



July 9, 2024

Greetings Rutgers Symphonic Wind Band Camp Musicians and families!

We are so excited to welcome you to Mason Gross School of the Arts and the 2024 Rutgers Symphonic Wind Band Camp! Please read below for important information that we hope will make the experience seamless for parents and guardians, and as fulfilling for campers, as possible.

Here's what you need to know:

Where:

[Nicholas Music Center](#), 85 George St. New Brunswick, New Jersey

Residential Campers will be staying in [Perry Hall](#).

Campus Map:

Mason Gross School of the Arts is located on the Cook/Douglass campus. See the [full-campus map](#) — there's also a link below — to locate designated visitor parking lots, Perry Hall, and Nicholas Music Center (NMC).

https://admissions.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/2022-03/OH_Map%20-%20Cook%20Douglass.pdf

Parking:

We **strongly recommend** that all parents and guardians register **each vehicle** they may be driving to and from camp. Campus parking is governed by the Rutgers University Department of Transportation Services, and *they will ticket* all unregistered vehicles. Families should register **each** vehicle they may drive to campus through the link below.

- **For parking on weekdays before 6:30pm:** <https://rudots.nupark.com/v2/portal/eventregister/141c2f70-349f-4af3-a6f4-e07b16c2b4b2#/events/registration/>
 - For weekday parking (events occurring Monday–Friday before 6:30 p.m.), patrons may park in lots 74A, 70, and the Douglass Parking deck. They should then walk to Nicholas Music Center.

Registration is valid for the entire month of July.

Camp Itinerary

The itinerary for the entire camp can be found [HERE](#). This itinerary is located, along with other important information — like suggested [packing list for residential campers](#) — at the bottom of [this page](#).

All-Camper Schedule for Sunday, July 14

10:00 am All campers Check-In – Nicholas Music Center / Meet and Greet

(Note: students can be dropped off with their instruments at the roundabout in front of NMC. Drivers must then park in one of the designated lots listed above, and then walk back to NMC.)

11:00 am Welcome Meeting for all campers and counselors – Shindell Choral Hall (same building as NMC)

11:30 am Music Assessments – Students play for staff (simple and informal evaluations)

All Woodwinds – SRH

Brass – SCH

Percussion – RHL 104

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1:00 pm Wrap Up for all campers and counselors – Shindell Choral Hall
1:30 pm Commuters Dismissed; Residents depart for move-in at Perry Hall
2 - 3:00 pm Residents Move In – Perry Hall

Residential Campers:

Arrive at Perry Hall (see campus map above) around 2pm. Campus security is aware of the move-in and will not ticket cars that are parked or idling in the Perry Hall lot or driveway. As you'll discover the driveway in and out of Perry is *narrow*. Please pull as far to the right as possible and be sure that there is ample room for other cars to pass your vehicle as they exit. RU Housing Staff will direct you to dorm rooms. Mason Gross dorm counselors will help campers get settled.

Note: Parents are asked to communicate with dorm counselors before they depart so that we know when campers are formally in our care. For the duration of the camp, no camper under the age of 18 is permitted to leave the dorm, or any camp facility, without speaking with their dorm counselor.

Please be sure to check the packing list. You must bring your own sheets and towels!

Monday, July 15 – Friday, July 19

Daily Drop-off and Pick-up for Commuters:

Check-in begins each morning at 9am at Nicholas Music Center. Parents/guardians can park and accompany their child(ren) to check-in, or simply drop them off in front of the NMC. Commuting campers must immediately sign-in at the registration desk each day.

Commuting Campers must be picked up at 4:30pm each day. Parents and guardians must sign their child out of the camp. Please park in a designated lot or pull up to NMC to sign your child out.

Parents and guardians who arrive later than the latest pick-up time should text camp director, Kevin Bott, to inform him of the situation (347-415-7691).

No commuting camper will be released from the Nicholas Music Center without an authorized pick-up signature.

Meals:

Because there are no other residential camps happening this week, the RU dining hall is not open for this camp. Meals are only provided for residential campers. **Commuters must bring their own lunches Monday thru Thursday.** (We will have a pizza party for all campers on Friday.)

Note: There are water fountains and bottle fill-up stations in NMC. Campers are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to camp.

Culture of Care and Respect:

All campers are expected to treat themselves, their fellow campers, and all materials and equipment with care and respect. Any camper who intentionally damages materials or equipment, or who engages in teasing, bullying, harassment, or discrimination of any kind toward a fellow camper will be dismissed from camp immediately.

Rutgers University has a zero-tolerance policy regarding any form of discrimination or harassment based on gender, gender-identity, race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or ability. Campers who damage materials or engage in aggressive, harassing, or discriminatory behavior, including speech, toward a fellow camper will be removed from the classroom or studio and will wait in the lobby until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up.

Medical Care:

Nurse Malachi Kimzey will be on site Sunday morning, and will then float between Douglass campus and other MGSA camps closer to College Avenue throughout the week. We ask that all parents and guardians check-in with Nurse Kimzey on Sunday so that we can be sure that we're aware of all medical and dietary needs, concerns, and restrictions.

Outstanding Payment and Health Profile:

The CampDoc portal closed on July 1. To participate in camp, campers must have no outstanding financial obligations nor incomplete Health Profiles. If you have questions about the status of your payment, please contact Jeanette Sternberg (jds431@rutgers.edu) before end of day on Thursday, 7/11. If you have questions about your camper's Health Profile, please contact Nurse Kimzey (mjk374@mgsa.rutgers.edu), also before end of day on Thursday, 7/11.

Any student who is not paid in full and/or who has an incomplete Health Profile will not be permitted to attend camp.

Contact:

The fastest way to contact interim camp director, Dr. Kevin Bott, is by text or, for true emergencies, by calling 347-415-7691. You can also email kevin.bott@rutgers.edu. However, it is unlikely that emails will be checked during camp hours. Text is best. Please be in touch with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you soon!