

Winds and Percussion Camp 2026

General Information

This document contains important information about all things Winds and Percussion Camp 2026. You can email any questions to

windspercussioncamp@capital.edu.

MONDAY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Please have the student wear a shirt representing your school on the first day. We are excited to have students here representing over 40 schools!

DAY ONE, DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:

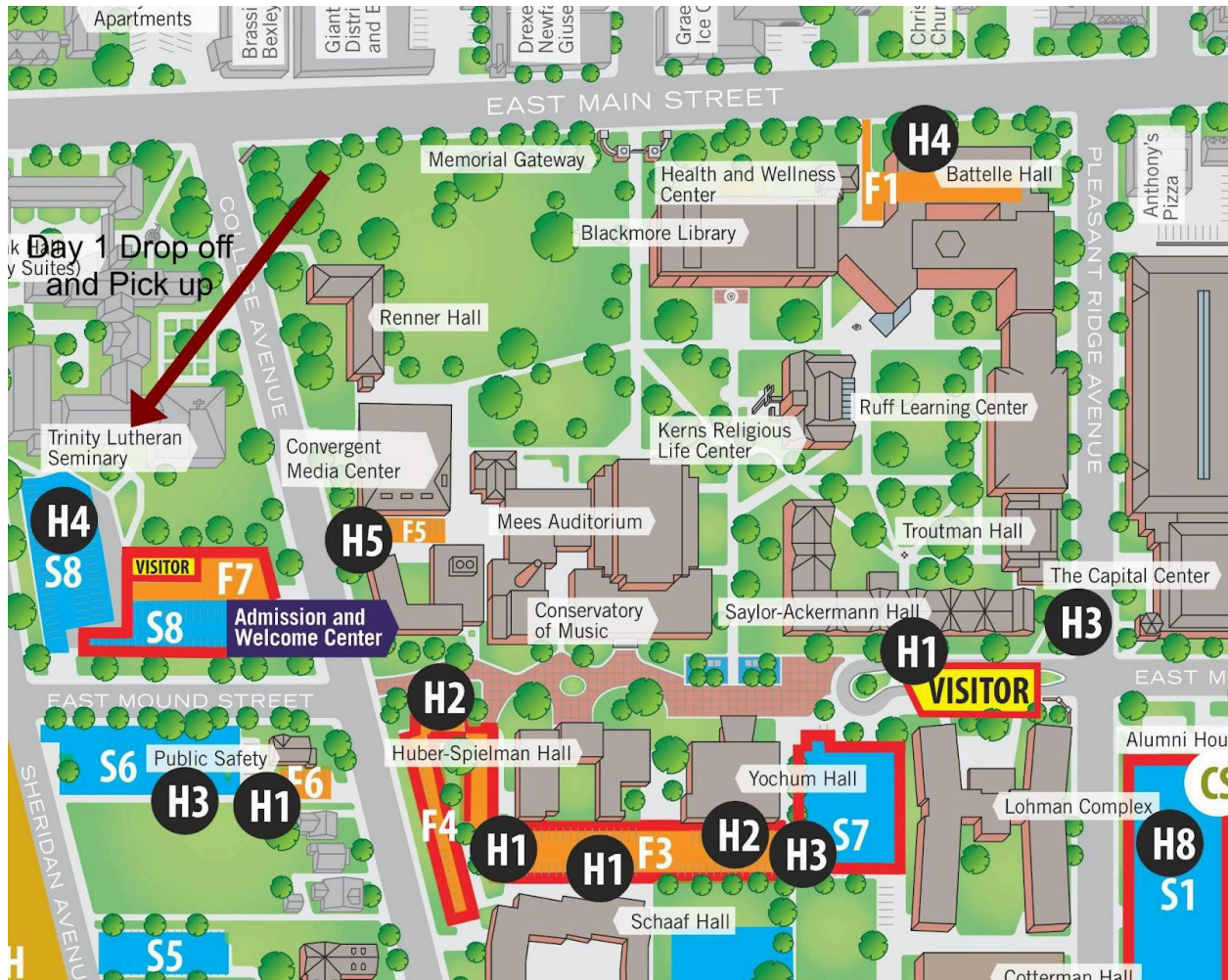
Our starting and ending location for Day 1 will be the Gloria Dei Worship Center located at 611 College Avenue, Bexley, Ohio 43209 on the Capital University campus. There is a large parking lot (S8 on the attached campus map) for easy access from College Avenue. Additional parking is also available at lot (S6). See Map Below

Students will check in to camp at the Gloria Dei Worship Center lobby. Arrival should take place between 8:30 and 9:00 AM on Monday. Please be punctual this morning and give yourself time to find where you need to be. We will have staff in the parking lot and outside of the building to assist and answer any questions.

