



**2012
Summer Camp**

HANDBOOK

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i. COMMUNICATION AND GMYS

Here are a few tips on how to be updated on all GMYS activities, events, schedule changes, etc:

- * **Check the webpage, www.gmys.org regularly** *
(forms, schedules, news, board meetings, parent meetings are all posted here)
- * **Make sure GMYS has your current email address** *
(GMYS regularly sends out e-newsletters to parents and students)
- * **Visit the Camp office** *
(forms, schedules, and other information are available)

MORE QUESTIONS?

- * **Send us an email, at info@gmys.org** *
(We'll forward your email to the person best suited to help you out)

OR THE OLD FASHIONED WAY:

- * **Give us a call, 305-667-4069** *
(Sometimes this is the only option when inquiring about hurricane cancellations. We will record any cancellations on the voicemail machine unless the line is down.)

1. SUMMER CAMP ATTENDANCE AND TUITION

Attendance at daily camp rehearsals, classes, and concerts is vital to the success of the GMYS Summer Camp Program and your child's success in the program. The true musical and educational experience of the organization is dependent upon having every child at every rehearsal and class. Students should arrive **15 minutes prior** to the scheduled start of the camp day to tune and warm up. Camp days will end on schedule unless otherwise notified.

Please report all absences in advance to the GMYS office 305-667-4069 or by email info@gmys.org. Unexcused absences are those absences not reported to GMYS before rehearsal, excluding emergencies and extenuating circumstances. **Students with excessive tardies and absences will be excused from the camp.** Attendance requirements for each camp session can be found on the registration forms. One warning will be provided to the parent and child after which, if attendance does not improve, the child will be asked to leave the program. Students with an unexcused absence at a concert can be dismissed from GMYS Summer Camp.

Students can be placed on probation for the following reasons. The summer camp staff will establish terms of probation.

- Students who were ineligible to perform in a concert because of attendance
- Tardiness or absence from dress rehearsal
- Excessive tardies (more than three tardies) and absences in daily rehearsals
- Students on probation will not be hired to work in any camps.

Any student placed on probation can be declared ineligible to advance to the next orchestra, i.e. a Concert student with poor attendance might not be eligible to audition for Symphony. Seating can be affected by any unexcused absence or tardy and can also be affected by probation.

Students are responsible for signing in each camp day with the designated personnel. Students with perfect attendance will be eligible for various gifts or honors.

Rehearsal and camp cancellations by GMYS due to severe weather conditions will be posted on the website and recorded on the office telephone.

Tuition can be refunded, excluding the deposit, until tuition due dates. No refunds will be given after due dates and no refund of fees will be given upon dismissal from the GMYS camp for behavioral issues.

Parents are asked to not bring students to camp with a contagious illness. Parents will be called to pick their child up in the event they become ill at camp. Illness is an excused absence provided parents inform camp staff.

2. DRESS REHEARSALS AND CONCERTS

Dress rehearsals for concerts will take place the day of each concert prior to the performance. These rehearsals are the only opportunity for each orchestra to adapt to the acoustics and logistics of the stage. It also gives vital opportunity for each player to experience the venue in which the concert will take place.

Please note that:

- Dress Rehearsals and Concerts are **mandatory**.
- Anyone who misses Dress Rehearsal **will not be allowed to perform in the concert**.
- Any member who has an unexcused absence from a Dress Rehearsal or Concert **will be dismissed from GMYS Camp**.

3. CONCERT ETIQUETTE

People attend concerts to watch and listen to live performances. Performers are not on television; they are alive and can see and hear the audience. Our youth performers want to do a good job for you, and good concert etiquette helps the audience have a good experience. In addition, our young students are in training and not as immune to audience distractions as some professionals might be. Please refrain from visual and auditory distractions that can distract our young performers.

- **GMYS campers are required to attend the whole concert.** Parents should not try to grab their child after their group plays and run out the door. This is discouraging to the students who practiced just as hard as your child and are scheduled to perform at the end of the concert.
- Do not obstruct the view of other audience members by holding up your video camera or iPhone in the middle of the audience.
- Do not take pictures with noisy cameras and flash photography.
- Turn off all noisy gadgets, such as phones, beepers, etc.
- Arrive on time for the performance.
- Audience members should stay seated and not wander around the performance hall, especially while the performance is in progress.
- Audience members should exit if their baby is crying or they have a repeated cough.
- Clap enthusiastically to show your appreciation, but don't hoot and holler.
- Limit your fulfillment to what is happening on stage.

4. ORCHESTRA SEATING

GMYS recognizes the reality and importance of competition as a component for growth. To this end, various positions of leadership are available for orchestra members of exceptional talent. All judgments pertaining to seating will be made as objectively as possible. As with most auditions, judgments for seating express an opinion based on musical skill: industry and preparedness are the best tools for gaining the best results. GMYS applauds student members, parents and families who encourage achievement and foster belief in mutual respect and understanding.

Please note that:

- Seating auditions are mandatory
- Failure to attend a seating audition will automatically disqualify the absent orchestra member for eligibility as Principal.
- Failure to attend a seating audition will automatically disqualify the orchestra member's current seating.
- Designated Principal and Assistant Principal players are responsible for maintaining the highest standards of conduct and performance during rehearsals and concerts.
- Dress Rehearsal and Concert seating will be based on the results of the seating auditions.

