



Parent Handbook 2024

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Welcome to Camp Levine 2024!

Dear Camp Levine Families,

Welcome to the 37th anniversary of Camp Levine! After months of preparation, we are delighted to see your children.

Over the past 36 years, the extraordinary Camp Levine community has influenced thousands of children, inspired young musicians, established enduring friendships, and created lifelong memories. The exceptionally talented faculty, staff, and teen apprentices provide each child with an immersive, engaging musical and artistic experience that is unparalleled.

This handbook will inform you of the Camp Levine 2024 policies and procedures. Even if you are a “Camp Levine veteran,” please take the time to read the handbook carefully as procedures have changed.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer and can’t wait to see you!



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Dates	Times
Session 1: June 24 – July 12, 2024 (No camp on July 4th)	1/2 Day Program (Pre/K only): 9:30am – 1:00pm Full Day Program: 9:30am – 3:45pm
Session 2: July 15 – August 2, 2024	Before Care: 8:00am – 9:30am After Care: 3:45pm – 6:00pm

Parent Portal

Each Camp Levine campus has its own portal, with weekly newsletters, announcements, the parent handbook, site-specific health forms, screening links, and teacher bios. The password is **camplevine2024!**

To access the Parent Portal, please visit: <https://www.levinemusic.org/camp-levine/camp-levine-parent-portal/>

First Day of Camp

- Session 1: June 24
- Session 2: July 15

On the first day of camp, we ask that you park and walk up with your campers. Parents can pick up their camper's t-shirt, dashboard signs, carpool map, and other helpful information.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten campers do not attend morning sing on the first day of camp. They will meet their teen apprentice and travel to their classrooms. Parents are welcome to accompany them and meet their teachers.

- **NW DC, Upton St.:** Park in the large back parking lot and walk to the side entrance with your camper.
- **Strathmore, MD:** Park along Tuckerman Lane or in the Strathmore Mansion parking and walk to the Strathmore lobby with your camper. There is NO parking in the Strathmore Mansion parking lot. You may be ticketed, towed, or denied entrance.
- **Falls Church, VA:** Park along Oak Street and walk to the front entrance with your camper.
- **SE DC – THEARC:** Park on the street or in the adjacent neighborhood and walk your camper to the Levine suite on the second floor of the building.

What to Bring

All items should be labeled with first and last names

All Campers

- Non-perishable lunch
- Afternoon snack (please label as a separate snack from lunch)
- Water bottle

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

- Change of clothes in a plastic bag
- Mat/blanket/beach towel for quiet time

What NOT to Bring

- Backpacks
- Cell phones
 - (*Campers can contact parents from the camp office when needed.*)
- Tablets, laptops, video games
- Toys
- Candy, gum, or soda

Car line

See page 11 and 12 for detailed car line maps specific to your campus.

Morning drop-off/carpool runs from 9:15-9:30 AM.

- The car line starts at 9:15 AM. Any campers arriving before 9:15 AM **must** go to Before Care.
- If you are arriving later than 9:30 AM you will need to walk your child to the Camp Office to be signed in. A member of the camp staff will walk your camper to their class.

Afternoon pick-up

You may use the carpool car line or park and walk up. If you are walking to pick up your child, be sure to bring your dashboard sign and sign out with a camp staff member.

Half-day pick-up/carpool runs from 1:00-1:15 PM (Strathmore location ONLY).

- There is no after care for half-day campers. Any half-day campers who are not picked up by 1:15 PM will be taken to the Camp Office.

Full-day pick-up carpool runs from 3:35-3:55 PM.

- Any campers who are not picked up by 4:00PM will be taken to After Care.

Dashboard Signs & Authorized Pick-Up

Only adults can be authorized to pick-up a camper from Camp Levine. We will not allow anyone under the age of 18 or an adult who does not have a photo ID or dashboard sign to leave with a camper.

- Families will be given 2 dashboard signs on the first day of camp.
- Drivers and walkers without a dashboard sign will be asked for photo ID to confirm they are authorized to pick-up.
- To authorize an additional person to pick up your camper, please e-mail your site with your child's name and the full name of the person you are authorizing.