CHECK-IN (MEDICAL AND DIETARY RESTRICTION QUESTIONS

If you indicated on your registration form that your child will be taking medications during the camp, please stop by the medical table to verify if medication is self-administered or administered by

the camp staff and show all medications with clear indications of the medicine name, the dosage, and the frequency of administration. Dietary/Allergy questions can be answered here as well.



You must complete your online audition before the first day of camp. Please visit the Other Materials Section of our webpage for materials and instructions.

<https://www.capital.edu/academics/academic-resources/summer-course/s/winds-percussion-camp/>

EQUIPMENT: Important!! Students, except percussionists, will need a folding music stand (labeled on both parts with name and address) for the sectionals and a pencil for all rehearsals.

Percussionists should bring sticks, mallets, and a pencil. Please be certain that your instrument is in good playing condition. Although the campus is safe and secure, and instruments will be locked up when there are no rehearsals, we recommend you check to ensure your instrument is properly insured. Noting your instrument's make, model, and serial number can be helpful, and an identifying nametag on the instrument case is recommended.

WATER & SNACKS: Students should bring a water bottle labeled with their first and last name. Students may also bring snacks to eat during the morning break. We ask that snacks not contain tree nuts or peanuts for the safety of our students with severe allergies. Be aware that soda pop and foods are not permitted in the practice areas, at sectionals, or during other related activities. Water is always allowed!

CLOTHING: Informal clothing is appropriate for daily activities. Please be aware that all facilities are air-conditioned, so layers may be advised. We have Spirit Apparel assigned for each day of camp. Please see the information below for specific details. Camp T-shirts should be worn on Friday during activities and the camp concert.

MEALS: Lunches are provided daily in the Harry C. Moores Student Union. Students can enjoy all-you-care-to-eat dining with diverse stations, including an allergy-free zone. The dining staff can assist anyone with food allergies.

REHEARSAL LOCATIONS

Capital Band will rehearse in Mees Hall, and White Band will have rehearsals in the Crist Room in the Conservatory of Music Building. The Purple Band will be rehearsing in the Convergent Media Center.

Parents are always invited to come early (approx. 3:00 PM) and observe the end-of-day rehearsals.

OVERALL CAMP INFORMATION

DAILY SCHEDULE: Camp activities begin promptly at **9:00 AM** and will conclude at **3:30 PM**. Friday is slightly different, see concert day information below.

1:00 PM Afternoon Concerts

In addition to daily music rehearsals, participants will attend performances and master classes with the Capital University Conservatory of Music students and faculty.

Monday-Camp Staff Recital

Tuesday-Faculty Recital

Wednesday-Faculty Masterclass

Thursday- Faculty Jazz Combo Recital

Spirit Apparel

Monday: School Spirit (*wear a shirt representing your school*)

Tuesday: Tell Us About Yourself (*wear a shirt showing something you love!*)

Wednesday: Represent Your Section

Flute- wear a green shirt

Oboe/Bassoon- wear a pink shirt

Clarinet- wear a teal shirt

Saxophone- wear an orange shirt

Trumpet- wear a yellow shirt

Horn- wear a red shirt

Trombone/Baritone/Tuba- wear a purple shirt

Percussion- wear a blue shirt

Thursday: Represent Your Band

Purple- wear a purple shirt

White- wear a white shirt

Capital- wear a gray shirt

Friday: Camp Spirit (*wear your camp shirt*)

ATTENDANCE: If a child is sick, especially with a fever (or an illness that would keep them from attending school), please keep them home. If an illness or other absence occurs, we ask that parents call Julie McMahon (614) 218-6016 to let us know if they are not attending that day's rehearsal.

