



**Eastern Music Camp**  
Eastern Illinois University  
600 Lincoln Ave  
Charleston, IL 61920

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May 15, 2026

Dear EMC Parents:

Thank you for your support of Eastern Music Camp! The camp directors, deans, counselors and our outstanding faculty and staff will make every effort to see that your child has a safe, enjoyable, and educational week.

If, for any reason, you should need to contact your child while they are at EMC, please feel free to call the following numbers:

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Andrews Hall Lobby Desk     | 217-581-3759 |
| Eastern Music Camp Office   | 217-581-6627 |
| EIU Music Department Office | 217-581-3010 |
| EIU Police Dispatch         | 217-581-3212 |

You will find information about check-in, the final concert schedule, check-out, and many other EMC policies and procedures in the pages that follow. Still, please feel free to contact me at the email address below if there are any other questions or concerns that I can address for you.

EMC is proud of the quality and value of our camp and we hope that you will tell your family and friends about the great experiences your camper has while they are on our campus.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Johnson, *Director*  
Eastern Music Camp  
[easternmusiccamp@eiu.edu](mailto:easternmusiccamp@eiu.edu)

# Eastern Music Camp

July 19-25, 2026

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Eastern Music Camp is held annually on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. The University is located off Route 16, which can be reached from Interstate 57 or Highway 130.

### Sunday, July 19 – Opening of EMC

#### Registration

Registration will be held in the lobby of the Doudna Fine Arts Center (1860 7<sup>th</sup> St, Charleston, IL 61920) on Sunday, July 19 between 11:00am and 2:00pm. You must start here before going to the dorm. Any outstanding camp fees may be paid at the time of registration via check or cash. To pay using a credit card during this time will involve using the online Final Payment form and showing the receipt.

#### Placement Auditions

All campers should prepare for a brief placement audition on the first day of camp (Sunday, July 19 beginning at 2:00pm). Details for each specific camp's audition requirements may be found on the EMC web page at [https://www.eiu.edu/emc/emc\\_auditions.php](https://www.eiu.edu/emc/emc_auditions.php).

#### Orientation Meeting

All campers will report to the Doudna Fine Arts Center Dvorak Concert Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday for a **mandatory** orientation meeting. Floor counselors will escort campers to/from the Orientation Meeting. Commuting campers should attend this meeting.

### Health & Safety

Students attending EMC are led by a professional staff of counselors and deans with help from a registered nurse. Our staff is trained in basic health and safety concepts, including CPR, and can take care of most minor health concerns including cuts and bruises, administration of prescription medications, common colds, homesickness, etc.

Students with chronic/serious health conditions including profound food allergies, moderate to severe autism, or mental health concerns are encouraged to attend EMC. We ask that parents who will be sending children with these types of concerns contact the Directors in advance of submitting a camp application if possible. In some cases, the Director may ask parents to fill out a Safety Plan document for their children to ensure they receive the care and attention they need while on campus. EMC maintains strict confidentiality of students' medical conditions but will notify faculty and staff as necessary to ensure your child's safety. Please note that campers with dietary restrictions should include appropriate information on the Camper Medical Information form and notify the Directors.

Campers with any type of urgent health concern will be taken to the Sarah Bush Lincoln (SBL) Walk-in Clinic in Charleston, or the SBL Hospital Emergency Room in Mattoon, depending on severity. This ensures that campers' insurance is properly billed.

### Housing & Dining

All campers will live in Andrews Hall. (Note – check in begins at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, not the dorm – see above!) Our counselors are experienced professionals who are EIU students or graduates. Campers and counselors live together, eat together, and get to know each other. Campers will be housed two per room; campers are separated on different floors by gender. Please contact the EMC Director at [easternmusiccamp@eiu.edu](mailto:easternmusiccamp@eiu.edu) with questions or concerns. Please note that there is a \$60.00 replacement cost for lost room keys. Roommate requests will be through an online form provided after the June 1 registration deadline. EMC will strive to accommodate all roommate requests if there is space availability and it is mutually agreeable between the requested roommates. Occasionally, a camper may be placed in a single room, but no more than two campers will be assigned per room.

Campers will receive breakfast, lunch and dinner in the South Quad Dining Center. Campers will have access to cereals, sandwiches, salad bar, hot entrees and sides, soft drinks and dessert. We strongly encourage all campers to eat balanced meals. As noted above, special meals are available for campers with dietary restrictions, though it is the family's responsibility to notify EMC administrators via the camper forms at least two weeks prior to camp. Campers will be given a meal wristband at registration that must be worn at all times during EMC. Please note that there is a \$5.00 replacement charge for lost meal wristbands.

## Rehearsals, Classes & Private Lessons

In general, campers attend six rehearsal or class sessions each weekday of camp (Monday – Friday). Most campers will attend two full rehearsals, two sectional rehearsals, and two elective classes each day, though there are some variations in the daily schedule per specific camp. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 4:00pm, with a break for lunch. **Band and Instrumental Jazz campers should bring a WIRE MUSIC STAND for use in classes and rehearsals.**

Campers will attend evening activities as scheduled. All campers are required to attend all classes, including evening sessions.