Extended Care Options

Families must enroll in Before and/or After Care for the full 3-week session if they will need extended care at any point. There will be no drop-in options available.

Before Care

Before Care runs from 8:00-9:30 AM.

- The adult dropping off must enter and walk their camper to the extended care room each day.
- Through May 15th, you may enroll your child in Before Care for \$250. Any enrollments after that date will be charged a \$35 late fee.
- Campers with a Teen Apprentice sibling may attend Before Care at no charge, but the Teen Apprentice sibling will be expected to assist with Before Care.

After Care

After Care runs from 3:45-6:00 PM.

- The adult picking up should bring their dashboard sign.
- **Campers should be picked up by 6:00 PM each day.**
- **If you arrive any later than 6:00 PM, a \$10 late fee will be charged to your account for every 5 minutes past 6:00 PM that your camper remains in extended PM.**
- Through Monday, May 15, you may enroll your child in After Care for \$350. Any enrollments in After Care after that date will be charged a \$35 late fee.
- Campers with a Teen Apprentice sibling may attend After Care at no charge, but the Teen Apprentice sibling will be expected to assist with After Care.

Attendance, Late Arrival, & Early Pick-Up

Attendance:

If your camper is going to be absent, arriving late or picked up early, please e-mail your site director and include your child's name and camp group.

Late Arrival:

If your camper will arrive later than 9:30 AM, call or email your site director to arrange an outdoor camper hand-off. ***Please note that you may not be able to enter, as the entrance is secured during camp operating hours.***

Early Pick-Up:

If you need to pick up your camper early, call or email the site director. We will make sure your child is ready to be picked up at the appointed time. Your dashboard sign or ID is required for Early Pick-up. ***Please note that you may not be able to enter, as the entrance is secured during camp operating hours.***

Inclement Weather:

In the event it becomes necessary to close the camp due to inclement weather or other circumstances, we cannot guarantee the makeup of lost camp time. No refunds or credits will be issued in the event of a weather or other uncontrollable event or closure. Schedule changes due to inclement weather will be posted on www.levinemusic.org. We will also attempt to contact parents via e-mail or phone.

Miscellaneous

Dress Code: Campers should be dressed comfortably for dance/movement, crafts, painting, and active outdoor play. Flip-flops are discouraged. All campers will be given a Camp Levine t-shirt.

Labeling: Please make sure that all clothing, accessories, camp t-shirts, lunch boxes, and water bottles are labeled with your camper's first and last names.

Lunch & Snack: Campers need to bring a nutritious lunch, a water bottle, and a separate afternoon snack, each day. Do not send candy, gum, or soda. Please label the lunch box/bag with your child's full name. No refrigeration or heating is available, so please pack non-perishable food.

****Please do not bring food for your camper to share. If you wish to provide birthday treats, please contact the Camp Office at least 2-3 days in advance, so we can advise you of the allergies that may exist in your child's camp group.****

Focus Instruments: 3rd - 6th grade campers will be contacted about focus instruments via e-mail. **Instruments must be brought back to camp each day.** You will be responsible for broken, lost, or stolen instruments.

E-Newsletter: Our e-newsletter will be e-mailed to you and posted on the parent portal.

Outdoor Play: Please note that our campers do go outside to play daily. If there is inclement weather or extreme heat, campers will play indoors.

Lost & Found: We maintain a Lost & Found box and will include photos of the contents in the weekly newsletter. Any remaining items at the end of the camp session will be donated to a local charity.

Photographs: Levine Music reserves the right to use photographs and creative works produced during Camp Levine, without compensation, in its advertisements, publications and website.

Final Performances: At the end of each session there is a final performance. We are not able to accommodate families at each location for these performances, so they are **not open** to parents and families. Instead, these performances will be recorded, edited, and posted on the parent portal.

