



**Camper and Parent
Information Packet
Core & Combo Sessions**

Dear Camper:

In a matter of weeks, you will arrive at New England Music Camp to begin an 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 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

These forms should be completed and your medical exam form uploaded by **June 1st** for Core/Combo Session 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. 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 will be asking to prepare a video for submission prior to June 1st. Details will be provided on the Course Registration Worksheet from the Registrar.
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
 - Camper/Parent Permissions and Policy Agreements Form

This year we are also requiring each camper to bring **two (2) Covid rapid tests with them**. These tests will be used in the event of any presenting symptoms of Covid-related illness. If they are not used during the camper's stay, they will be returned before departure from camp. These tests are available for free from the US government at <https://www.covidtests.gov/> Please order these soon, as they may take a few weeks to be delivered.

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. Be sure to bring sheet music with you for the audition

Performance

Campers are permitted one solo performance for each instrument studied at camp.

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.

Camper Banking

Camper 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 use it for all money transactions. Camper debit cards can be used at the Canteen, library, and office for treats, music, personal items, and to withdraw money for 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.

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 Program.**

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**. All tobacco and vaping products are prohibited on camp grounds and at any related camp activity.

Travel to Camp

NEMC requires a Camper Travel form on file with the camp office regardless of whether you will arrive by 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 Camp** with one-hour time slots that need to be signed up for on the travel form. 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. Parents will not be allowed beyond the camp parking lot and camp office on opening day.

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 & Portland Chartered Bus

NEW THIS YEAR! - The NEMC Boston bus will now stop at Portland - PWM Airport! Please read below for specifics on each location! Counselors will meet your campers at each location upon arrival.

BOSTON:

Arrival: Your travel arrangements should have your child arrive in Boston no later than **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26**. The bus leaves Boston at 2:00 p.m. to return to NEMC. The bus picks campers up at both Logan Airport and Boston South Station.

Departure: The bus leaves camp at 6:00 a.m. and arrives in Boston at approximately 10:00 am on Monday, July 25 for Core Campers and Monday, August 8 for Full Campers. Your travel arrangements should have your child depart from Boston-Logan or Boston-South Station between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

PORTLAND:

Arrival: Your travel arrangements should have your child arrive at Portland - PWM Airport no later than **between 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26**. The bus leaves PWM Airport at 4:30 p.m. to return to NEMC.

Departure: The bus leaves camp at 6:00 a.m. and arrives in Portland at approximately 7:30 am on Monday, July 25 for Core Campers and Monday, August 8 for Full Campers. Your travel arrangements should have your child depart from Portland **between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm**.

Important Information:

Campers may bring one large suitcase or duffel, an instrument and a carry-on bag on the NEMC bus. If you would like to ship anything belongings, see shipping information below.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PAY YOUR CAMPERS AIRPLANE BAGGAGE FEES FOR BOTH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FLIGHTS PRIOR TO CAMP!

Fee: \$100 each direction to/from Boston and \$75 each direction to/from Portland. Reservations can be made on travel form in your online account.

FOR ANY TRAVEL QUESTIONS Please contact our Travel Coordinator, Patti O'Sullivan at: office@nemusiccamp.com. Please include "Travel Question: Your Camper's Name" in the Subject line.

Shipping Luggage

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

Family Weekend, Weekend Concerts, & Visiting Camp

Due to current guidelines, NEMC will not be allowing students to leave campus with family members throughout the camp season. The good news is, Parents CAN come to visit us on campus! Families are encouraged to visit us on the weekends for our weekly concerts and most importantly for our Family Weekend which will run July 8 - 10. Family weekend will also feature our Annual NEMC Pops Concert on July 9. Family Weekend Details and POPS Concert Ticket Information will be sent out later this spring!

If you plan to come to visit campus at any time, please bring proof of vaccination AND a negative covid test (PCR or Rapid) from within 72 hours of arrival. Unfortunately, for the safety of our entire camp family, which includes Faculty/Staff children unable to be vaccinated, we will not be able to welcome unvaccinated family members on campus this season.

