



## **2025 Middle School Summer Camp Welcome Packet**

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Monroe, LA 71209**



Welcome Campers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our second ULM Middle School Band Camp. We are excited to have you with us on the campus of The University of Louisiana Monroe. To prepare yourself for this week, please carefully review the materials in this packet.

**FORMS** – Some forms are required to participate in the ULM Music Camp.

- Forms packet: (<https://tinyurl.com/ulmmusicforms>) - print and bring to registration

**WHAT TO BRING** – Please look through the checklist in this packet for a detailed checklist of what you should bring to camp.

**CAMP INFORMATION** – A detailed camp schedule is in this packet. Be physically ready and have everything that you need. If you have questions, ask them!

- Registration will be held on **Tuesday, June 10 starting at 9:00 A.M.** All campers should register at The Sound of Today Band Building.
- The entire cost of the camp is due at registration. There are no exceptions.
- Parents can drop off their child **NO EARLIER THAN 8:00 A.M.** each day. All students must be picked up no later than 5:00 P.M. each day. At 5:00 P.M., the University Police Department will be notified, and students will be available for pickup at the UPD office on campus after 5:00 P.M.
- There will be no planned activities from 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M., students can wait in the lobby or practice their instrument. **Students will be supervised by an adult at all times.**
- Lunch will be provided each day. Students should eat breakfast before arriving at camp.

Please join the *ULM Summer Music Camp* BAND app for communication before and during the summer camp. We will also use the BAND app to communicate information about ULM events after the camp - if you would like to stay in the group. Scan this QR code to join the BAND app:



Follow our social media pages (Facebook - @ulmsot & Instagram - @thesoundoftoday) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (The Sound of Today) for highlights and pictures!

We will see you on the Bayou!

Dr. Allen Parrish

Director of Athletic Bands

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318.342.1580



**2025 Sound of Today**  
Middle School Summer Camp  
June 10 - 13, 2025



**TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

\*Registration is from 9:00 am – 10:00 am in the Sound of Today Band Building.

9:00 A.M. - Check-In  
10:00 A.M. - Welcome/ Introduction (What to expect)  
10:30 A.M. - Rehearsal #1  
12:00 P.M. - Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - Recital #1 (Mason McMorris, trombone)  
1:45 P.M. - Rehearsal #2  
2:45 P.M. - Activity (Short)  
3:30 P.M. - Music Theory Lesson #1  
4:00 P.M. - Dismissed

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BAND ROOM LOBBY  
RECITAL HALL  
BAND ROOM

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025**

9:00 A.M. - Instrumental Warm-Up Sessions  
9:30 A.M. - Rehearsal #3  
10:30 A.M. - Music Theory Lesson #2  
11:00 A.M.- Recital #2 (Emily Simons, Saxophone)  
12:00 P.M. - Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - Activity  
2:30 P.M. - Rehearsal #4  
4:00 P.M. - Dismissed

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025**

9:00 A.M. - Band Warm-Up  
9:15 A.M. - Rehearsal #5  
10:15 A.M. - Music Theory Lesson #3  
11:00 A.M. - Recital #3  
12:00 P.M. - Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - Activity  
2:30 P.M. - Rehearsal #6  
4:00 P.M. - Dismissed

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**

9:00 A.M. - Rehearsal #7  
10:30 A.M. - Elective  
11:00 A.M. - Masterclass  
12:00 P.M. - Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - Music Theory Lesson #4  
1:30 P.M. - Rehearsal #8  
2:30 P.M. - Activity  
4:00 P.M. - Rest/ prepare for performance  
5:00 P.M. - Middle School Camp Showcase

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BAND BUILDING  
BROWN AUDITORIUM



*“Sound of Today” Building*

***Call Dr. Parrish at any time for directions if you are lost (O. 318.342.1580 - C. 850.630.7505).***

# ULM Music Camp Equipment List

- Bring only what you need.
- Be sure to mark all of your belongings with your name.

ITEM	✓
Casual clothes to wear to sessions, classes, and recreation events	
Sneakers or other comfortable footwear	
Sweater or sweatshirt (THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT)	
Hat & sunglasses	
Folder for music	
Small backpack	
Concert Band Instrument (we can provide tubas 1st come, 1st serve)	
Mouthpiece	
Instrument Specific Needs (reeds, valve oil, etc.)	

\*Percussionists should bring sticks and practice pads. Students and their parents are liable for any damage done to instruments during the duration of the camp.

You may bring snack items, but we ask that you follow these guidelines:

- Be considerate of students with allergies. Consider bringing nut-free items.
- Consider refillable water bottles.

# Camp Wellness

Many campers never need medical care while at camp. By far the most common medical complaints are minor ailments such as headaches, fatigue and stomach aches. But should a camper need medical attention while at camp, here is what you can expect.

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## Medical Treatment At Camp

The ULM Summer Music Camps does not have a nurse on staff and employees of the Summer Music Camps are not responsible for making health decisions on behalf of the campers.

Any required medical care will be given by a health professional at one of the following facilities: ULM Health Clinic or at St. Francis Urgent Care. The St. Francis Emergency Room will be utilized for all emergency situations.

