

Texas Lutheran University Summer Music Academy
2026 Commuter Information Packet
Sunday, June 21 – Friday, June 26

Greetings and welcome to our SMA commuter campers and their families! Enclosed please find all the information you need to have a fun and successful week at this year's Summer Music Academy! Please read the information in this packet carefully and call or e-mail with any questions you may have. The e-mail address for camp questions is sma@tlu.edu. You may also call the camp office at (830) 372-6027.

Mail any correspondence to: **SMA**
Texas Lutheran University
1000 W. Court St.
Seguin, TX 78155

Registration / Audition Schedule

Registration Schedule:

Where: Texas Lutheran University – Jackson Auditorium
1000 W Court St, Seguin, TX 78155

When: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., June 21, 2026
(please note that registration and auditions will be happening at the same time)

Please be aware that there may be a line and some waiting as we try to address the individual needs of all students and families.

Registration Procedure:

- Arrive and park – Enter through the front doors of Jackson Auditorium
- Check in at the table in the lobby to receive your registration packet and verify that we have received your health form and waiver or pick up a new ones to fill out while you are waiting if they are not in our files. After that is verified, please have a seat in the band hall until we call your number.
- Visit the Vendor table in the lobby if you need music supplies!
- After your number is called, move through the check-in line.
 - Verify account paid in full.
 - Pick up your nametag from Summer Programs.
 - Visit Commuter Table to sign Agreement and Review Guidelines
 - Discuss individual health concerns with camp nurse IF you have special concerns or need to turn in medications. All medications must be checked in with the camp nurse. Drop off Health Form if not on file. No concerns? No discussion necessary!
 - Establish camp bank account if desired (\$20 should be plenty!)
 - Pay for private lessons (cash or check – no credit cards) if you reserved them in advance, OR make a reservation and pay for it if you wish to do so now
 - Rent a locker if desired (\$5 for the week – limited availability)
 - Purchase a CD/DVD of the concerts (also available on the day of the concert)

Auditions

NEW THIS YEAR

Everyone should receive a link to sign up for an audition time slot. Make sure you arrive with enough time to go through registration and then audition. If you are still in the registration line and your audition time is nearing, please have parents complete the check-in process while campers go to audition.

- Auditions are held between 2:30pm and 5:00 pm in the Weston Center for the Performing Arts Music Building (string auditions will be in the classrooms in Centennial Hall, right across the street)
- Students may warm up in the orchestra room, band hall, or in the practice rooms upstairs, and then proceed to the room assigned for auditions as soon as they are ready.
- A list of audition room assignments will be posted prominently in the hallways of the Weston Center/Centennial Hall.
- Wondering what to play for your audition? See below!
- Following your audition, relax in your dorms until your meeting at 5:15pm!

Audition Information – What to Play

All students attending the TLU SMA will audition for placement in ensembles.

Students should prepare:

- Two short contrasting selections (for example, one slow, lyrical selection and another faster, more technical selection) of your own choosing. These selections may be about thirty seconds to one minute in length and demonstrate proficiency on the instrument.
- Additionally, all students may be asked to sight-read a short selection.

These selections may be chosen from any of the following materials (student choice):

- ✓ Solo literature (contrasting sections of one solo is perfectly fine)
- ✓ Etudes/Method books from school or lessons
- ✓ Excerpts from selections performed at school/School audition Music
- ✓ You may want to ask for suggestions from your middle or high school directors or private lesson instructors.
- ✓ Percussionists should prepare a mallet piece and a snare piece.

A Note About Ensemble Assignments: Our campers come from a wide variety of backgrounds and differing musical experiences. Your ensemble assignment may be different from what you are used to at your own school, which can be a surprise to some. We encourage campers to prepare for the placement audition and then to trust the decisions of the TLU faculty to place them in the appropriate ensemble. We want all campers to get the most out of their camp experience and we stand behind the auditions. Once ensemble assignments have been made, they will not be changed. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

After Auditions:

- After auditions, students may leave with their parents. There is no need to sign out from the Alumni Student Center tonight.
- Audition results/schedules – distributed starting at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning when you check in at the Alumni Student Center, located at 1109 University St., Seguin, TX 78155.
- Daily check-in runs from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

WHAT TO BRING TO TLU SMA!

