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**Camper and Parent
Information Packet**

Dear Camper:

In a matter of weeks, you will arrive at New England Music Camp to begin a safe, enriching and life-changing experience. We have created this packet to help you pack and prepare for NEMC. This packet includes our camp policies, what to pack, your covid-19 symptom tracking form and much more!

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU AND YOUR PARENTS PRINT AND READ THIS INFORMATION PACKET TOGETHER.

AFTER you have read this packet please proceed to your registration account and scroll over the progress bar to the right of each child's name. These forms must be completed for each registered child:

- Travel Form
- Health Form (medical exam form can be downloaded and uploaded here)
- Covid-19 Waiver
- Camper/Parent Permissions and Policy Agreements Form

Please note: There is not Permission to Leave Form this year with the new "bubble" protocols. If your camper needs to leave camp for any reason during the session, that must be cleared through the Camp Directors.

These forms should be completed and your medical exam form uploaded by **June 1st** for CORE/Full Session Campers and **June 21st** for Intensive/Prelude Campers.

We look forward to having you with us this summer, and we sincerely hope that this packet will aid your preparation for camp. We recommend that you keep this packet and refer to it often! If you have any questions or problems, please contact one of the Camp Directors.

Sincerely,

Kim and Matthew Wiggin
Directors

Things to do before coming to camp

1. Have a physical examination within 12 months of the start of camp.
2. Label **all** belongings, including clothes and bedding, with indelible ink.
3. FOR CORE: Instrumentalists should prepare a piece of music for camp auditions and be prepared to sight read and play scales. No advanced preparation is required for choral auditions. Students auditioning for the Musical Theater Showcase should prepare one 32-bar musical theater piece of their choice.
4. FOR INTENSIVES: Please look out for material from your Program Coordinators. They will be sending you all pertinent information and materials to prepare.
4. The following forms will be made available in your registration account. Login to your registration account and scroll over the progress bar to the right of each child's name. These forms must be completed for each registered child:
 - Travel Form
 - Health Form & Covid-19 Waiver (medical exam form can be downloaded and uploaded here)
 - Camper/Parent Permissions and Policy Agreements Form

Auditions

All campers in the CORE Session audition on the first full day of the session. Auditions are for the purpose of placing you in the appropriate groups and ensembles. Be prepared to play something you know well, and also be prepared to sight-read and play scales. Saxophone players should prepare a classical piece. See above for Choral and Musical Theater auditions.

Please note: We are aware that many of our campers have not been able to play or sing as much as usual and may be a bit rusty upon entrance to camp! Not to worry...This is just to get you placed in the best performance group for you!

Performance

CORE Campers are permitted one solo performance for each instrument studied at camp. Group performances are part of the Intensive program and built directly into the schedule.

Housing

In fairness to all, **cabin assignments will be made strictly by chronological age. No exceptions will be made.** Effort will be made to avoid housing changes at mid-season for all full-season campers; however, some changes may be unavoidable.

Telephone

The office phone is not available for campers and staff except in an emergency. Public phones are available. We ask campers to make calls only when absolutely necessary, and to limit each call to five minutes. Please note: the camp phones will be unavailable to campers for the first week at camp to allow them to immerse themselves in the camp experience. We ask that parents not call the camp office during this time. We will contact you with any concerns during that period. Remember, no news is good news! Following the first week of camp, Junior campers (four youngest cabins) will have access to the phones on Tuesday/Thursday and senior campers (four oldest cabins) will have access on Wednesday/Friday. Phones will be open to all campers Saturday-

Monday. Campers may not make or receive calls during any class or scheduled activity or after 7:30 P.M, except in case of an emergency and then only with the authorization of a Head Counselor or Camp Directors. Cell phones are not allowed on campus for the Core or Prelude Programs. Students admitted into one of the four intensives may bring their cell phones with them as they will be needed for the program, but will only be allowed to be used in a limited capacity.

Camper Banking

Campers should not keep cash or valuables in the cabin. This summer NEMC will be using Square as our Camper Banking System. Campers may either load money onto their NEMC Cards or they may bring debit/credit cards with them. Most campers deposit approximately \$75.00 - \$100.00 per session into the NEMC Bank. Campers that load money onto their account will receive an NEMC debit card and uses it for all money transactions. Camper debit cards can be used at the Canteen, library, and office for treats, music, personal items, and any off-campus trips. Balances over \$5.00 remaining in Camper Banking are returned to campers at the end of the camp session. We will send additional information regarding camper banking later in the Spring.

