

## 2007 YMF/BALMAT NATIONAL ORCHESTRA CAMP STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

### CONTACT NUMBERS:

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### ARRIVAL

- Depending on your mode of transportation, you will arrive at the Black Hills State University – Thomas Hall on Sunday, July 15 or Monday, July 16.
- If you are arriving by plane, most likely you have a counselor on board. However if you are traveling unaccompanied, you will need to find your way to the baggage claim at the Rapid City Airport, where a YMF Counselor will be standing – holding a big YMF sign.
- Upon arrival at BHSU, you will check in at our YMF WELCOME TABLE (hosted by Activities Director Kimmie Fadem). You must present all signed waiver forms UNLESS you have faxed them to the YMF office previously.
- Parents may park in the Thomas Hall parking lot while dropping off their child.
- Tours of the campus will be given prior to the first orchestral rehearsal at 3 pm.

Note:

All students will gather outside Thomas Hall at 2:45 PM to begin their first orchestra rehearsal.

### **When Should Parents Leave - after dropping off a student?**

We are often asked, "When should we leave?" YMF's rehearsals are closed until the Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> rehearsal. There will be an optional Parent "Meet and Greet" at 3 pm at Thomas Hall, during the first orchestra rehearsal – so goodbyes would be best made before that time.

### CAMPUS LIFE

Life on a collegiate campus plays a central role at YMF/BALMAT NATIONAL ORCHESTRA CAMP. All activities outside of the structured orchestra program will take place at your residence, THOMAS HALL, or the YOUNG REC CENTER or STUDENT UNION. While Thomas Hall is the focal points for students' residential, recreational and social activities, the orchestral program will take place in MEIER HALL, located just down the path from the dorm.

### *STAFF*

**Music Director (LUCAS RICHMAN)** – Maestro Richman will lead the orchestra in all rehearsals and performances. He will guide the Director of Camp Life, Programs Director, and Orchestra

Manager to ensure the highest quality orchestral experience for students.

**Director of Camp Life (KRISTEN AUTRY)** - The Director of Camp Life serves as the primary campus wide administrator for all student issues. Kristin oversees all major discipline issues that might arise. Kristin is the direct supervisor for all cabin counselors and divisional staff and works to ensure smooth running of all daily activities. All parent concerns will be brought to Kristin and Eric's attention immediately.

**YMF Programs Director (ERIC ANDERSON)** – While overseeing the other programs for YMF, Eric will serve as Kristin's assistant director for the camp, as well as serve as the Lead Wind Coach and Staff Accompanist. Eric will also supervise the ongoing orchestral activities with the orchestra manager. All parent concerns will be brought to Eric and Kristen's attention immediately.

**Orchestra Manager (DANIELLE ONDARZA)** – Danielle will be in charge of supervising all orchestral activities, serving as librarian, and stage-managing the rehearsals and performances. As liaison to Maestro Richman, all student or staff concerns regarding orchestral activities should be brought to Danielle's attention.

**Activities Coordinator/Office Manager (KIMMIE FADEM)** – Kimmie is in charge of coordinating all non-orchestral activities. She will supervise the large activities including Movie Nights, Talent Show, Computer Time and BBQs, as well as coordinate arts and crafts activities during selected afternoons. She will assist the Director of Camp Life with scheduling all students for their daily non-orchestral activities.

Kimmie will also serve as Office Manager, distributing mail, schedules, and taking correspondence from parents.

**Nurse (VIRGINIA MARSHALL)** – Nurse Marshall has served as Camp Nurse for several years. All medical related issues will be directed to Nurse Marshall, who will work closely with the Director of Camp Life.

**Counselors (see attached list)** – The counselors living in Thomas Hall are there to manage the daily YMF routines, while providing a fun, safe, and healthy environment for all students. They will lead various non-orchestral activities and can serve as positive role models for the students. Counselors will be in charge of supervision of the students while on and off campus, and will report any infractions to the Director of Camp Life and YMF Programs Director.

**Counselor Liaison (JACQUELINE MARSHALL)** – Jacqueline will serve as a liaison with the Director of Camp Life and YMF Programs Director for all ongoing dormitory activities. Counselors should report any needs to the Head Counselor. Head Counselor will be able to assist on the following tasks:

- Distribute mail
- Post daily schedules/sign up sheets

- Assist coordination of groups when departing from Thomas Hall.
- Check out games and supplies
- Bring students to Camp Nurse.
- Hand out toilet paper.

**Programs Assistant (LEIGH LEHMAN)** – Leigh will be in charge of assisting Director of Camp Life, Programs Director, and Activities Coordinator.