CLASSES/REHEARSALS:

- Instrument in good working condition, mouthpiece (**If you use a school-owned instrument, please make arrangements with your school director to have an instrument to use for camp. TLU instruments are not generally available to campers.**)
- **Wire music stand** (yes, you really do need one of these for your sectionals and masterclasses)
- Percussionists: Please bring your stick bag, sticks, and mallets. You may bring a drum pad if you like. Other equipment will be provided.
- All necessary reeds, mutes, valve oil, grease, sticks and mallets, etc.
- **Three sharpened pencils**

DAY-TO-DAY CLOTHING:

- Cool, comfortable clothing
- Comfortable footwear that will not hinder participation in activities
- For optional Schlitterbahn event or swimming: swimming suit, shorts and shirt or cover-up, water shoes, towel, sunscreen
 - **If you are attending the optional Schlitterbahn event, YOU MUST BRING YOUR SEASON PASS IF YOU HAVE ONE! You will have to show it when we arrive.**
- Umbrella or rain poncho for rainy days- it happens sometimes!
- Concert Dress will be CAMP T SHIRT with jeans or shorts

CAMP DRESS-UP DAYS!

- Monday – Rep Your School Day! Band/Orchestra shirts encouraged (or wear a TLU shirt if you have one!)
- Tuesday – Crazy Hair/Sock Day! (Wear your craziest socks or show off your craziest hairdo!)
- Wednesday – Tourist Day (fanny packs, sandals with socks, sunglasses, visors or field hats, Hawaiian shirts, khaki shorts, and more! Be creative!)
- Thursday – Neon Day! (Wear your brightest neon colors and Glowstick Party at end of camp Dance/BBQ!)
 - Change into camp shirts for Thursday night performances
- Friday - Grand Concert Day (SMA Camp T-Shirts)

Daily Commuter Schedule

Monday through Friday, commuters are provided up to two meals each day (LUNCH AND DINNER ONLY). Commuters will be asked to sign in at the dining hall as they enter at mealtimes. A small assortment of breakfast items will be offered at the check in table in the morning, but please try to eat breakfast at home before camp.

Middle School Band/All Orchestra Students

7:30 – 8:15 Sign-in at the ASC (required)

8:25 – 10:05 Rehearsal

10:15 – 11:00 Instrument Master Class

11:10 – 11:55 Section Rehearsal

12:05 – 12:30 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)

12:30 – 1:20 Lunch (Provided)/FREE TIME in Dorms

1:30 – 3:00 Rehearsal

3:10 – 3:50 Elective Class #1

4:00 – 4:40 Elective Class #2

4:40 – 5:30 Free Time/Dorms/Practice Time

5:30 – 6:15 Early Option sign-out in the ASC

OR

5:30 Dinner/Free Time in Dorms (Girls – Centennial Lobby / Guys – Seguin Hall Lobby)

6:35 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)

7:00 – 9:30 Activities

9:30 – 10:15 **Late Option sign-out in the ASC**

High School Band

7:30 – 8:15 Sign-in at the ASC (required)

8:25 – 9:10 Instrument Master Class

9:20 – 10:05 Section Rehearsal

10:15 – 11:55 Rehearsal

12:05 – 12:30 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)

12:30 – 1:20 Lunch/FREE TIME in Dorms

1:30 – 2:10 Elective Class #1

2:20 – 3:00 Elective Class #2

3:10 – 4:40 Rehearsal

4:40 – 5:30 Free Time/Dorms/Practice Time

5:30 – 6:15 Early Option sign-out in the ASC

OR

5:30 Dinner/Free Time in Dorms (Girls – Centennial Lobby / Guys – Seguin Hall Lobby)

6:35 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)

7:00 – 9:30 Activities

9:30 – 10:15 **Late Option sign-out in the ASC**

2026 Projected Evening Activities

Sunday 6/21

- 2:00 Registration /Auditions in the Weston Center
- 5:15 Hall Meetings – reminders about dining hall manners
- 5:30 Dinner at Hein Dining Hall
- 6:35 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)
- 7:00 Orientation Activities
- 9:00 Dorm Meetings

Monday 6/22

- 6:35 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)
- 6:45 Guest Ensemble Performance TBD
- 7:30 – 9:30 Evening Activities – Pool, Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Gym Time, Game Room, Karaoke