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco

The possession and/or use of alcohol or drugs will result in the offending camper's **IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL** with **no refund of tuition.** Tobacco is prohibited on camp grounds and at any related camp activity. This includes all vapes, pipes, etc.

Travel to Camp

NEMC requires a Camper Travel form on file with the camp office regardless of whether you will arrive by private car, plane, or bus. The **Camper Travel Form** can be found with other important forms in your NEMC account.

Arrival at camp – Registration at the Lodge begins at **12:00 PM for CORE and 1:00 PM for the Intensives** with one-hour time slots that need to be signed up for. Each time slot has a limited number of registrants in it, so if a time slot is not available, all slots have been filled and you will need to choose another slot. We would appreciate it if only one parent accompanies their camper to camp in order to keep numbers on campus low.

Departure from camp – Campers must leave no later than **9:30 AM.**

Directions to NEMC

NEMC is located at 8 Goldenrod Lane in Sidney, Maine, 04330.

From the North:

- Take Route 95 South to exit 127 (ME-11/ME-137 toward Waterville/Oakland).
- Turn right on ME-11S/ME-137W/Kennedy Memorial Drive.
- After 0.7 miles, turn left onto Country Club Road.
- At the end, turn right onto Webb Road.
- After crossing over Middle Road, turn left onto ME-23S/Snow Pond Road.
- NEMC will be on your right after approximately 3.2 miles.

From the South:

- Take Route 95 North to exit 112B to merge onto ME-11 N/ME-27 N/ME-8 N/Civic Center Drive/New Belgrade Road toward Augusta/Belgrade.
- After 4 miles, turn right onto ME-23 N/Pond Road.
- NEMC will be on your left after approximately 7.2 miles.

NEMC Boston Chartered Bus

Arrival: Your travel arrangements should have your child arrive in Boston no later than 1:00 p.m. (*NOTE: Sunday, June 27 for Core/Full Season Campers & Monday, July 26 for Intensive/Prelude Campers*) The bus leaves Boston at 2:00 p.m. to return to NEMC. Campers may bring only an instrument and a small carry-on bag on the NEMC bus (no suitcases, trunks, or duffle bags). See shipping information below.

Departure: The bus leaves camp at 6:00 a.m. and arrives in Boston at approximately 10:00 am. (*NOTE: Monday, July 26 for Core Campers & Monday, August 9th for Intensive/Prelude Campers*) Your travel arrangements should have your child depart from Boston between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Campers may bring only an instrument and a small carry-on bag on the NEMC bus (no suitcases, trunks, or duffle bags).

Fee: \$75 each direction. Reservations made on travel form.

Luggage/Shipping

Round-trip or return shipping can be arranged online from The Mailing Center in Augusta, Maine at www.mailingctr.com or by using any independent shipping program like UPS, FedEx, or USPS. Shipped luggage must be sent prepaid **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS** in advance by UPS or motor freight. Clearly address each piece to your camper at the camp and **attach the label securely** to the luggage so that it cannot come off in transit. Items should be addressed as follows:

**CAMPER NAME
NEMC
8 Goldenrod Lane
Sidney, ME 04330.**

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Family Weekend, Weekend Concerts, & Visiting Camp

Due to regulations determined by the State of Maine, NEMC is not permitted to hold any large gatherings with people from outside the camp bubble, meaning we cannot hold our traditional parent's weekend. Should these protocols change, Parent's Weekend would be held on July 9-11 for Core Camp and August 6-8 for the Intensives. We will notify all participant's families of any changes.

Per these regulations, we are permitted to have visitors on campus for the Weekend Concerts, but those visitors must be physically separate from those in the camp bubble. If you plan to come to a weekend concert, please bring a mask with you and your own blanket or chair to sit on. There will be a partition separating the camp bubble from visitors and it is imperative that visitors do not cross that separation. There will be bathrooms and concessions set up for each group.