As noted earlier, there will be no Camper Leave. 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
- Game Boy

*Students are encouraged to bring playing cards, books, fidgets, stationery for letters, journals, small crafts (friendship bracelets, beads, etc.), Kindle Paperwhite, MP3 players, FM radios with headphones, and other non-electronic games to camp.

NEMC Camper Social Media Policy

New England Music Camp views social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, etc.), personal Websites, 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. The health form **must be uploaded to your camper account by June 1st for Core & Combo Camper. If the health form is not received by the start of camp, campers will not be allowed to stay on campus.**

As a reminder, NEMC requires proof of vaccination, including all eligible boosters in order to attend the NEMC season. If a camper is unvaccinated due to medical and/religious reasons they must submit a vaccination waiver before June 1 along with all accompanying documentation. These waivers can be found on the NEMC Covid Protocol page on the camp website or by using the link below in the links section of this packet.

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.

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 are paid in full. Final payments are due May 1 for Core Campers and May 15 for Combo Campers. 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. Transportation and Additional lesson fees will be added to your accounts at a later date.

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. 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** – current method books and solos, metronome, tuner, pencils
- **String players** – mutes, extra strings, rosin
- **Brass players** – straight mutes (cup and Harmon mutes if you intend to be in Jazz groups)
- **Reed players** – extra reeds (Vandoren single reeds recommended)
- **Percussionists**
 - A pair of concert snare sticks
 - A pair of drum set sticks and brushes (if they want to play set)
 - A pair of xylophone/glock mallets (hard plastic)
 - A pair of yarn mallets for marimba/vibraphone
 - A pair of general timpani mallets
- **Vocalists/Musical Theatre** – bring sheet music for any pieces you are currently working on. All music should be in a three ring binder, prepared for accompanist. A detailed list for all voice students will be sent by June 1.

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, so 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, sweatshirts for cool evenings
- Swimsuits – *all* campers are required to take a swim test
- Rain gear: waterproof shoes or boots, waterproof jacket, umbrella
- Reusable/Washable Facemasks – please bring at least TWO.

Required Concert Dress for Weekend Performances:

- OPTION 1: black slacks (trouser style), white short- or long-sleeved blouse, black shoes or sandals (no leggings, capri pants, or t-shirt style blouses)
- OPTION 2: white shirt, long black tie, black trousers, black socks, black dress shoes

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

- OPTION 1: Dresses or dressy separates (nothing strapless); nice slacks, skirts, blouses; dress shoes or non-sport sandals.
- OPTION 2: 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)

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

Students are invited to use whichever of the above dress codes they feel most comfortable in.

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
- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Umbrella
- Flashlight
- Watch
- Tissues
- General Toiletries
- Hand Sanitizer

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

NEMC CAMPER PACKING CHECKLIST

CAMPER NAME: _____

- Paste this checklist to the lid of your footlocker or suitcase/duffle.
- Label all items with a laundry pen or indelible ink.
- Laundry is sent once each week and returned the next day. The first week is 9 days so plan accordingly! Intensives: you **MUST** sign up for laundry if you would like it mid-session.
- See “What to Bring” for detailed descriptions on performance and recital attire.
- While packing, please note the NEMC electronics policy and the concert/recital dress code.

	To Camp	To Home		To Camp	To Home
CASUAL/DAILY WEAR			FOOTWEAR		
T-shirts (7 regular, 7 sport)			Performance Shoes		
Shorts (5-7- regular, 5-7 sport)			Sneakers		
Jeans/long pants (2-3)			Sport Sandals		
Swimsuits (2-3)			Dress Sandals		
Underwear (14)			Rain Boots		
Socks (10 sport, 4 dress)			Dress Shoes		
Sleepwear (2 pair)					
(1-2) Sweatshirts/Sweatpants			LINENS		
Waterproof Jacket			2 Beach Towels		
Sweaters			2 Bath Towels		
(Girls) Sports Bras (2-3)			2 Hand Towels		
PERFORMANCE DRESS			2 Washcloths		
EVENING RECITAL DRESS			2 Sheet Sets		
4-5 Sets			2 Pillowcases		
FORMAL ATTIRE (banquet)			3 Blankets		
1 Set			Pillow		
TOILETRIES			ESSENTIALS		
Tissues			Reusable Face Masks (2-3)		
Toothbrush			Sunscreen		
Toothpaste, Floss			Bug Spray		
Soap			Water Bottle (2)		
Shampoo			Watch		
Shower Shoes			Flashlight		
Deodorant			Laundry Bag (2)		
Shower Robe			Umbrella		
Shower Basket			Camera		
Glasses/Contacts			Backpack		
Hand Sanitizer			Small Fan		
At-Home Covid 19 Testing Kit (2 tests)			Metronome		
			Pencils		

