

LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

**13th Annual LRU Summer Youth Music
Band & Choral Camp Handbook, 2026
July 6-10, 2026
Camp Director: Dr. Kassandra Ormsby-Hutcheson**

CAMP CHECK-IN TIMES/LOCATIONS:

Overnight Campers: [At Fritz-Conrad Residence Hall](#) on Sunday **July 5**, between 7pm and 8pm. 625 7th Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Day Campers: Monday, **July 6** beginning at 8:00 a.m., Mauney Music Building, at the main entrance by the saxophone sculpture.

CAMP CONCERTS:

Small Ensemble Chamber Concert: Brass Choir, Woodwind Choir, and Percussion Ensembles. Thursday, July 9, 7:00pm, P.E. Monroe Auditorium. Families and friends are welcome to attend, as the students play for each other in these smaller groups of the full band.

Final Camp concert: Friday, July 10. in P.E. Monroe Auditorium and Grace Chapel. Camp does not conclude until after the concert, please plan on staying for the entire concert. Thank you.

3:30 Middle School Band

4:00 Choir

4:30 High School Band

Welcome to Lenoir-Rhyne University!

This document is a brief guide to some of the day-to-day workings of the camp. But first, I want to include a quick word of welcome. We are very proud to continue to host this camp. We have planned a well-balanced range of offerings that will be fun and still challenging, reinforcing established skills and talents. Our camp faculty, excellent educators with many years of distinguished teaching experience, have been designing rehearsals and classes that meet the needs of students of all capabilities and skill levels.

Camp Hours: Camp instruction will begin promptly at 9am, and end at 4:30pm.

All overnight campers engage in recreational activities Monday-Thursday from 4:30-5:15p.m. Day campers are encouraged to stay and take part, but parents are welcome to pick up their children as their schedule allows at any point after music instruction ends at 4:30p.m. We respectfully request that students arrive between 8:00 am-8:50 am, so that they can properly prepare for their first rehearsal; and that pickup occur no later than 5:30pm.

Camp Location: A map of the Lenoir-Rhyne University campus can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.lr.edu/about/campusmap>

The home of the camp is the Mauney Music Building (625 7th Ave Pl NE, Hickory, NC 28601), located at the intersection of 5th St. NE, 8th Ave. NE, and Stasavich Place (5th St. NE). There is a beautiful saxophone sculpture at our main entrance.

TUITION: Full payment of camp tuition is due on arrival on **July 5** for overnight campers and **July 6** for day campers. Full payment of fees is required before registration and camp participation. Please email Kassandra.hutcheson@lr.edu with questions or concerns.

CAMP CHECK-IN

Please arrive to the Mauney Music Building lobby on Monday by 8:30 a.m. to complete your registration and camp check-in. Campers who drive themselves to campus may park in the 'Visitor' lot beside the football stadium and directly behind the music building.

We will designate a check-in table on arrival. Relevant information will be attached to the same email as this document, but they will also be available at the camp registration desk, too, if we have not already received them via email.

Parking Drop-Off and Pick-up:

The best location for dropping off and picking up students would be on the "front" of the building, at the saxophone sculpture on the campus interior road at 6th St. NE; or, alongside the building at 8th Ave. NE. We will utilize a "sign-out" form at departure, so please see a staff person at recreation locations or the music building.

For all day/overnight parking, please park in the Chapel lots located between Grace Chapel and 8th Ave. and fill out the Vehicle Information form.

GENERAL CAMP SCHEDULE

Each day, campers should report directly to the Mauney Music Building lobby on arrival and await the opportunity to go to rehearsal locations. Classes will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Commuters may arrive as early as 8:00 a.m. Classes end at 4:30 p.m. for all campers. Commuters should be picked up between 4:30pm and 5:30 p.m. at the music building lobby or designated recreational areas.

Break times will occur at the discretion of respective instructors. Schedule subject to change.

Recreational Hour, 4:30-5:15p.m. Weather permitting, we will be utilizing the intramural field/marching band practice field, the sand volleyball court, and former Cline gym grassy field across from the music building. Students will also be able to assemble in the LLC common area for board games, card games, and other similar activities. Camp staff can check students out from any of these locations. We anticipate a rotation of available activities each day, including kickball, soccer, frisbee, volleyball, and board games/cards.

Camp Materials and Dress:

We will supply all necessary instructional materials.

Dress should follow the dress codes of your respective public schools, with the accommodation that this is a summer camp, and informal, “casual” attire is appropriate for the length of the camp, including its concerts. We will wear the camp T-shirt for the Friday finale concert and will distribute shirts that same Friday morning.

WHAT TO BRING (ALL campers should bring the following):

- Refillable water bottle or bottled water
- Personal instruments, mouthpieces, reeds, neck straps etc. (basically anything you need to play your instrument)

WHAT TO consider BRINGING:

- Comfortable, casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes
- Umbrella or raincoat
- Snack money for vending machines
- Mobile phones (should not be used during camp instructional hours).

MEALS

Registration fees for all campers include the cost of lunch, which is prepared by Aramark, Lenoir-Rhyne University’s dining service. Meals are served in the dining hall of the Cromer Center. To ensure proper service, we may be given a

specific mealtime for our group. The Cromer Center Dining Hall is an all-you-can-eat facility. Special dietary needs can be met if notified. ***Thank you in advance for making us aware of any dining concerns or allergies (either in person or via the medical form) so that we can best address your needs.***

Residential campers will also eat breakfast and lunch in the Cromer Dining Hall.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Campers must wear their name tag each day. Provided at check-in, it identifies the student as a Lenoir-Rhyne camper and campus guest.
2. Commuting campers should not leave campus during camp hours for any reason. Please contact the camp administrator (communitymusicprograms@lr.edu) regarding any extenuating circumstances to this policy for consideration.
3. Phones, including texting, should not be used during camp instructional hours. Electronic devices are to be kept put away and secure unless necessary as they can be disruptive to the camp social experience and instructional time. Encourage your students to participate with the campers around them and not with their electronic devices.
4. By enrolling in camp, parents and campers understand and agree to abide by all rules, policies, and procedures of Lenoir-Rhyne Summer Youth Music, and Lenoir-Rhyne University.

