

ROWAN UNIVERSITY · COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Camper Handbook 2026

SummerMusicCamps | **Band · Vocal · String · Music Technology & Business**

JULY 19–23

WILSON HALL · ROWAN UNIVERSITY



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BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Keep this handbook handy throughout camp week — it covers everything from drop-off logistics to packing essentials. Questions? Reach the camp team anytime at musiccamps@rowan.edu or 856-244-1299.

THIS WEEK'S CAMPS

🎵 Band

🎻 String

🎤 Vocal

🎛️ Music Tech & Business

QUICK FACTS

CHECK-IN

Sun, July 19
8:00–9:30 AM

CHECK-OUT

Thu, July 23 after
final concert

FINAL CONCERT & SHOWCASE

Thu, July 23 Pfleeger Concert
Hall, 7pm (Band, Strings &
Vocal)
Room 113, 6:30pm (Music
Tech)

● GETTING HERE & HEADING HOME

Check-In & Check-Out

Check-In — Sunday, July 19, 2026

Commuters and Residents check in between 8:00–9:30 AM at the Holly Pointe Commons residence hall. Camp staff will be on site to direct campers to the right location and families are welcome to assist at the dorms.

PARKING

Limited parking is available on the ground floor of the **Rowan Boulevard Parking Garage** located at [200 Redmond Ave, Glassboro, NJ](#). If families intend on staying to check in your residential camper and help them into their dorm or remain on campus beyond check-in, please park on the second level of the parking garage which will require payment upon exiting. For accessibility parking contact musiccamps@rowan.edu or 856-244-1299.

› All campers (residents and commuters) will check in at the HollyPointe Commons lobby. After exiting the Rowan Blvd. Parking Garage, please walk across the street into the HollyPointe courtyard and enter via the F/G Pod entrance.

› After checking in, residents will receive their key and unpack in their dorm. Commuters will meet counselors and other campers.

› All campers receive a camp t-shirt in their requested size (Commuters at the check-in table, Residents in their rooms).

CAMPUS MAP

A downloadable, enlarged map of Holly Pointe Commons is available [here](#).

Check-Out — Thursday, July 23, 2026

Campers pack their belongings, clear any trash from their dorms and return their room key to Rowan Housing staff Thursday morning alongside camp counselors. Families are asked to meet their campers after their final concert or showcase.

WHERE YOUR BELONGINGS GO

Camp staff transport all luggage to Wilson Hall, where it is securely stored through the final performances and showcase. Once the concert concludes, campers and families may collect belongings and depart.



● DAILY LIFE AT CAMP

Camp Programming & Information

Commuters

- › On the first day of camp, Commuters report to Holly Pointe Commons to check in.
- › Monday–Wednesday, Commuters should be dropped off by **8:45 AM** and picked up at **9:00 PM** at Wilson Hall on Robinson Circle (500 Robinson Circle, Glassboro, NJ 08028). **On Thursday, Commuters should be dropped off at 10 AM at Wilson Hall.**
- › A head counselor signs all commuters in and out daily. To request a different time or location, notify a camp coordinator in advance at musiccamps@rowan.edu.
- › If someone other than the specified parent/guardian will pick up or drop off, please notify a camp coordinator beforehand.
- › Commuters receive lunch and dinner each day.

Meals

- › All meals are served in the Holly Pointe Commons dining hall — a food-court style facility with allergen-friendly stations. Let the camp team know about specific allergies or dietary needs.
- › We recommend packing a reusable water bottle; refill stations are available throughout campus.
- › Vending machines (cash & card) with snacks and bottled drinks are available in Wilson and Holly Pointe.

Residents

- › Resident campers are assigned a room in Holly Pointe Commons, equipped with a bed, desk, dresser, wardrobe/shelf, mini fridge, and microwave.
- › Campers bring their own bedding for a Twin XL mattress — see the packing list for specifics.
- › Residents receive breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday–Thursday and lunch & dinner on Sunday.
- › Lights out is **11:00 PM**; overnight counselors are on-site for anything campers need.

Supervision

- › Camper safety is our top priority — campers travel in groups with counselors, directors and coordinators at all times.
- › Attendance is taken at all rehearsals, meals, concerts and more.
- › Our team is reachable 24/7 at **856-244-1299** or musiccamps@rowan.edu.
- › Please share any special needs or accommodations with our staff as early as possible.



Packing List

There is no uniform, but we recommend dressing as you would for a day at school — and bringing layers, since buildings are air-conditioned and tend to run cool. Items marked * apply to resident campers only; items marked ** are camp-specific (see Camp-Specific Schedules & Info, pages 6–7).