As noted earlier, there will be no Camper Leave or Visitation Policy this Summer as students will not be able to go off campus with anyone from outside of the camp bubble. If a student needs to leave campus, that must be approved by the Camp Directors and upon reentry, the student is subject to retesting and quarantine.

NEMC Electronics Policy

New England Music Camp offers a traditional summer camp experience in a rural setting. In keeping with those traditions and sound youth camping guidelines and practices, personal electronics are not permitted at NEMC. These include, but are not limited to: cell phones, smart phones, personal computers, tablet computers. Mobile phones necessary for travel will be collected upon arrival at camp and returned upon departure.

NOTE: NEMC campers may bring personal music listening devices, but they may NOT be smart phones or anything that can connect to WiFi. Campers will be asked to turn in their phones for the session. Please plan accordingly if you want to listen to music with a personal device. All personal property is the responsibility of the camper, and as such, campers are not encouraged to bring any belongings to camp that they cannot afford to lose.

If it connects to WiFi, it is not permitted.

Here is a list of accepted electronics:

- **Metronome**
- **iPod Nano**
- **Variety of different MP3 players**
- **Cameras or Disposable Cameras**

***Students are encouraged to bring playing cards, books, and games to camp.**

INTENSIVE STUDENTS: You may bring your cell phone with you as you will need it for the Intensive programming. Composition students may also bring their laptop computers.

NEMC Camper Social Media Policy

New England Music Camp views social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, etc.), personal Web sites, and Weblogs positively and respects the right of campers to use them as a medium of self-expression. When a person chooses to identify himself or herself as a camper of NEMC on the internet, readers may view the camper as a representative or spokesperson of the camp. Therefore, NEMC requires, as a condition of participation in the camp, that campers observe the following guidelines when referring to the camp, its programs or activities, its campers, and/or other employees, in a blog or on any social networking website.

- Campers must be respectful in all communications and blogs related to or referring to the camp, its campers, and/or other employees.
- Campers must not use blogs, websites, or social networking sites to disparage the camp, campers, or employees of the camp.
- Any photos or messages that are linked or “tagged” from “friends” and attached to your site(s) or profile(s) that are inappropriate must be removed.
- Campers must not post photos taken anywhere at camp that are inappropriate (bathrooms, shower houses, etc.).
- Campers must not use blogs, personal websites, social media messaging platforms, or social networking sites to harass, bully, or intimidate employees or campers. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to: comments that are derogatory towards race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, or disability; sexually suggestive, humiliating, or demeaning comments, and/or the sharing of personal information, without consent.
- Campers must not use blogs, personal websites, social networking sites, or any other form of online communication to discuss engaging in conduct that is prohibited by camp policies, including, but not limited to: the use of alcohol and drugs, sexual behavior, sexual harassment, inappropriate language, and bullying.
- The use of our copyrighted camp name or logo is not allowed without written permission. This includes the creation of websites, blogs, Facebook Pages, Twitter accounts, and/or any other internet properties.

Any camper found to be in violation of any portion of this Social Networking and Blogging Policy will be subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from camp, and/or appropriate legal action.

Health, Safety and Welfare

A Basic Health and Accident Insurance policy, which is to be supplemented by your insurance, will be provided by NEMC. The policy and group number of your provider **must** be listed on the health form.

We require you to have a physical examination within twelve months of your arrival at camp. This year, with the current Covid-19 situation, if this is not possible, please be in touch with NEMC staff immediately. The health form **must be uploaded to your camper account by June 1st for Core & Combo Camper and June 21st for Intensive/Prelude Campers. If the health form is not received by the start of camp, campers will not be allowed to stay on campus.**

If you have been under the care of a mental health professional within the last three years, the treating physician or clinician must send a letter to the Camp Director by the same dates above verifying your ability to be successful in the camp setting in order to facilitate your adjustment to camp. This is a mandatory requirement.

Please note: All information will be treated confidentially.

If you take prescription or over the counter medications, please properly label and bring enough for your stay at camp. All medications will be deposited in the camp health center and dispensed by the camp nurses.

VERY IMPORTANT: Hospitals and doctors will refuse to treat you without parental permission. Therefore, one of your parents **MUST** sign the authorization for treatment on the health form.

NOTE: All camper families **MUST** sign the Covid-19 Waiver and fill out the Covid-19 Symptoms Tracker for the 14 days prior to arrival.