General Camp Information

- Be at every rehearsal and every class.
- Eat lunch every day in the cafeteria. You have paid for it.

Day Campers

- Be at every rehearsal and every class.
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria every day.
- Stay on campus until it is time to leave camp. Do not get into any vehicles and leave campus.
- Sign-out at the end of day:
 - Non-drivers—have your parent come to the big saxophone and sign you out on the sign out sheet (M-Th).
 - Car Drivers: Sign yourself out on the sign-out sheet when you leave (M-Th).
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 - Car drivers must register their vehicles with LRU.
 - Do not leave campus in your car/vehicle (or any other vehicle) during camp hours.
 - Sign yourself out on the sign-out sheet when you leave (M-Th).

- Day campers can visit dorms and be in common areas. No day campers in dorm rooms or in halls.
- Call/email/text if you are going to be late or absent from camp.

Overnight

- Remember to bring your own bed linens (twin XL), bath towels, etc. when you stay in the residence halls.
- Get up and eat breakfast every day in the cafeteria. You have paid for it.
- You must eat all 3 meals every day.
- If you go back to the dorm during lunch time/recreation time/dinner time, check in with the chaperone at the desk.
- Meet in the common areas. No girls in boy halls or in boy's dorm rooms. No boys in girl halls or in girl's dorm rooms.
- Car Drivers: Do not leave campus in your car/vehicle (or any other vehicle) while at camp. Park your car and let it sit until the end of camp.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All campers are expected to follow our Camper Code of Conduct that emphasizes respect for oneself, other campers, the environment, and the University.

LR photos: The LR Music Program plans on making photos of this camp as a digital diary of the event, and in future promotional materials for subsequent camps. We assert the right to use these photos as appropriate for these two purposes. Please make us aware of any objections you may have to the inclusion of your camper in photos, and we will honor your wishes.

Final Concert:

We are proud to have a concert at the end of the camp so that students can realize the culmination of their efforts and parents can share their successes.

The camp does not conclude until the completion of the concert.

LOST AND FOUND

We will maintain a Lost and Found box in the Music Building office but are not responsible for items left behind or lost during the camp.

-----Lenoir-Rhyne University General Procedures and Policies-----

Severe Weather

The Camp Director subscribes to weather alerts for timely notification of weather-related emergencies. Instruction continues during periods of weather watches, while warnings will require moving to secure locations. Outdoor activities cease at the first observed thunder or lightning in the vicinity.

Emergency Procedures on Campus

Check the fire evacuation plan of your buildings and locate fire exits upon arrival. In the event of a fire, pull the nearest fire alarm and leave the building by the nearest exit. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.** Do not re-enter a building until the fire department, police or Lenoir-Rhyne College Security tells you it is safe.

In the event of an emergency, please call Lenoir-Rhyne University Security at 828-328-7146. To call for fire, police, or ambulance emergency response: DIAL 911.

On-Campus Security

Lenoir-Rhyne University Security Services has uniformed officers patrolling campus 24 hours a day and can be reached by dialing (828) 328-7146.

By enrolling in camp, parents and campers understand and agree to abide by all rules, policies and procedures of Lenoir-Rhyne Summer Youth Music and Lenoir-Rhyne University. We are all looking forward to meeting you and spending an enjoyable week making music with you. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kassandra Hutcheson (Community Music Program Coordinator, Adjunct professor of Music)

Lenoir-Rhyne Summer Youth Music Camp
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<https://www.lr.edu/public-events/summer-youth-music-camp>

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

*Lenoir-Rhyne Security: 828-328-7146

CAMP FACULTY

Dr. Kassandra Hutcheson (Camp Administrator)

Prof. Chris Mayhew (Co Camp Administrator)

Prof. Jeana Borman (Collaborative Artist of Piano, Adjunct Piano Faculty)

Prof. Alexandria McNeely (Adjunct Professor of Voice)

Dr. Christopher Nigrelli (Co-Founder of LRSYM, Music Program Coordinator)

Dr. Ryan Luhrs (Director of Choral Activities, Associate Professor of Music)

Dr. Tyler Stark (Director of Bands)

Camp Staff:

TBD

CLINICIANS

Jennifer Beck

Jennifer Beck is a music educator and performer dedicated to helping students grow through music. She earned her B.A. in Music from Appalachian State University and now serves as Director of Bands at East Lincoln Middle School. She also works with the marching band staff at East Lincoln High School, teaches private clarinet & bass clarinet lessons and performs with the Lenoir-Rhyne Wind Symphony. At the heart of her work is a commitment to music education and student growth through every experience she leads

Myron Massey

Myron Massey is the Director of Bands at Palisades High School in Charlotte. He leads a strong, well-rounded program known for high-level concert and jazz ensembles, competitive marching arts, winter guard and percussion. Under his direction, the program has earned top ratings, championships and invitations to perform at regional events, with a consistent focus on student excellence and growth through music

Allison Keisler

Allison Keisler is the Choral and Handbell Director at Bandys High School in Catawba, North Carolina. Over 24 years, she has built award-winning choirs and helped grow a strong county-wide choral program. She also developed one of the largest youth handbell programs in the area and performs professionally with The Raleigh Ringers, bringing both experience and passion to every aspect of her work.