Camper Expectations & Behavioral Guidance

Campers are expected to comply with the rules and regulations of Camp Levine and consistently behave in a manner that is appropriate and safe. Camp Levine staff, teachers, and teen apprentices guide campers to become positive members of the Camp Levine community by:

- Providing guidelines and limits that are clear, fair, consistently applied, and appropriate to the children to whom they apply.
- Providing positively worded directions and feedback.
- Accepting and expecting age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate behavior.
- Redirecting children to positive and appropriate actions/behavior.
- Rewarding positive behaviors and addressing negative behaviors as needed.

Campers are expected to show respect for their fellow campers, teen apprentices, teachers, and staff. Undesirable behavior, non-compliance, inappropriate language, and bullying will be addressed. Any acts of violence, repeatedly disruptive/inappropriate behavior, and/or repeated non-compliance will result in suspension and/or expulsion without refund. **Levine Music reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to dismiss a camper if dismissal is in the best interest of the camper, the rest of the campers, teachers, and/or staff.**

Health & Safety

Health Forms

Campers **will not** be allowed at Camp Levine without a completed health form.

ePACT

This summer Camp Levine will be adopting ePACT Network, a health and safety software to better support our camp families and make it easier to submit camper health and contact information securely!

It's a very simple process:

- You'll be emailed a request for each child enrolled for Camp Levine.
- Click the "Complete Request" button.
- Create an account and follow the prompts to share data with Levine Music.

Note: If you have more than one child attending, family data will automatically prefill, saving you time!

For more information about how ePACT works, check out this video [How ePACT Works](#). If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at camp@levinemusic.org or visit www.epactnetwork.com.

Allergies & Food

- **As an open campus, Levine Music does not provide a nut, milk or other allergen-free environment because the risk of accidental exposure is always present.**
- We train our staff to recognize and respond to food allergies and anaphylaxis. Camp staff and teachers receive EpiPen training, so they are prepared in the event of an anaphylactic emergency.
- We do not exclude nuts or other foods packed in individual lunches.
- We seat campers with food allergies in a designated “allergy-free” area. All campers are welcome to join their friends, provided their lunch does not contain any foods that could cause an allergic reaction.
- If your child needs to bring a snack in the place of those we provide, please send a snack in a bag clearly marked with the camper’s name.

Medication: **We DO NOT administer medication at camp.** If your child requires medication, you will need to come to the campus and administer the medication. Please note that in an anaphylactic emergency, we will administer an EpiPen.

EpiPens and inhalers must be clearly labeled with the camper’s name must be kept in the Camp Office along with an Action Plan provided by your doctor. We will not accept EpiPens or inhalers without an Action Plan. We inform staff, teachers, and teen apprentices of campers’ medical concerns. Camp staff and teachers receive EpiPen training.

Emergencies: We are equipped with first aid kits to handle minor injuries. If an injury is serious, we will contact the parent or emergency contact listed on the camper’s Health & Safety Form. If the emergency is severe, emergency personnel will be contacted immediately. Most of our camp faculty and staff are CPR/AED/First Aid certified.

Sunscreen: Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen to their camper before the camp day. Sunscreen is not provided by Camp Levine and we are not able to apply sunscreen to your child.

Illness: If your child is not feeling well, has a fever, and/or is suffering from diarrhea or vomiting, please keep them home. If a camper becomes ill while at camp, we will contact you to come pick up your child.

Please report any contagious condition to camp@levinemusic.org immediately. This includes COVID, head lice, strep throat, chicken pox, flu, etc. Children may not attend camp without evidence that treatment is underway and that they are no longer contagious.

COVID-19 Protocols

Camp Levine follows the same safety protocols established by Levine Music. All of Levine’s COVID-19 safety protocols are made in consultation with a team of infection preventionists from the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Levine Music no longer requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination in order to attend in-person lessons, classes, camps, or performances at our campuses. Masks are optional.

Positive test:

Faculty, staff, or campers who test positive for COVID-19 must provide a negative COVID-19 test result **or** quarantine for 5 days before returning.

As a reminder, the policies of host organizations may differ; **please be prepared to follow site guidelines at our DC Campus: THEARC and MD Campus: Strathmore**

Camper Sample Schedule

This is a simplified sample schedule. Your child may have their daily activities at different times.