**Coaches (see attached list)** – Each section of the orchestra is led by an individual coach. While some of these instructors do serve as counselors at Thomas Hall, during all musical activities they are the students' direct music instructor. They serve as positive role models as both musicians and educators.

#### *DINING HALL*

Students will primarily be dining at Thomas Hall. Menus will be crafted based on a healthy balanced diet, and will reflect any food allergies listed by students on their general information forms. In addition, two outdoor bbqs and a pizza party will be held during camp. Snacks and bottled water will be provided during orchestral rehearsals, and bottled water is available at Thomas Hall. Snacks may be purchased at the student union and from vending machines.

#### *LAUNDRY*

Students will gather their laundry on Saturday, and staff/parent volunteers will do the laundry at facilities on campus.

#### *DORM/CAMPUS CLEAN UP*

Each morning, all students must tidy up their dorm rooms. At the conclusion of Week 1 and 2, students will assist in cleaning their floor of Thomas Hall and the outside grounds. YMF believes in leaving BHSU in better shape than we found it.

Food and drink is allowed in the dorm room, but not allowed inside rehearsal rooms. Water is allowed inside all rehearsal rooms.

#### *TELEPHONES*

There are pay phones located on campus, and counselors can bring a student over to them if desired.

Students may bring cell phones but may not be used during the Rehearsal periods, and must be turned off once Quiet Time begins. Counselors will collect a full list of cell phone numbers in case of emergency.

#### *PHYSICAL BOUNDRIES*

**You may not leave the campus of BHSU without a parent or YMF staff member under any circumstances.**

Going anywhere on campus requires a counselor present. You may hang out outside of a building, but you may not leave that area – ie. You may hang out in front of Thomas Hall, but not leave the grounds.

## **ACTIVITIES**

After the orchestra rehearsal, students have the option of practicing, going to a computer lab, hanging out at the dorm, or participating in a number of schedule activities led by Coaches and Counselors. These activities may include: going to the Rec Center or Student Union, Arts and Crafts, T-Shirt Decorating, or organized sporting games. There are several fields directly outside Thomas Hall for students to play in.

Students will sign up for afternoon activities during the Lunch Period. They are not required to do that activity, but counselors will use these sign up sheets to account for each child.

### *PRACTICE TIME*

BHSU provides 15 practice rooms for students to use. String and Brass players may practice in Thomas Hall with a practice mute on. Students have the option of signing up for practice room time for one hour per day, and can sign up for that downstairs in Thomas Hall each morning. Students will be accompanied to Meier Hall by a counselor.

Those students selected to perform on a recital or masterclass will be provided additional practice time at Meier Hall as scheduled by Eric Anderson. Additionally, coaches may choose to bring their students to Meier Hall for more group instruction.

### *SOCIAL LIFE*

Students have plenty of opportunities to develop an active social life at YMF's camp. Friendships will evolve among the orchestra members, and through social activities. Most evenings, a special group activity will take place that all students must participate in. These activities can be found on the daily schedule. Recitals will be held throughout the camp, students are expected to show support for their performing colleagues and observe correct concert etiquette, as the South Dakota public will be invited to attend. Students must remember to show respect for the BHSU campus and community at all times, as well as towards all members of the YMF community.

### *RECREATION*

Along with a trip to a local water park, BHSU boasts one of the largest recreation centers in the Great Plains! Students may access the rec center with a counselor during designated times. Also, students will have access to sporting equipment to use outside Thomas Hall. YMF does have counselors who are certified swimming instructors for those students who wish to spend time in the pool.

### *ONLINE BLOG*

For students who wish to participate in our summer blog about camp, please see Eric Anderson. Students with laptops (or in the computer lab) may find this blog at

2007ymfcamp.blogspot.com

## **COMMUNITY STANDARDS**

YMF prides itself in the ability to provide a quality artistic experience in a short time period. We take our rules very seriously; probably more seriously than you will realize. Not only are students representing themselves when in public, but YMF as well. Since it's so easy to avoid problem areas, students who violate the most important regulations will be sent home at parent's expense without benefit of a second chance.

Additionally, all students must be able to perform the essential functions of a student. Each student must be able to:

- Live cooperatively in a dorm setting
- Treat others in the camp, BHSU, and surrounding community with respect
- Show appropriate behavior when in public
- Manage their own personal care

*And to make sure the #1 rule is always remembered:*

**You may not leave the campus of BHSU without a parent or YMF staff member under any circumstances.**

VIOLATIONS OF ANY RULES will result in being reported to the Director of Camp Life, the Music Director, Nurse, and the Programs Director. Parents may be contacted if needed.