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| ☐ Backpack or bag for music, water bottle and snacks | ☐ * Headphones |
| ☐ *Twin XL bedding (sheets, blanket or sleeping bag, pillow) | ☐ ** Instrument |
| ☐ *Clothing — a change of clothes ×5 (shirt, shorts/pants, socks)
Sneakers, for walking across campus | ☐ * Medications |
| ☐ Flip flops, for resident showers/dorms | ☐ *Money for vending machines & evening activities |
| ☐ ** Concert attire (black dress shoes, black pants/skirt, black dress shirt) | ☐ Pencils |
| ☐ Games (cards, frisbee, football, etc.) | ☐ Snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, pretzels) |
| | ☐ Sunscreen |
| | ☐ *Toiletries, in a carry bag for the bathroom/showers |
| | ☐ * Towels |
| | ☐ Umbrella or poncho |
| | ☐ Water bottle (reusable) |



● YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Camp-Specific Schedules & Info

Below is a sample camp schedule and highlights from throughout the week. Exact schedules are set by camp directors and include special masterclasses, faculty recitals, counselor recitals and group or individual practice time. Evening activities follow the evening concert. All activities and schedules are subject to change.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM** Breakfast
- 8:45 AM** Commuters arrive at Wilson Hall
- 9:00 AM** Warm-ups / rehearsal, sectional coaching and / or special topics session
- 1:30 PM** Lunch in campus dining hall
- 3:30 PM** Masterclass from guest artist, individual lessons and / or recording studio session
- 5:30 PM** Dinner in campus dining hall
- 6:30 PM** Evening Concert / special guest artist presentation
- 8:30 PM** Evening activities

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Sun, July 19 - Atlantic Brass Band Concert at 7:00 PM; ice cream social & team-building games at 8:00 PM.

Mon, July 20 - Singer/Songwriter Presentation: Krystal Oliver at 7 PM. Band campers head off campus for [Yogo Factory Rowan University/Glassboro](#) at 8 PM while String, Music Technology and Vocal campers enjoy games, activities & free time.

Tue, July 21 - Campus tour at 4:45-5:30 PM; DJ Music Production Presentation with DJ AKTIVE (Maurice DeLoach) at 7 PM. Vocal & string campers head off campus for Yogo Factory Rowan University/Glassboro at 8 PM while Music Technology and Band campers enjoy games & free time.

Wed, July 22 - To My Nation New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players concert featuring Rowan University Strings Faculty & Alumni at 7 PM. Music Technology campers head off campus for Yogo Factory Rowan University/Glassboro at 8 PM while Band, String, and Vocal campers enjoy games & free time.

Band Camp

- › Informal placement audition: each camper plays three scales (Concert B $\flat$, Concert F, Chromatic) for a counselor.
- › A short, low-stress audition helps Dr. Higgins assign ensemble parts; campers may also sightread a short melody.
- › Percussionists discuss preferred instruments/parts with the percussion counselor.
- › Concert attire required for the final performance: black pants/skirt/dress, black shirt, comfortable black dress shoes.

Vocal Camp

- › Vocal campers join the full camp community for weekly highlight events, evening concerts and the Thursday final showcase in Pfleeger Concert Hall.
- › Concert attire required for the final performance: black pants/skirt/dress, black shirt, comfortable black dress shoes.

String Camp

- › [Click here to view and print your music](#) — please print your part and practice all orchestra music before camp begins.
- › Seating and specific parts are determined by the end of the first day.
- › Concert attire required for the final performance: black pants/skirt/dress, black shirt, comfortable black dress shoes.

Music Technology & Business Camp

- › [Complete this brief experience form](#) to help us place each camper in the right group for differentiated instruction.
- › Over-the-ear headphones are required for all campers. Suggested models: [Sennheiser](#) or [Audio-Technica](#) (all available on Amazon).
- › Campers rotate in groups of 16 or fewer between music business, technology and recording studio labs.

New Jersey Symphony Concert Free for camp families

EVENT WEBPAGE: go.rowan.edu/njsymphony

FACEBOOK EVENT: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2228480847966532/>

PROMO CODE: Each family can use the following promo code to purchase an additional two FREE tickets to this recital: SUMMER26

*Free admission for all campers.

● THE BIG FINALE

Final Concert & Showcase

Thursday, July 23, 2026

All camp programs present a final concert or showcase Thursday evening.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Wilson 113 at **6:30 PM** - Families are welcome to attend the band, string and vocal concert following the showcase.