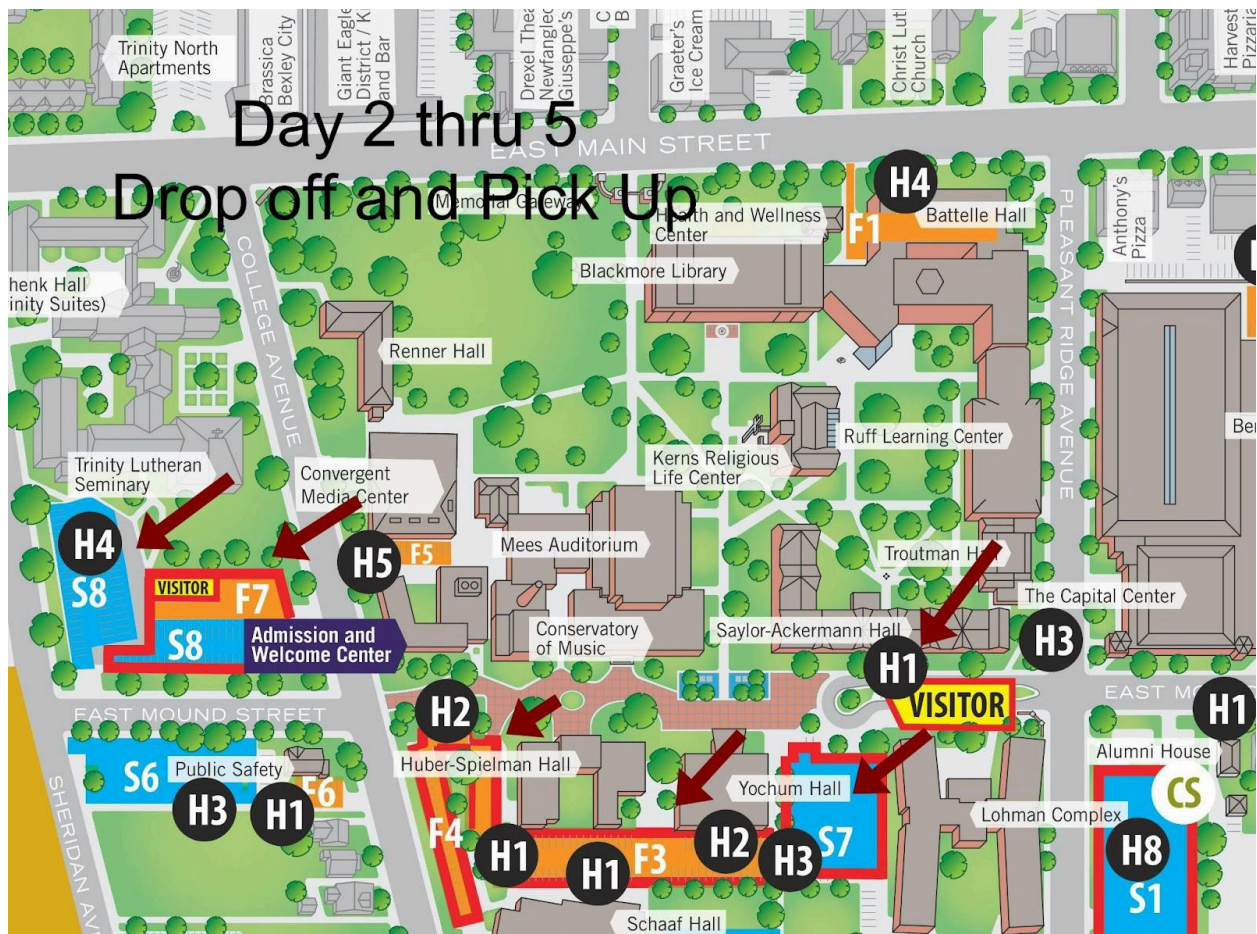
Parents should notify Julie McMahon at (614) 218-6016 if a student needs an early release. The parent must enter the rehearsal location and check out their child.

TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

After the first day, you can use the many drop-off and pick-up locations around campus. Make sure you have a plan for being picked up by your parents. Parents are always invited to come early (approx. 3:00 PM) and observe the end-of-day rehearsals.

The Mound Street Plaza is a good drop-off location (see the intersection of Mound and Pleasant Ridge, marked “Visitor”) or **H1** on the map. Students can follow West from here, past the fountains, to the glass doors of the Conservatory. All areas marked with the arrow on the map are easily accessible.



GENERAL RULES:

Students are expected to attend all activities and to wear their name badge (issued at registration) at all times during the week of camp. In addition, students must stay with their assigned groups during camp hours.