Tuesday 6/23

- 6:35 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)
- 6:45 Faculty Recital – Jackson Auditorium
- 7:45 – 9:30 Ice Cream Floats and Popsicles
Evening Activities – Dodgeball Tournament, Volleyball, Pool, Movie Night, Karaoke

Wednesday 6/24

- 12:00 – 8:00 Schlitterbahn Trip/Buffer Dinner

OR

- 12:00 – 5:15 Practice Time, Dorm Time, Movie in Wupperman
- 5:30 – 6:30 Dinner
- 6:45 – 8:45 Recreation in the Gym /Swimming in the Pool, Pizza Party at 8:00pm

Thursday 6/25

- 6:35 Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)
- 6:45 Small Ensembles, and Jazz Band Performances – Jackson Auditorium
- 8:00 Middle School Students - End of Camp Dance / Cookout – Jackson Park
High School Students Dessert /End of Camp Slide Show and Celebration – Hein Dining Hall, followed by the End of Camp Dance / Cookout at Jackson Park

Friday, 6/26 Grand Concert Schedule

- 1:30 MS/HS Orchestra
- 2:15 MS Symphonic Band
- 3:00 MS Honors Band
- 3:45 HS Symphonic Band
- 4:30 HS Honors Band

2026 TLU SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY
Behavior Guidelines

General:

- Off campus visitors are not permitted in the residence halls.
Students may only leave campus with their parent, guardian, or SMA Faculty or Staff (with parent permission) and they must check-in and out in the Alumni Student Center (ASC).
- Texas Lutheran University is not responsible for lost or missing items.
All medication (including ibuprofen and aspirin) must be checked in with the nurse during registration. **The nurse has asked us to let you know that we are equipped with aspirin, Tylenol, and ibuprofen, so you don't need to bring your own unless you prefer to do so.**

On Campus:

Students will wear their nametag around their neck at all times.

All classes and rehearsals are mandatory. Students must be on time.

Use of cell phones (including texting) during classes and rehearsals is prohibited. Cell phones can be used before the camp day begins, at meal times, during non-performance evening activities, and after evening activities. Violation of this guideline will result in the phone being taken up and returned only to the parent or guardian.

No rollerblades or skateboards are allowed.

No fidget spinners in classes or rehearsals.

Student cars must remain in designated parking lots the entire session. Car keys must be checked in to the SMA Staff during registration and can be picked up at the end of camp.

Unacceptable Behavior:

The following may result in dismissal from the Summer Music Academy:

Failure to follow instructions of faculty or staff.

Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, CBD, or illegal substances. No vaping is allowed.

Possession of weapons (knives, firearms, etc), fireworks, or ammunition.

Damage or removal of property - violations also result in charges to parent/guardian.

Leaving your dorm or campus unaccompanied or without approval, or being in a designated "off limits" area, including a dorm other than your own, another dorm room without permission, or in construction areas.

Any personal conduct or property considered inappropriate, obscene, dangerous to oneself or others, behavior destructive to property or disrespectful to other students, camp faculty or staff, or TLU faculty or staff.

Bullying of any sort, racist comments or behavior, or lack of tolerance and kindness toward others will not be tolerated.

PLEASE NOTE:

Serious rule violations will result in contact with the parent / guardian.

No refunds will be given for students sent home early or removed from camp early.

It is expected that all students come to camp to learn and to have fun. No student will be allowed to disrupt the comfort, safety, learning, and enjoyment of others under any circumstances.

A statement of compliance and permission is included on the Health Form, which must be mailed or faxed in prior to the start of camp (preferably), or filled out and turned in at registration (can result in delays at registration).

Please fill out all sections of the Health Form completely – blank sections can delay assistance in an emergency situation.

As a private institution, TLU has opted out of both concealed and open carry. If you have questions about the policy, please contact the TLU Police Department at 372-8000.

NOTE: Texas Lutheran University is governed by all state and federal laws pertaining to educational institutions. These laws are STRICTLY enforced by campus police.

PARENT INFORMATION

Your students will not be able to receive calls or texts to their cell phones when they are in rehearsals, classes, or part of an audience for a concert or a recital. They can receive calls/texts before the camp day begins, at mealtimes, during free time, and after evening activities.

During the week, please call the camp office at (830) 372-6027 for routine questions and requests, or email sma@tlu.edu. (may not be monitored between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.)