If a camper does not necessarily need medical treatment, but they are not feeling well, the policy listed below applies.

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When a camper feels unwell:

We know that no one wants to go home early from camp, but it is VITAL that campers report any illness. One unwell camper can infect instructors, counselors, and fellow campers. Please understand that by attending camp, you have agreed to report any illness immediately.

**PARENTS MUST BE PREPARED TO COME TO CAMPUS TO COLLECT THEIR CAMPER IF ILLNESS OCCURS.**

In order to protect all of our campers and staff, the following will be our protocol for managing any illness that presents at camp:

- If an individual has a fever (100.2 and above), they will be immediately isolated. The camper's parents/guardians will be contacted, and they must take the camper home immediately. We can keep the camper isolated until the parent/guardian is able to travel to campus to take the camper home, however, parents must be prepared to collect the camper within 3 hours.
- If an individual feels unwell (headaches, stomach aches, sore throat) but does not have a fever the camper's parents/guardians will be contacted. Parents should pick up the student and monitor for 24-hours. If during the 24-hours symptoms do not improve, symptoms worsen, or if the camper develops a fever,, then the camper may not return to camp. If after 24-hours the camper feels better with rest, symptoms are completely gone, and there is no fever, the camper will be allowed to return to normal camp activities.

If a camper must be sent home due to health concerns, there are no refunds.

## Other Medical Concerns

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### Medications Administered by Camp Staff

If a camper will be bringing medication (prescription or non-prescription) that you want to be administered by camp staff, they will turn it over to the counselors at camp check-in. Medications will be held in the camp office and the camper will come to the camp office at the appropriate time to take the medication. Medications shall be dispensed according to written directions on the label. A log is kept in the camper's record of each dose. Though the camp staff is not responsible for ensuring that campers take their daily or routine medications, campers that do not come to take their medications may be pulled from class so that they can take them. The ULM Summer Music Camp also reserves the right to have medication administered by the ULM Health Center if necessary or to contact parents if the camper is not taking the medication as directed.

Please note that the camp does not have a supply of common medications to give to campers. Any as-needed medications that you do not supply can only be accessed by the camper by going for treatment at the ULM Health Center or another local care facility and then supplied by medical personnel in collaboration with you.

It is the parent's responsibility to:

- Provide medications in their original container. Prescription medications must have a label stating the name of the physician, child's name, name of the medication and the medication directions. Non-prescription medications must be in their original packaging.
- Provide exact dosing information on a sheet to be signed by a parent (required) or the physician (preferred).
- Provide updates and/or changes to medication usage and/or dosage.
- Provide ample medication at the start of camp.
- Ensure that the medications are actually given to the counselor on the first day of camp.

We suggest that parents pack medications in a large, Ziplock bag marked with the camper's name on the outside and place a copy of the sheet of dosing instructions inside the bag.

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### Administered by Camper

If you prefer that your camper be able to administer his/her own medications (either prescription or non-prescription) you can note this on the Medical Release Form. This statement requests that the camper be permitted to keep his/her medications on their person rather than turning the medications over to camp staff for administration. You will also acknowledge that your child will be solely responsible for these medications and for taking them as directed and that *it is not* permissible for your child to provide medications to another camper(s) and that doing so may result in dismissal from camp.

**Please note that the camp does not have a supply of common medications to give to campers. Any medications beyond what you send with the camper may only be accessed by going for treatment at the ULM Health Center or another local care facility and then supplied by medical personnel in collaboration with you.**

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#### Insurance

**ULM requires that all students provide proof of medical insurance (or Military ID) in order to participate in the camp. If your family does not have medical insurance, please write “N/A” on the Student Information Form and review the medical release form which states that all medical costs which may be incurred at camp will be the family's responsibility. Please contact us at 318.342.1580 if you have any questions.**



## **Camp Staff Contact Information**

Dr. Allen Parrish, Director of Athletic Bands, Camp Director | [Parrish@ulm.edu](mailto:Parrish@ulm.edu)

Dr. Nicholas Bratcher, Director of the School of Visual and Performing Arts | [Bratcher@ulm.edu](mailto:Bratcher@ulm.edu)

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Mrs. Carolyn Bruce, Administrative Assistant for the School of VAPA | [Cbruce@ulm.edu](mailto:Cbruce@ulm.edu)

Ms. Alli Luoma, Camp Flute Instructor

Dr. Scot Humes, Professor of Music, Camp Clarinet Instructor

Ms. Emily Simons, Camp Saxophone Instructor

Mrs. Hannah Tripp, Camp Horn Instructor

Dr. Eric Siereveld, Assistant Professor of Music, Camp Trumpet Instructor

Dr. Adam Johnson, Associate Professor of Music, Camp Trombone, Euphonium, and Theory Instructor

Mr. Taylor Hunter, Camp Tuba Instructor

Ms. Lauren Grant, Camp Activity Coordinator

Mr. Mason McMorris, Camp Meal Organizer

\*There should not be a need to contact the clinicians prior to camp, you may reach out to Dr. Parrish if you have questions for our clinicians.