If a child is sick, especially with a fever (or an illness that would keep them from attending school), please keep them home. If an illness or other absence occurs, we ask that parents call Julie McMahon (614) 218-6016 to let us know if they are not attending that day's rehearsal.

No students are permitted to possess or use tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or unauthorized drugs.

Any damage to college property (resulting from vandalism) will be charged to the parent or legal guardian of the student(s) involved.

Students cannot leave campus during assigned activities unless a parent or legal guardian has made proper arrangements with our Camp Managers.

Violators of camp rules will be dismissed with no refund of fees, and parents will be responsible for their immediate transportation home.

EMERGENCY NUMBER: If you need to contact anyone during camp hours regarding an emergency, please call (614) 236-6411 (Conservatory) or (614) 236-6666 (Public Safety). Non-emergency questions about students should be directed to Phil Louden at (614) 560-4544 or Brian Stevens at (614) 561-2151. If your child is sick, please email windspercussioncamp@capital.edu or call Julie McMahon (614) 218-6016 to let us know.

FRIDAY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

FINAL CONCERT: Camp T-shirts should be worn during the day's activities and the camp concert on Friday. The final concert on Friday will begin at 3:00 PM in Mees Hall and should conclude around 4:30 PM. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend this special performance. Videotaping is permitted. This performance will be professionally recorded. More information will be forthcoming at a later time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Phil Louden at (614) 560-4544 or Brian Stevens (614) 561-2151. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, June 8th.

FAQ About Camp

Q: Why are there three bands?

A: The Winds and Percussion Camp takes great pride in hosting three bands. A wide variety of experience and ability levels exist among our students, and our desire to place them in situations will provide the best opportunity for musical growth. **There is one advanced band, named the "Capital Band," and two intermediate bands of equal ability ("Purple Band" and "White Band").**

Q: What are the similarities and what are the differences?

A: The care and attention each band receives will be exactly the same. Each band will be conducted/rehearsed by Ms. Davoll, Mrs. Alexis, Mrs. O'Rourke, and Dr. Cox. Each band will prepare four musical selections, each will be assigned the same number of college staff members to assist them in preparing their music, and rehearsal/sectional time will be the same for both bands. In addition, all students will experience four recitals, a masterclass, and the wonderful opportunity to meet new friends from all over central Ohio.

Our reputation is such that we attract the finest musicians from all the surrounding schools. Each band will perform and be recognized for their achievements in the final concert. The concert, while important, is simply a means of demonstrating what the students have learned during five days of instruction.

In essence, the **only** difference between the three groups will be that the Capital Band performs mostly grade 2.5/3 (upper-level middle school) literature. Our Purple and White Bands will be structured as two groups of equal ability and will perform music at a grade 1.5/2 level (middle school literature).

Q: How do auditions work?

A: A link to the audition information and music for the audition is available on the Winds and Percussion website.. A video audition needs to be completed and submitted by May 30th. Students who wish to be eligible for the Capital Band (advanced) **MUST** perform all 3 exercises. Students who prefer to audition for only the Purple/White bands can perform only the first two exercises.

PERCUSSIONISTS: *All percussion students are asked to play the keyboard and snare exercises. If a student has never played one of those instruments, please indicate that in the video.*

Please encourage students to do their best without becoming overwhelmed by the process. We want the students to be excited to join us, instead of possibly feeling like they won't belong. **EVERY STUDENT, NO MATTER THEIR CURRENT SKILL LEVEL, IS IMPORTANT, NEEDED, AND ACCEPTED!** If the camp were only for perfect musicians, none of us would be able to attend!

Q: My student is disappointed with their audition result. They are sure they should have been placed as first chair in the top band. How can I talk to them about it?

A: The best part about coming to camp is playing with other talented and motivated musicians from around Central Ohio. The average ability level at camp is probably higher than at any individual student's school. It can also be helpful to ask the following questions about the audition result:

1. Did you prepare/audition to the best of your ability?
2. Are you up to the challenge of sacrificing individual concerns to make the overall ensemble better? Everyone is important in a band!

Our goal has always been to take a dedicated group of individuals and mold them into three outstanding individual groups. We aim for students to leave camp feeling individually challenged and inspired to make significant and positive contributions to their band programs.

Thank you!

2026 Capital University Winds and Percussion Camp Staff