IN CASE OF A TRUE EMERGENCY DURING CAMP, CONTACT:

(830) 372-8000 The TLU Dispatch / Information Office will be able to contact the dorm supervisors, camp administrator, or the camp director at all times.

(830) 372 -8083 Summer Programs (anytime)

(830) 372-6045 Dr. Brett Richardson Office (Camp Director)
(will not be monitored when Dr. Richardson is in rehearsal, and between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.)

E-MAIL FOR CAMP QUESTIONS– sma@tlu.edu. We will check this as frequently as possible during the day, but please do not use this in a true emergency – call (830) 372-8000 instead and let the dispatcher know what you need.

MAILING ADDRESS:

TLU SMA
C/O (YOUR CHILD'S NAME)
1000 W. COURT
SEGUIN, TX 78155

VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL PERFORMANCES

- Monday , 6/22, 6:45 p.m. Guest Ensemble Performance **TBD**
- Tuesday, 6/23, 6:45 p.m. Faculty Recital (Jackson Auditorium)
- Thursday, 6/25, 6:45 p.m. Percussion, Small Ensemble, and Jazz Band
Concerts (Jackson Auditorium)

Friday, 6/26 Grand Concert Schedule

1:30 MS/HS Orchestra
2:15 MS Symphonic Band
3:00 MS Honors Band
3:45 HS Symphonic Band
4:30 HS Honors Band

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE – SCHLITTERBAHN DAY

June 24, 2026

MORNING

7:30am – 8:15am: Sign-In like normal at the ASC
8:25am – 9:30am: MS and ORCH Rehearsal/HS Sectionals
9:40am - 10:50am: HS Rehearsal/MS and ORCH Sectionals
11:00am – 11:50am: Lunch at Hein
12:00pm – 12:20pm: Camp Meeting in Jackson Auditorium

*IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE SCHLITTERBAHN TRIP, YOU MUST GET CHANGED AND GATHER YOUR BELONGINGS DURING THE LUNCH BREAK SO WE CAN DEPART RIGHT AFTER.
DON'T FORGET YOUR SEASON PASS IF YOU HAVE ONE!*

AFTERNOON

GOING TO SCHLITTERBAHN

12:20pm: Load buses (check bus assignments posted on Weston/Jackson Windows)
12:25pm: Depart for Schlitterbahn
1:00pm: Arrive at Schlitterbahn
3:00pm: Check-In with Counselors at Designated Meeting Location
5:00pm-5:45pm: Dinner
5:45pm to 6:45pm: Return to Play in Park
6:45pm: Meet at Bus 1 with all things for Check-Out Option #1
7:00pm: Commuter Pick Up at Schlitterbahn (588 South Union St New Braunfels, TX) at BUS 1
7:30pm: Depart for TLU
8:15pm: Arrive at TLU/**Commuters to ASC**
8:30pm: Commuter Pick up in ASC

OR

NOT GOING TO SCHLITTERBAHN

12:30 – 5:15
Practice Time
Dorm Lobby Hangout/ASC
Movie at 2:30pm in Wupperman
Dorm/Change for Evening Activities
5:30 – 6:30 Dinner
6:30 Meeting in ASC to go over evening plan
6:45 – 8:30 Recreation in the Gym /Swimming in the Pool, Pizza Party at 8:00pm
8:30pm COMMUTER PICK UP TIME IN THE ASC

PICK UP OPTIONS FOR NOT GOING

12:30 – 2:30pm EARLY PICK UP
5:30 – 6:30pm NORMAL DINNER PICK UP
8:30 – 9:30pm LATE PICK UP

End of the Week Specifics – Commuters

Wednesday Night Checkout Information

If you go to Schlitterbahn Wednesday evening, you may choose to check out from the buses following the activities at Schlitterbahn, or to return to TLU and check out from the ASC, as usual. *If you check out from Schlitterbahn, please see the camp staff member on duty by Bus 1 to check out and be prepared to show ID if requested.*

Thursday

You will receive your camp shirts when you check in at the ASC. Performers wear your camp shirt for the Small Ensemble and jazz band performances Thursday night and for the concert band performances on Friday.