BAND, STRING & VOCAL CONCERTS

Pfleeger Concert Hall at **7:00 PM**

- › Enter campus from Bowe Boulevard, turn onto Stadium Drive, and park in Lot O-1. [Navigate to Lot O-1 via Google Maps.](#)
- › We'll meet you in the Pfleeger Concert Hall lobby —from Lot O-1, walk toward the building marked "Pfleeger Concert Hall," cross Campus Drive, and follow signs to the lobby.
- › Seating is first come, first served — no assigned seats or tickets. The venue is wheelchair accessible; for accommodations, contact the camp at musiccamps@rowan.edu.
- › Following the showcase and performances, guests are invited to join the Camp Team in Boyd Lobby (Wilson Hall) for light refreshments.

PLAN AHEAD

The concert hall fills up fast— arriving early allows for good seating and an easy walk in from Lot O-1.



• WHO TO REACH

Contact Information

CAMP COORDINATORS

Rachel Michel & Joseph Akinskas

Camp phone: 856-244-1299

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EMERGENCY

Rowan University Police

Non-emergency: 856-256-4922

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Our staff is available 24 hours a day to support campers and ensure they feel safe, comfortable, and at home throughout a fun-filled, music-packed week.



● FINDING YOUR WAY

Campus Maps

A downloadable, enlarged PDF of the Holly Pointe Commons map is available [here](#); an interactive map of the full Rowan University campus is available [here](#).

HOLLY POINTE COMMONS— Check-in & Residence Hall



WILSON HALL & PFLEGER CONCERT HALL — daily programming & final concerts



• THE FINE PRINT, MADE FRIENDLY

Camp Policies



Required Forms

All medications, special accommodations, allergies, and dietary needs are collected at registration. If anything changes between registration and the start of camp, please contact musiccamps@rowan.edu.



Medications & Special Accommodations

Campers must self-administer the correct dosage of their medication — knowing what it is, recognizing it, and knowing the dosage and timing. Camp staff can only provide reminders. Due to possible side effects, the first dose of any new medication must be taken 24 hours before camp begins. All medications must be in the original pharmaceutical container with prescription dosage and name clearly marked. Campers may bring no more than two weeks of medication; staff and guardians verify all medications, including Epi-Pens and inhalers, at check-in.



Health & Safety Protocols

Rowan University abides by any COVID-19 or other safety guidance recommended or required by the State of New Jersey and/or the CDC. There is currently no vaccine mandate or testing protocol in effect. If a positive case is identified, the individual immediately discontinues activities; a guardian is contacted for pickup, and the camper waits in a safe, comfortable, quarantined space until transportation arrives.



Supervision

Campers follow the camp schedule at all times and are supervised 24/7, traveling in groups with counselors, directors, and coordinators. Attendance is taken at all rehearsals, sectionals, meals, concerts, and in the dorms. Rowan University Campus Police also patrol the campus 24/7.



SUPERVISED 24/7

Counselors & coordinators
with every group, always



ALLERGY-AWARE DINING

Top-9 allergens & gluten
accommodated daily



SECURE CHECK-IN

Key cards, sign-in sheets &
verified medications



Commuters

Commuters must be transported by a legal parent/guardian or a designated adult (with written legal consent) every day of camp — commuters may not drive themselves. To request a different time or location, notify a camp coordinator by phone or email. A head counselor signs commuters in and out daily, and pickup must be by the parent/guardian named at check-in; notice is required in advance if someone else will pick up or drop off. Commuters are dropped off and picked up at the Wilson Hall lobby pickup area.



Allergies & Special Dietary Needs

Email musiccamps@rowan.edu about any serious allergies or dietary/medical needs ahead of camp. Epi-Pens must be prescribed by a doctor, labeled with the camper's first and last name and phone number, and carried with the camper at all times; campers must know how to self-administer if needed. For allergy medications, see the Medications section above. Rowan University's dining hall food managers are available during meals to assist with all medical dietary needs.



Meals

We accommodate the top nine food allergies — wheat, dairy, egg, fish, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, and soy — as well as gluten intolerance, and observe cross-contamination protocols. All foods are labeled with ingredients, and the dining service food manager is available on request at meals. We communicate camper dietary needs ahead of camp so kitchens can prepare accordingly. Two vending machines in Wilson Hall offer snacks and bottled beverages to all campers; campers are also welcome to bring their own snacks.

THANK YOU

We can't wait for an incredible week of music-making. If anything in this handbook raises a question, the camp team is one email or phone call away — see Contact Information on page 9.