Payment Schedule

You have agreed to terms and receive statements with your payment schedules. Please follow them, and make sure that all balances, including extra fees and transportation (if using camp-chartered bus) are paid in full. Final payments are due May 1 for Core Campers and May 15 for Combo and Intensive Students. In addition, you can add the camper banking money on the NEMC website prior to camp and skip a step in the registration line. We will send instructions to do this later in the Spring.

Please direct any questions about payment to Cathy Kennard at 207-465-3025 ext 210, or cathy.kennard@snowpond.org

What to Bring

Label everything indelibly! The camp is not responsible for lost or missing items. **Clothes and other belongings left behind at the end of camp cannot be sent to you.** The detailed packing checklist provided in this packet is intended to help you pack and collect your belongings before you leave camp.

Personal Property:

Cell phones, tablets, and personal computers are not permitted during camp (unless otherwise noted for Intensive Campers). If you travel with a cell phone, you will be asked to turn it in upon your arrival at camp. Personal sports equipment is permitted for the sports we offer, but it is the responsibility of the camper. All personal archery equipment will be stored with similar camp equipment. All other personal belongings are the responsibility of the camper, and are brought to camp at your own risk. We do not lock our cabins during the regular camp operation.

Musical Supplies:

- **All campers** – **FOLDABLE MUSIC STAND**, current method books and solos, metronome, tuner, pencils
- **String players** – mutes, extra strings
- **Brass players** – straight mutes (cup and Harmon mutes if you intend to be in Jazz groups), bell covers, instrumental masks
- **Reed players** – extra reeds (Vandoren single reeds recommended), bell covers, instrumental masks
- **Percussionists** – one pair of concert drumsticks (Firth SDI or comparable), one pair of general timpani mallets (Firth Staccato or comparable), at least one pair of keyboard mallets

Miscellaneous:

Check the attached calendar of events. As you pack for camp, please consider the "special events" so that you arrive prepared. For example, you may want to "get your act together" and bring certain equipment for the talent show, drama presentations, carnival, and square dance. We will also be hosting a "School Spirit" day each session. Bring items of clothing from your current school to show your school pride!

CLOTHING/ATTIRE:

Laundry is sent weekly, and returned the following day. All campers will have dresser drawers and closet space to properly store clothes.

Daily Dress:

- Appropriate informal daily attire can include sneakers, jeans, shorts, T-shirts, etc.
- Jacket, sweaters, sweat shirts for cool evenings
- Swimsuits – *all* campers are required to take a swim test
- Rain gear: waterproof shoes or boots, waterproof jacket, umbrella (activities continue regardless of the weather)
- Facemasks – please bring at least TWO. If you play a wind player, please purchase an instrumental mask as well.

Required Performance Dress:

- Girls: black slacks (trouser style), white short- or long-sleeved blouse, black shoes or sandals (no leggings, capri pants, or t-shirt style blouses)
- Boys: white shirt, long black tie, black trousers, black socks, black dress shoes

Evening Recital Dress (3-5 times per week):

- Girls: Dresses or dressy separates (nothing strapless); nice slacks, skirts, blouses; dress shoes or non-sport sandals.
- Boys: Collared shirts, dress slacks, dressy chinos, dress shoes (dress shorts and non-sport sandals for very warm weather)

Formal/Dressy Attire (Banquet 4th week of Core)

- Girls: Formal or semi-formal dresses or slacks
- Boys: Suit or sport coat and tie

Linens

- Towels and washcloths (2 bath towels, 2 beach towels, 2 hand towels)
- 2 sets of sheets (camper beds are twin size)
- 1 pillow
- 2 heavy blankets (Night temperatures often descend into the low 50s) Campers are not allowed to use sleeping bags except as outside bed covers.
- **Sturdy** laundry bag that **closes securely** (clearly labeled on the outside with camper's name). Laundry is sent in these bags weekly to a commercial laundry.

Other Essential Items

- 2-3 Reusable Face Masks
- Foldable Music Stand (we will need these for week 1 of each session!)
- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Umbrella
- Flashlight
- Watch
- Tissues
- General Toiletries
- Hand Sanitizer

(See detailed packing checklist, found under Camp 2021 on the NEMC website, for more information)