**Camp faculty will offer optional private lessons/coaching** at a charge of \$30/half hour. Lessons are taught by experienced instructors, many EIU's own music faculty, and are scheduled during the camper's free time. Campers will be able to schedule private lessons and pay fees for this service during registration (check or cash will be accepted). The cost is additional and is paid directly to the instructor (please do *not* make out checks to EMC or EIU).

Make sure your instrument is in good working condition. Reed players should bring at least three reeds for their instrument.

Percussionists: You should bring your stick bag containing your mallets, brushes, and sticks. At the very least, bring your own drumsticks. You do not need to bring your own snare drums or any other auxiliary instruments.

## Recreational Activities

During the late afternoon and some evenings, campers will participate in various recreational activities. EMC sponsors a dance led by a professional DJ, movies, karaoke, a swim/pizza party at the Charleston Rotary Pool, and a talent show (see next paragraph), all of which are included in camp fees.

The EMC Talent Show has become a tradition and a camper favorite. This event is held on Thursday evening and features campers, counselors and other staff, all with the opportunity to demonstrate their unique talents. Much of the entertainment is light and humorous, but campers whose talent is singing, dancing or playing an instrument are invited to share it with us. All acts must be appropriate and non-offensive; participants are determined by members of our counseling staff. Recorded sound playback is available.

Students will also have access to individual practice time during the lunch hour and prior to evening activities.

## Check-Out and Final Concerts

All campers must check-out of Andrews Hall by **12:00pm on Saturday, July 25**, before their own final concert. Check-out will begin at 10:00am. Luggage may be kept in rooms until 12:00pm.

The final camp concerts are scheduled for Saturday, July 25 at the Doudna Fine Arts Center at EIU. The concerts are free. The final concerts are scheduled for the following times:

|                                       |                 |                            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Musical Theatre</b>                | <b>11:30 am</b> | <b>Theatre</b>             |
| <b>Choir</b>                          | <b>12:00 pm</b> | <b>Dvorak Concert Hall</b> |
| <b>Piano</b>                          | <b>12:30 pm</b> | <b>Recital Hall</b>        |
| <b>Instrumental Jazz</b>              | <b>1:00 pm</b>  | <b>Theatre</b>             |
| <b>Symphonic Band</b>                 | <b>2:00 pm</b>  | <b>Dvorak Concert Hall</b> |
| <b>Concert Band and Wind Symphony</b> | <b>2:30 pm</b>  | <b>Dvorak Concert Hall</b> |

### Concert Dress

For band, choir and jazz: Dark pants or skirts, white tops, ties optional. Musical Theatre: TBA – you will receive an email from Larry Cox, Jr., the camp coordinator. Piano: dressy clothes of your choice.

## **Miscellaneous**

### Money

Campers will only need money for personal expenditures as room and board are provided within the camp fee. If your camper will be using DoorDash or other delivery apps for snacks, please talk with them ahead of time about how you expect this to be used.

### Cell Phones

Cell phones are allowed but **must be turned off** during all class and rehearsal times, all performances (recitals, talent shows, concerts), as well as at all floor meetings. Please encourage the campers to ask the adults with them on campus for assistance, rather than having you do it for them.

### EMC T-shirts

T-shirts are included in the camp fee. Campers will pick up the size t-shirt they ordered during registration. Campers need to wear these t-shirts on camp photo day.

### Photos

Photos will not be available in hard copy, but parents will have access to high resolution group photos, which can be downloaded and printed if desired.

### Recordings

We are sorry that EMC is unable to offer recordings of the final concerts due to copyright restrictions.

## **In the Event of an Emergency**

For general questions and concerns throughout the week, call 217-581-6627 or email [easternmusiccamp@eiu.edu](mailto:easternmusiccamp@eiu.edu). Please encourage campers to ask the adults with them on campus for assistance, rather than having you, the parent or guardian, do it for them. The following phone numbers should be used only in case of emergencies:

Andrews (Residence Hall) Front Desk: 217-581-3759 (EMC staff available 8:00am – midnight)

EIU Campus Police: 217-581-3212

Department of Music: 217-581-3010

Please leave a message and we will call you back or start with an email and we'll give you a call.