Camp Levine Schedule - Sample Schedule			
This is a sample schedule and subject to change.			
Grade	PreK / Kindergarten	1st - 2nd grade groups	3rd - 6th grade groups
8:00 - 9:30	Before Care		
9:30 - 9:45	Morning Sing		
9:50-10:25	Circle Time	Music+	Arts & Crafts
10:30-11:05	Outdoor Play	Arts & Crafts	Focus Instrument
11:10-11:45	Visiting Instrument	Lunch	Sports & Games
11:50-12:25	LUNCH	Sampler Instrument	Lunch
12:30-1:05	Dance & Movement	Sports & Games	Music+
1:10-1:40	Quiet Time	Dance	Vocal & Choral
1:45-2:15	Arts & Crafts	Drama	Dance
2:20-2:50	Break & Snack	Break & Snack	Drama
2:55-3:25	Drama & Story telling	Vocal & Choral	Break & Snack
3:30-3:40	Afternoon Spotlight/ Pack-up		
3:45-4:00	Dismissal		
4:00-6:00	After Care		

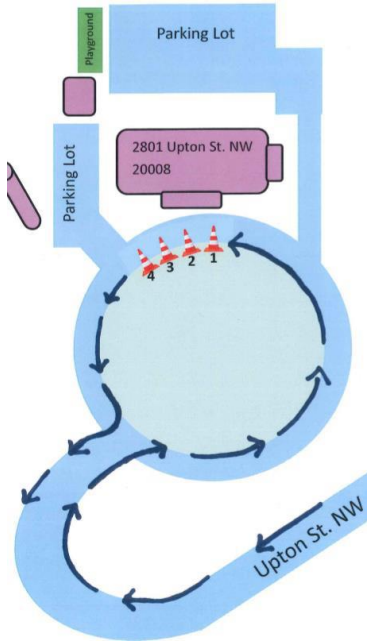
Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures – NW DC, Upton St.

- You can drop-off and pick-up your camper in two different ways.
- Join the carpool car line and we will help your camper in/out of the car.
- Park your car in the lower lot and walk to the side entrance of the building.

For either procedure, please note that you will need to have your dashboard sign.

To ensure the safe and smooth flow of traffic, please follow these guidelines:

Carpool car line forms on the **inside left lane** of the circle drive (as pictured).



Place assigned dashboard sign in front window of car on the driver side.

Please remain in your car while in line.

Do not block the entrance to the lower parking lot when waiting in line.

Please note that it is safer for your children to get into the car on the left, driver's side of the car.

If picking up a camper on foot, your camper must be signed out with a member of the camp staff.

Please do not use your cell phone while in the carpool car line.

Please listen to the directions given by our staff members and teen apprentices. Kindly understand that our priorities are to get your child to your car safely and quickly!

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures – Strathmore

After the first day, there is NO parking in the Strathmore Mansion parking lot. You may be ticketed, towed, or denied entrance.

You can drop-off and pick-up your camper in two different ways.

1. Join the carpool car line and we will help your camper in/out of the car.
2. Park your car on Tuckerman Lane and walk up to the building.

For either procedure, please note that you will need to have your dashboard sign.

To ensure the safe and smooth flow of traffic, please follow these guidelines:

• Drive **NORTH** on Tuckerman Lane and turn **RIGHT** into the roundabout to pick up your camper. *Please note that it is against the Montgomery County code to line up for car pool by making a left into the roundabout. Make sure you are going north on Tuckerman Lane. You cannot make a u-turn into the carpool line.*

• Please be conscious of our neighbors and do not block the entrances to driveways or side streets.

