child discounts on the "all weeks" rate as it is already steeply discounted from our regular fee. The Week of July 4th is \$130 because we are closed on the July 4th holiday. We are open on Juneteenth.

For campers who register for 7 or fewer weeks, the rate is \$240 for the first camper, \$200 for the second camper and \$165 for all additional campers.

Camp t-shirt, swim fees, field trips, snacks and all supplies are included in the registration fee. There are no additional costs or fees.

Before Care -- 6 am - 8:00 am is available for \$20 per week when reserved in advance.

After Care -- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm is available for \$20 per week.

Before and After Care reserved together are \$35 per week.

Drop in Before Care is \$10 day. Late pick up (unreserved After Care) is \$10 per day.

Extra camp t-shirts are \$20 each

Hot lunch (*when reserved in advance*) is \$7 per day -- Hot lunch Monday - Thursday (there are no hot lunches on field trip days) is \$28. Same day hot lunch order is \$7.50 per day and must be reserved when you drop your child off at camp.

There are no refunds or discounts for missed, or partial days. And there are no refunds for missed pool or field trip days.



What's in a Day?

At Banglewood, we engage kids minds and bodies for an immersive, inclusive and engaging learning environment. Our schedule is:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm -- all day at our Rehearsal Studio at 106 Banks Ford Parkway. A detailed schedule is available on our website at www.banglewood.com

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 am - 10:30 am -- activities at 106 Banks Ford Parkway.

10:30 am -- depart for Curtis Lake pool or alternative rainy-day activity.

3 PM -- return from pool. Special concerts and other learning activities at 106 Banks Ford Parkway.

FRIDAY:

Field Trip Day -- depending on our Field Trip location, departure and return times will vary.

Lunch is daily at noon. If you wish to pick your child up for lunch, please arrive promptly at noon. For security and safety reasons, we do not allow family to join campers for lunch. You are free, however, to pick your child up for lunch any day you wish. Please return by 12:30.

FIELD TRIPS: You will receive a complete list of Field Trips before camp begins. Should you wish to attend any of our Field Trips with your child, you are welcome to do so, but you will need to arrange transportation for yourself and your campers. We do not have room on our buses for family members to ride. If you want OTHER campers to ride with you and your child, please provide written notice and permission from parents 1 week in advance. You will also need to notify us at least 3 weeks before any Field Trip you wish to attend. Many of our Field Trips require tickets, and we will let you know how to purchase them.

SPECIAL EVENTS: If your child's birthday, or other special event, falls during the camp schedule, please notify us so we can help you celebrate! If you wish to provide something for campers to celebrate your child's special day, please ask us for the required number, and provide treat bags of small gifts. We do not allow food for allergy reasons.

FINAL SHOWCASE CONCERT: On August 2, we will have a showcase concert for the Banglewood Campers to show off all they have accomplished and learned in their weeks of camp. The Concert will begin at 2:30 PM. Each camper will receive 4 complimentary tickets to the concert for family and friends. If you need more, please inquire. Not all campers will need 4 and some may be turned back in .

Due to the cumulative nature of our curriculum, campers need to stay at camp all day, each day. Occasional missed afternoons or mornings are acceptable, but should not exceed three total missed sessions for the summer. We encourage you to make arrangements, as much as possible, for missed days to take place on Wednesdays or Fridays when we are off campus.

SHOWCASE CONCERT: While children may attend, and can benefit from less than 6 weeks of camp, only children who attend 6 or more weeks of Banglewood will be eligible to perform in the final showcase concert. All campers are encouraged to attend the concert whether performing or not.



Code of Conduct

At Banglewood, we have 2 rules of camp.

1. Always have fun
2. Always try.

You might be thinking -- “there MUST be more than 2 rule!”

Not really.

We believe that kids have fun when they:

- Respect themselves and others.
- Follow rules that ensure everyone is safe and secure
- Are kind
- Take responsibility and are rewarded for being good citizens.
- Respect other people’s property and boundaries
- Engage with fellow campers and staff to promote a positive learning environment.
- Learn, progress and succeed at their own pace.
- Actively participate with their peers in the activities and events of the day.
- Follow directions from camp staff.

We also believe that kids who adhere to these guidelines feel safe in trying new things.

We will respect your child as an individual. We expect them to do the same for us, our instruments, our facility and our staff. When this goal is accomplished, everyone has fun and enjoys the learning experience.

We also find that when children are actively involved in learning, there are limited discipline problems. In the event that any correction other than a strong word is required, we will contact you immediately to discuss the problem so we can decide, together, on potential solutions. Campers are expected to respect themselves, fellow campers and staff. Behavior and safety rules must be followed at all times to ensure the well-being of our entire Banglewood family. We have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying and violence and reserve the right to dismiss campers from Banglewood without notice. In the event your child is dismissed from camp, refunds for the week will not be given and deposit will be forfeited.



Security

The security of the campers and staff is of utmost importance!

We have a check in/check out system, fire monitoring, and security devices. We also have an emergency evacuation and shelter-in-place plan. All staff members are trained in basic first-aid.

For Check in and Check out, all children and families will be registered in our computerized data system.. Only persons registered in the database will be permitted to check children in and out from camp. Anyone picking up a camper will be asked to show a license or photo id to verify identity. You may add or delete people from your pickup list at any time, but if you call us the day of camp to add a pickup person, you will be asked to provide your security pin number. This number will be assigned prior to your first day of camp and must be used anytime you are communicating with us via phone, text or email for updates or changes to your camper's schedule or information.

All of our classrooms feature view windows that are visible from the main corridors and there are NO private lessons. All activities and music lessons are conducted in a group setting.

On Pool Days, our staff will apply ONLY spray-on sunscreen to campers. It is HIGHLY recommended. Please provide a can at the beginning of the summer for your campers, labeled with their name/s. We will let you know if it runs low.

All staff members undergo a 3-tier background check procedure and are cleared with national, state, and local registries.

We use professionally licensed and insured transportation for all trips away from campus. Booster seats are not required, but will be used on request if provided.

Please do not ask our staff to "friend" or connect with you, or your campers on any social media platforms. We do not allow this. DO feel free to like and follow Banglewood on Facebook and Instagram.