## **What to Bring**

In general, the Doudna Fine Arts Center tends to be a little chilly in the summer. Bring layers and plan to wear shirts that keep your shoulders warm.

| <b>Concert Attire</b>                                                                                      | <b>General</b>                                                    | <b>All Linens, including:</b>   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Black or Dark Blue Pants, White Shirt, Ties optional                                                       | Instrument/reeds                                                  | Bed Linens for Twin XL Mattress |
|                                                                                                            | Percussionists – sticks and mallets (see rehearsal section above) | Lightweight Blanket             |
| Musical Theatre: TBA, will hear from the camp coordinator directly.<br>Piano: dress clothes of your choice | Wire Music Stand                                                  | Pillow                          |
|                                                                                                            | Sports Clothes                                                    | Wash Cloths & Towels            |
|                                                                                                            | Jeans & Slacks                                                    | Toiletries, Shower Shoes        |
|                                                                                                            | Shorts & Shirts                                                   | Wire Clothes Hangars            |
|                                                                                                            | Sweater/Jacket                                                    | Alarm Clock                     |
|                                                                                                            | Swimsuit                                                          | Notebook & Pencils              |
|                                                                                                            |                                                                   | Rainwear/Umbrella               |

# Eastern Music Camp

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

*We know that you will have a fun and educational week while you are on campus at Eastern Illinois University. Your EMC staff is charged with the safety and comfort of every camper and staff member, so we expect campers to adhere to the following rules of conduct:*

1. Permission to visit such places as the MLK Union is not necessary. All off campus events will be arranged and escorted by counselors.
2. Campers **are not allowed** to be in automobiles during camp.
3. Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products **are not** permitted. This includes vaping.
4. Attendance is **mandatory** at all educational functions such as, but not limited to, rehearsals, sectionals, classes, concerts, and recitals. Failure to attend an educational function without proper authorization from the instructor or counseling staff is grounds for dismissal from camp.
5. Hours: **All campers must be in the residence hall by 10:00 p.m.** For security reasons, once the outside doors are locked, a camper will be unable to gain entrance. After the evening activities but before 10:00, all campers must remain in the dormitory or South Quad area.
6. Quiet hours will be observed after 11:00 p.m.
7. No camper will be allowed to leave their floor after 10:30 p.m.
8. Campers are not allowed on floors of differing genders.
9. Campers are responsible and will be held liable for any damage done to the university and private property.
10. **Dorm Keys:** Campers will be responsible for a **\$60** replacement charge for lost, stolen or damaged keys.
11. **Meal Wristbands:** If wristbands come off or break, they can be replaced as long as the broken wristband is returned. Campers will not be charged for broken wristbands. Campers will be charged a **\$5** replacement fee for lost wristbands.
12. **Name Badges:** Must be worn at all times. Campers will be charged a **\$1** replacement fee for lost, stolen, or damaged name badges.
13. Firearms, weapons, and fireworks of any type are **prohibited** by law.
14. Campers are expected to refrain from using profanity, excessively rowdy behavior, and disobedience to EMC staff instructions. No climbing trees or concrete walls. **In addition, bullying of any type will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from camp.**
15. All faculty and staff members of Eastern Music Camp have the authority to enforce these rules.
16. Campers are subject to the [Eastern Illinois University Student Conduct Code](#), Section 1, Standards of Student Conduct, and Security Jurisdiction.

**Failure to comply with the above rules and regulations** may result in expulsion from Eastern Music Camp at the sole discretion of our staff. In cases where civil or criminal law(s) are broken or obstructed, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified.

**Eastern Music Camp Final Concerts – 2026 Schedule**  
**July 25, 2026**  
**Doudna Fine Arts Center**

- 11:30 a.m. Musical Theatre – *The Theatre*
- 12:00 p.m. Choir Concert – *Dvorak Concert Hall*
- 12:30 p.m. Piano – *The Recital Hall*
- 1:00 p.m. Jazz Instrumental – *The Theatre*
- 2:00 p.m. Symphonic Band -- *Dvorak Concert Hall*
- 2:30 p.m. Concert Band and Wind Symphony – *Dvorak Concert Hall*

All concerts take place in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, on EIU's campus and are free and open to the public. The bands concert does get very full, so if you have campers in just one ensemble, please come to just that portion of the program to make room for more family members.

The address for GPS is 1860 9<sup>th</sup> St, Charleston, IL 61920.

# 2026 Eastern Music Camp

## General Daily Schedule

### Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24:

- 7:15 – 8:15 am      **BREAKFAST** at South Quad Dining
- 8:30 – 9:20am      **Master Classes/Rehearsals**
- 9:30 – 10:20am      **Master Classes/Rehearsals**
- 10:30 – 11:20am      **Class Session I**
- 11:30 – 1:00pm      **LUNCH** at South Quad Dining
- 1:00 – 1:50pm      **Class Session II**
- 2:00 – 2:50pm      **Sectionals/Rehearsals**
- 3:00 – 4:00pm      **Sectionals/Rehearsals**
- 4:00 – 5:00pm      **Counselor Sponsored Activities/  
Private Lessons**
- 5:00 – 6:15pm      **DINNER** at South Quad Dining
- 6:00 – 6:30pm      **Counselor Sponsored Activities**
- 6:30 – 8:00pm      **Evening Recitals/Performances**
- 8:00 – 10:00pm      **Special Activities**