TESTING SUPPLIES: We are also asking that all campers bring two Covid rapid antigen tests with them to camp, as we do not have the availability of free tests from the state of Maine this year. These tests are available for free from the government and possibly through your health insurance. Please allow enough time for shipping prior to coming to camp. This is the link to order through the government program: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

MUSIC SUPPLIES: Our library carries some items and has the ability to order music and supplies but we recommend that you bring items you use regularly to camp. Mute, metronome, tuner, pencils/sharpener, binder, strings, music, cork grease, accompaniment, etc.

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, sweatshirts 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 washable/reusable.

Required Performance Dress:

- OPTION 1: black slacks (trouser style), white short- or long-sleeved blouse, black shoes or sandals (no leggings, capri pants, or t-shirt style blouses)
- OPTION 2: white shirt, long black tie, black trousers, black socks, black dress shoes

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

- OPTION 1: Dresses or dressy separates (nothing strapless); nice slacks, skirts, blouses; dress shoes or non-sport sandals.
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Students are invited to use whichever of the above dress codes they feel most comfortable in.

PLEASE NOTE: NEMC believes that students have the right to wear the clothes they feel most comfortable in, while also maintaining the dress codes set forth by the camp. The above guidelines are to be used as a baseline and guidance, however, flexibility will be made if a student feels misgendered at any point, or feels most comfortable in the other clothing options set forth in the dress code.

NEMC Core Session 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>June 26</p> <p>Opening Day! Registration, Tours</p> <p>Square Dance Cabin Orientation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9-12 Auditions</p> <p>Afternoon – Rehearsals Swim/Theory Tests</p> <p>Dual Cabin</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Classes Begin!</i></p> <p>Camper Games</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Faculty ♪ Recital</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Quad Cabin</p>	<p>July 1</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Concert 3:00 <i>(Concert Groups)</i> ♪ ♪ ♪ Counselor Recital</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Concert 3:00 <i>(Symphonic Groups)</i> ♪ ♪ ♪ Campfire</p>	<p>4</p> <p>TRIP DAY Movie & Fireworks</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Softball Game/ Optional Activities</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Faculty ♪ Recital</p>	<p>7</p> <p>All- Camp Photo Carnival</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Student ♪ Recital</p>	<p>9</p> <p>♪ ♪ ♪ POPS CONCERT 7:30 <i>(Symphonic Groups)</i> Parents</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Concert 3:00 <i>(Concert Groups)</i> ♪ ♪ ♪ DJ DANCE Weekend</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Reid State Park</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>School Spirit Day!</i></p> <p>Quad Cabin</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Faculty ♪ Recital</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Talent Show</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Student ♪ Recital</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Concert 3:00 <i>(Concert Groups)</i> ♪ ♪ ♪ BAILEN Alumni</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Concert 2:30 <i>(Symphonic & Alumni</i> <i>Groups)</i> ♪ ♪ ♪ Dual Cabin Weekend</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Olympics Movie</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Song Comp</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Student ♪ Recital</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Musical Theater Showcase</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Area Recitals (afternoon) Student Recital <i>Concerto</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Concert 3:00 <i>(Concert Groups)</i> ♪ ♪ ♪ Banquet</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Concert 3:00 <i>(Symphonic Groups)</i> ♪ ♪ ♪ Campfire Candlelight</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Changeover Depart by 9:30 AM Intensives Arrive</p>					