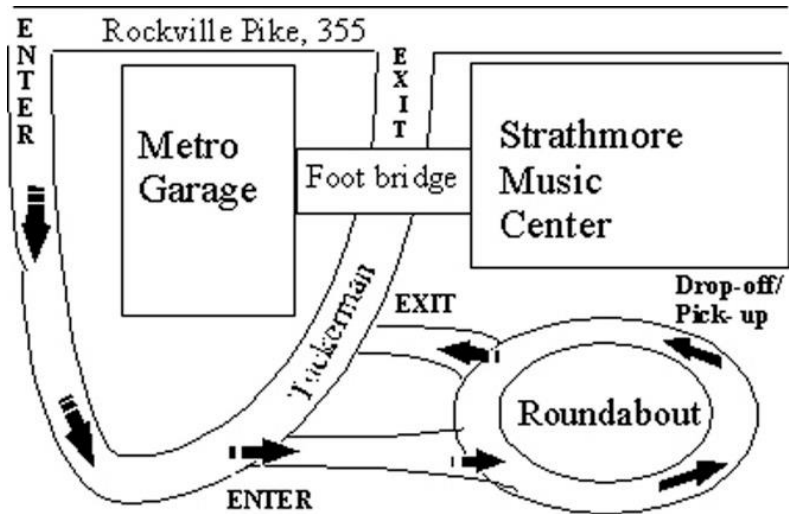
- Your car will be met at the drop-off/pick-up point on the roundabout (see pictured).

- Display assigned dashboard sign in front window of car on the driver's side.

- Please remain in your car and do not use your cell phone while in line.

- For safer loading/unloading, please have your child's car seat on the passenger side.

- If picking up a camper on foot, your camper must be signed out with a member of the camp staff.

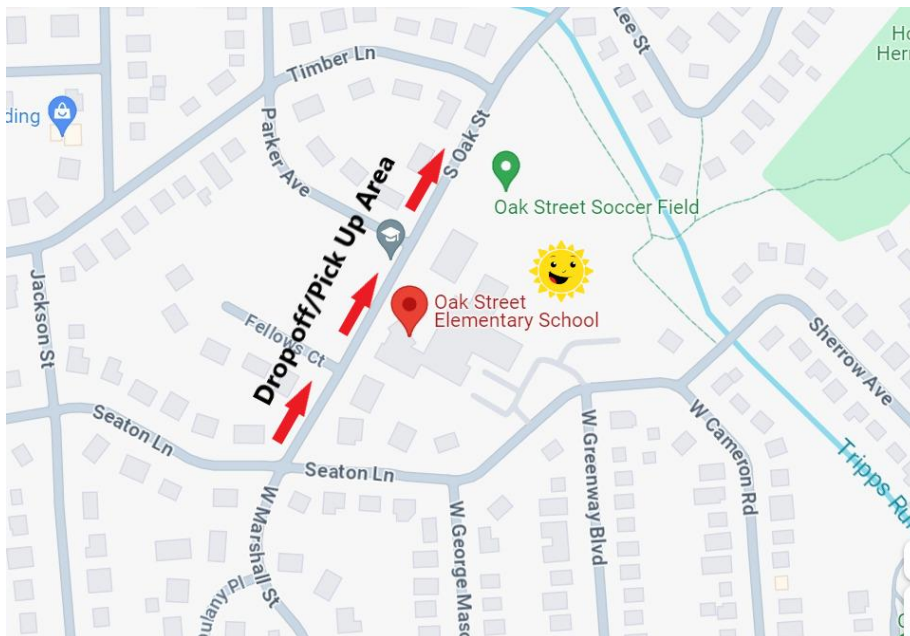


- Please listen to the directions given by our staff members and teen apprentices. Kindly understand that our priorities are to get your child to your car safely and quickly!

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures – Falls Church, VA

You can pick up and drop off your camper in two different ways:

- Coming in through S. Oak Street
- Coming in through Parker Ave
- Teen apprentices will be available along South Oak street toward Timber Ln to walk your camper into the building.



Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures – SE DC, THEARC

THEARC will be undergoing some major construction during the camp season. Due to the construction, there will not be any parking available on site. However, families can park on the street (across from THEARC) or in the adjacent neighborhood and walk their campers into **THEARC East** building to the Levine Music suite. We understand that this is an inconvenience and apologize in advance.

Additional updates will be sent leading up to the start of the camp season.