6:35 p.m. Camp Meeting (Jackson Auditorium)
7:00 p.m. Performances in Jackson. – Small Ensembles, Percussion / MS Jazz / HS Jazz
8:30 p.m. HS Activity at Hein / MS/HS Final Dance / Cookout @ Jackson Activity Center

Sign-out Information: Those of you performing on the concert and NOT staying for the dance may choose to check out immediately following the concert in the lobby of Jackson auditorium – please see the camp staff member on duty in the lobby to check out.

Thursday and Friday

CONCERT DRESS IS SMA CAMP SHIRT AND JEANS OR SHORTS – NO HATS OR SUNGLASSES ON STAGE

Friday Middle School Band/Orchestra Schedule

7:30 – 8:15 Sign-in / Breakfast as usual
8:30 – 9:45 MS Band 1 Rehearsal – Jackson Auditorium
MS Band 2 Rehearsal – Band Hall (Weston Center)
MS/HS Orchestra Rehearsal – Orchestra Hall (Weston)
10:00 Hang out in Dorm Lobby
11:30 Final Camp Meeting – Jackson Auditorium
12:00 Lunch
1:00 MS/HS Orchestra Warm-up / Jackson
1:30 MS/HS Orchestra Perform
1:45 MS Symphonic Band Warm-up / Band Hall (Weston Center)
2:15 MS Symphonic Band Perform
2:30 MS Honors Band Warm-Up / Band Hall (Weston Center)
3:00 MS Honors Band Perform

Friday High School Band

7:30 – 9:45 Sign-in / Breakfast as usual, then hang out in dorm lobbies until rehearsal OR late sign-in
10:00 – 11:15 HS Band 2 Rehearsal – Jackson Auditorium
HS Band 1 Rehearsal – Band Hall (Weston Center)
11:30 Final Camp Meeting – Jackson Auditorium
12:30 Lunch
3:15 HS Symphonic Band Warm-Up / Band Hall (Weston Center)
3:45 HS Symphonic Band Perform
4:00 HS Honors Band Warm Up / Band Hall (Weston Center)
4:30 HS Honors Band Perform

No need to sign out today – students may leave with parents following concerts!

Driving Directions to TLU (<http://www.tlu.edu/map> - printable maps and directions)



From San Antonio and points west – You can approach TLU from Interstate 10 or Interstate 35. If traveling on Interstate 10, exit on Highway 46 (Exit 607). Go south (right) on Highway 46 for 1/2 mile. TLU will be on your left. You will be able to see Jackson Auditorium from Highway 46. Park, leave your luggage in the car for now, and come on in to the Weston Center Music Building, attached to the Auditorium.

If traveling on Interstate 35, exit on Highway 46 in New Braunfels (Exit 189). Go south (right) on Highway 46 for approximately 15 miles. TLU will be on your left. You will be able to see Jackson Auditorium from Highway 46. Park, leave your luggage in the car for now, and come on in to the Weston Center Music Building, attached to the Auditorium.
San Antonio - 35 miles · Laredo - 182 miles

From Austin and points north – We recommend that you approach Texas Lutheran from Interstate 35 until you reach San Marcos. Exit on Highway 123 and turn south (left). At the Interstate 10 intersection as you enter Seguin, go west (right) on Interstate 10. Exit Interstate 10 at the Highway 46 exit (Exit 607). Go south (left) on Highway 46 for 1/2 mile. You will be able to see Jackson Auditorium from Highway 46. Park, leave your luggage in the car for now, and come on in to the Weston Center Music Building, attached to the Auditorium.
Austin - 50 miles · Dallas - 253 miles

From Houston and points east – You will approach TLU from Interstate 10. The Texas Lutheran campus is on the west side of town. Proceed west on the interstate and take the Highway 46 exit (Exit 607). Go south (left) on Highway 46 for 1/2 mile. You will be able to see Jackson Auditorium from Highway 46. Park, leave your luggage in the car for now, and come on in to the Weston Center Music Building, attached to the Auditorium.
Houston - 160 miles

From Corpus Christi and points south – You will approach Texas Lutheran from Highway 123. As you near Seguin, take Highway 46 north and continue to through the intersection of Highway 46 and Court Street (Highway 90A). You will be able to see Jackson Auditorium from Highway 46. Park, leave your luggage in the car for now, and come on in to the Weston Center Music Building, attached to the Auditorium.
Corpus Christi - 141 miles · Brownsville - 275 miles