5. CONCERT DRESS

Concert dress is strictly enforced. Failure to comply may result in a performer's loss of privilege, at the Conductor's discretion. Students will be given instructions on proper concert dress prior to the day of concerts.

6. GENERAL CONDUCT

In an effort to provide an environment for musical excellence and one that will enhance the student's experience, GMYS requires certain commitments from the students including regular attendance, reasonable work and a high level of discipline including respect for other members. If at any time the music staff feels that a student is not meeting the required commitments, the parent or guardian will be notified and the student can be placed on Probation. The student may be subject to dismissal from GMYS Summer Camp if the necessary steps are not taken to correct the situation. No refund of fees will be given upon dismissal from the GMYS camp.

Students who are being disruptive to class will be given one warning. If the child continues to be disruptive to the other students, the child will be taken to the main office by one of the assistants. At this time, the head staff member will speak to the child, and if necessary, will call the child's parent. The student will be allowed to return to class, but if he/she continues to be disruptive, the parent will be asked to pick the child up. Children with continual behavioral problems that threaten the learning of other will be expelled from the camp.

7. LUNCH AND SNACK

A Miami-Dade Public School lunch and snack will be provided to students during the Intermediate camp. Advanced and Deering Beginners camp will need to buy lunch or bring their own. Lunch and snack may be available on-site at the Homestead Beginners camp. GMYS is required to provide snack and lunch to each Intermediate student. A student may refuse the lunch and snack but if so, parents are responsible for providing alternative food as no other option will be provided by GMYS.

8. CAMP CONTRACT

1. Handle equipment, instruments, and music with care, and be respectful of our camp venues.
2. Maintain proper respect towards classmates and teachers.
3. Arrive on time, and ready to play at the start of the camp day.
4. Listen quietly when spoken to.
5. Clean up after yourself after each class and at lunch time.
6. All students are expected to follow the rules and guidelines of the MDCPS Student Code of Conduct: <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/index.htm>
7. Students should have all appropriate supplies for class.
8. Students must participate in all activities unless a note is given from a parent or doctor before the start of the activity.
9. Students will attend all camp days and activities unless prohibited by illness.
10. Parents will be billed for any damage to GMYS instruments, supplies, and camp venues caused by their child.

9. P.E./READING

Intermediate Camp Students will participate in P.E. and literacy daily. They will also participate in social skills building once a week. Students will need appropriate attire for P.E. as well as a water bottle.

10. CAMP PLACEMENT

Teachers and parents must ensure their students are enrolled in the correct level camp. GMYS staff reserve the right to move students to different levels if students are not placed appropriately.

Daily Drop-Off and Pick-Up

1. Students and parent must sign in at designated sign-in area each morning. Students may not be dropped off more than 15 minutes prior to the start of the camp day UNLESS they have submitted a before-care registration form.
2. All students must sign out with parent at designated sign-out area no more than 15 minutes after the end of the camp day, unless an after-care registration form has been submitted.
3. After 15 minutes, parents will be charge \$1.00 every minute they are late.
4. After 30 minutes, please be advised the police may be called.

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Before and After-Care Registration Form for Advanced & Intermediate Camp

Before/After Care at Deering Estate and Homestead Beginners Camp will be provided by the Deering and Atala/Homestead staff. Sign-up will be available at the start of the camp session. Cost will be approximately \$8/day. This fee will be waived for full scholarship students.

My child(ren) _____ will require **(circle one) before-care, after-care, before and after care** during the GMYS Summer Music Camp.

I will sign my child(ren) in and out of Before/After care in the following time slot. I agree GMYS is not responsible for my child(ren) if they are dropped off before their assigned drop-off time. I acknowledge that the proper authorities will be notified if I or another emergency contact person do not appear to retrieve the child(ren) at the end of the day at the designated time, and no contact has been made with the camp staff notifying them of an emergency prohibiting the child(ren) from being picked up.

Before and After Care is available ONLY to students whose parents/guardians and emergency contacts cannot pick up or drop off the child(ren) at the beginning and end of camp because of **WORK CONFLICTS ONLY**. Parents/guardians of students unauthorized to be in Before/After care, or who are not picked up by the time indicated, will be fined \$1 per minute. The cost for Before/After Care Advanced Camp and Intermediate Camp is \$50/family per session. Checks should be made payable to GMYS and returned with this form. This fee is waived for scholarship students.

Advanced Camp (circle one)

- 7:30-8:00am
- 8:00-8:30am
- 8:30-8:45am
- (circle one)**
- 3:15-3:45pm
- 3:45-4:15pm
- 4:15-4:45pm
- 4:45-5:15pm
- 5:15-5:45pm
- 5:45-6:00pm

Intermediate Camp (circle one)

- 7:30-8:00am
- (circle one)**
- 4:00-4:30pm
- 4:30-5:00pm
- 5:00-5:30pm
- 5:30-6:00pm

Please indicate below who will be dropping off or picking up the child(ren) at the times indicated above. This person/persons MUST sign-in and sign-out the child with the before/after care supervisor.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION PICK-UP

(Children will not be released to any person not listed below)

NAME	Relationship	Place of Employment	Work Days/Hours	Work Ph #	Beeper/Cell #

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Driver

I give my child _____ permission to drive him/herself to and from Camp daily or on the days written below. GMYS staff is therefore not responsible for my child on these days before or after the GMYS Camp Hours.

Parent Signature

Date

Print Name

Receipt of the GMYS Summer Handbook implies agreement with the terms set forth in the handbook.