



About

THE BLACK HILLS STRING RETREAT

Since 1990, the Black Hills String Retreat has offered young string players, entering grades 5-12, an intensive and varied program under the direction of an outstanding guest faculty in a relaxed and fun environment. String Retreat is held at the Cedar Canyon Wesleyan Camp in Rapid City. The camp has grown from a weekend workshop for 80 students to a five day camp of over 200 campers. Students are housed in camp cabins and are chaperoned by our volunteer parent staff.

String Retreat offers a wide variety of musical activities including master classes, orchestra, ensemble coaching, and technique classes, as well as a number of performing opportunities; electives include fiddle instruction, handbells, and penny whistle.



Black Hills String Retreat
PO Box 3501
Rapid City, SD 57709

Registration Questions?

You may direct inquiries regarding camp specifics to:

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Mail Registration form and deposit to:

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PO Box 3501 • Rapid City, SD 57709

Checks should be made payable to Black Hills String Retreat
Pay Online: www.bhsuzuki.org



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CHAPERONES AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are welcome and needed to make our camp a success. Adults may volunteer for a variety of tasks, including chaperoning, providing, working at registration, making sno-cones and popcorn for snacks, and evening transportation. Please let us know on the registration form if you would like to volunteer - someone will call you in the weeks before camp begins.

If you would like to serve as a String Retreat chaperone, email charlieviola@rushmore.com. Give your full name, address, and phone number. An application will be mailed to you. The chaperone application should be returned as soon as possible, but must be returned by registration deadline, so we may assemble our chaperone staff.

ATTIRE

Campers should bring comfortable clothes and shoes for daily activities. Most classes are held in air conditioned rooms. Some student housing is also air conditioned. Concert attire for the final day is jeans or shorts and the camp t-shirt, which you will receive at registration.

HOUSING AND MEALS

Students are housed in camp cabins, many of which have been recently renovated or updated. Three meals are provided each day in the dining hall. If a camper has special dietary needs, this can be handled by the kitchen staff or you may bring food to store in the main kitchen. Campers may bring snack foods, which must be adequately wrapped and stored in their cabins, but remember that there will be plenty of snacks provided.

CAMP FEE PAYMENT

The camp deposit and fees may be paid in cash, or by check payable to “Black Hills String Retreat”, or you may pay the deposit, all or a portion of your child’s camp fees by credit card through PayPal online. For more information and to access PayPal bill pay, log on to www.bhsuzuki.org. You do not need a PayPal account to use this service. Please make note of your PayPal deposit on your camp registrations application. Downloadable brochures, applications and scholarship applications are also available at our website.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need financial assistance to attend camp email charlieviola@rushmore.com. Give your full name, address and phone number to receive a scholarship .pdf by email. You can also download the application from www.bhsuzuki.org. You must return the

scholarship application along with your completed camp registration form. Please include the deposit, unless you have stated extenuating circumstances. Schools, churches and arts organizations have offered scholarships in past years. These scholarships may be used in conjunction with ours.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please help deserving students to attend String Retreat. Each year we have awarded full and partial scholarships to over a dozen campers through the generosity of Haggerty’s Musicworks, the Black Hills Symphony League and people like you. Through your gift, we can provide assistance to even more students. Please consider sponsoring a camper in full or making a contribution in any amount.

Classes

Orchestra for grades 4-12
Technique Classes/Sectionals for grades 4-12
All-State Orchestra Classes for grades 9-12
Ensemble Coaching for grades 7-12

All intermezzo and chamber students are assigned to an ensemble, or may register with an existing ensemble by entering all names on the application form. Please make sure all of your ensemble members will be attending String Retreat. Students who don’t sign up as an existing ensemble will be assigned to an appropriate group.

Electives for grades 4-12
Daily classes in Hand bells, Penny whistle, Garbage Can Band, Ukelele, Reading Orchestra Middle School All-State Class, and Fiddle are offered. Campers should indicate their first and second choices on the application form. Not all classes are available at every grade level.

Suzuki Group Classes for Suzuki-trained students grades 4-8
This class is open to campers who are currently studying with a Suzuki teacher and who are studying the Suzuki repertoire. All repertoire for Suzuki group classes must be memorized. Suzuki campers should indicate their current piece on the application form for placement in an appropriate group.

Master Classes for grades 4-12
This is an elective class for serious string students who study privately. Campers receive short individual lessons in a group setting daily. Students must prepare a solo piece, polished to performance level.

Concert Events & Schedule

This schedule is subject to change— please check your campers’ materials at registration for changes.

Monday, July 27, 2020
8:00–9:30am Registration at Tabernacle
8:00–10:00am Chamber Auditions
10:00am Preludium and Intermezzo
Cabin Meetings
10:30am Orchestra Rehearsals

Daily Student Recitals
11:30am Tuesday–Thursday

Faculty Recital
7:00pm Tuesday, July 28

Skit Night
7:00pm Thursday, July 30

Friday, July 31, 2020
1:00pm Suzuki Concert
2:30pm Preludium Activities
4:00pm Ensemble Concert

Three ensemble concerts will be held simultaneously. Please find the location for your child’s ensemble in the registration packet before leaving camp on Sunday.

7:00pm **Festival Orchestra Concert**

Student Recitals for grades 4-12

***NEW RECITAL POLICY: Video auditions will be required to reserve a recital spot this year. Upload your video audition to YouTube as “Unlisted,” then email your link to charlieviola@rushmore.com by July 5. You video does not have to include piano accompaniment.**

No recital requests will be filled without a video audition. Recital spots will be assigned on a first come/first served basis as video auditions are accepted.

All student recitalists must provide the piano accompaniment for their recital piece at rehearsal and performance. Don’t assume that the accompanist has your piece, even if it’s a Suzuki piece.*