



2025 Gatorland Band Camps Handbook

Please Read Carefully and Return Requested Forms

Contact Information

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Registration & Start Times

Camp	Start Date	Check-In	Location	Camp Opening Meeting
Instrumental	6/21	8:00am-9:00am	Steinbrenner Band Hall	9:30am (MUB 101)
Total Musicianship	6/22	3:00pm-4:30pm	Steinbrenner Band Hall	6:30pm (MUB 101)

Payment in full is due at time of registration

[Steinbrenner Band Hall:](#) Newell Drive and Inner Road

What to Bring

All Participants

- Casual/sport wear clothing
- Alarm clock
- Laundry bag
- X-Long Twin Sheets, blankets, pillows, pillow covers, towels, wash clothes... all linens
- Toiletry items (soap, shampoo)
- Spending money: t-shirts, vending, pizza orders, etc
- Rain Poncho/umbrella

***Attire for camp performances will be shorts and Camp t-shirt (provided)

Closing Ceremonies

Camp	End Date	Ceremony Times	Location
Instrumental	6/22	2:00pm	UF Music Building Room 101
Total Musicianship	6/27	3:00pm	University Auditorium

University of Florida Auditorium:
Located near Steinbrenner Band Hall. Newell Drive and Inner Road
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Meals Included In Fees

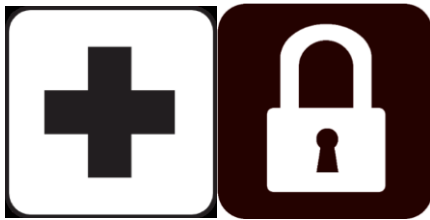
- **Resident Campers** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included
- **Commuter Campers** – Lunch included
- Early arrivals/late departures and those present between sessions: Meals can be purchased at dining hall.

******Placement Auditions – Placement for Concert Bands during Total Musicianship Camp**
Students will be placed in bands by age/grade based on the grade they are going into in the Fall of 2025. We will have rising 7-8 grade, 9-10 grade and 11-12 grade bands.

Chair placement within sections of each band will be made via video auditions prior to camp.

Submissions will be due by June 13, 2025.

Audition materials and instructions will be sent to registered students by May 1, 2025.



Gatorland Band Camps Safety and Security Policies

GBC considers the safety and security of participants and staff a TOP priority at all times. This document is a resource itemizing the policies and procedures which apply to the operation of all activities.

The University of Florida and Gatorland Band Camp is committed to providing a safe environment for Minors on its campus or participating in its programs. Students are under supervision at all times and interactions with students are governed by policies which include training, background checks, registration, and parental consent.

The Gatorland Band Camp has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying, harassment, alcohol, and drugs. These items do not have a place at our camp or on our campus. It is expected that students follow the University of Florida Student Honor and Conduct Code below. Any violation of the policies will be promptly investigated and disciplined which could result in immediate dismissal from our camp with no monetary refund.

(a) Principles. The University principles address our respect for people and property, for fairness, for Rules and Regulations, and for academic integrity. Nothing in this Regulation shall be interpreted to limit the constitutional or statutory rights of any Student, including but not limited to expressive rights protected by the First Amendment.

1. Respect for people and property. Students are encouraged both to conduct themselves in a manner that exemplifies respect for all people and property and to adhere to their personal values without imposing those on others.
2. Respect for fairness. Rules and established procedures are intended to ensure both fundamental fairness and an educational experience for Students.
3. Respect for Rules and Regulations. Students are expected to follow all applicable Rules and Regulations.
4. Respect for academic integrity. Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University. Students commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard of honor required by the Student Honor Code.

Health Form & Medical Needs

GBC requires a health form to be submitted for each clinic participant. This information is kept on file and is available for use by administrative staff if a health situation arises. It contains insurance information, emergency contacts, special health needs, and pertinent medical issues, which would be helpful to a doctor should it become necessary to seek medical assistance. If an emergency contact is not available and a situation is critical, GBC takes the individual to the hospital. The health form, signed by the parent/guardian (those under 21) gives GBC the authority to make emergency decisions when the contacts cannot be reached. Shands Hospital has a 24-hour emergency room, and is located on the University of Florida campus. **ALL MEDICAL COSTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY, OR THE RELATED PARENT/GUARDIAN. THIS INCLUDES AMBULANCE COST, SHOULD THE SITUATION BE CRITICAL.** The health form, including Insurance carrier AND policy number, should be BROUGHT TO CAMP. DO NOT mail the health form.

First Aid & Staff Training

Several interns are required to maintain current American Red Cross Certification for First Aid to handle minor first aid situations. They are trained to call the emergency contact to assist with making emergency decisions. The administrative staff is available 24 hours a day and carries radios and cell phones. Additionally, there is a first aid room in the dorm office which will be accessible to students and staff. Refrigeration of medications is also available.

Meals & Dietary Needs

The food selection is diverse, nutritious with various choices for the main course. Every meal includes fruits, vegetables, salads, and various beverages. Students are encouraged not to skip meals. We also strongly discourage students from drinking energy drinks at camp.

Supervision

Evening Activities

Evening activities vary depending on the specific camp. Usually, evening activities include a camp-dance with DJ, swimming at a University pool, video-game/bowling night, movie/ice-cream night, and a talent/skit night in the University Auditorium (attendance required, participation optional). **Those wishing to participate in the skit/talent night should bring instruments, props, costumes, etc. as needed for their performance.** A piano will be available.

Class & Free Time

During breaks, meals, and evening activities, students must remain in the immediate campus facilities under the supervision of staff. During classes, students are supervised by their instructors and the head clinician. Attendance is taken at all classes and all classes are required unless excused by a staff member for health reasons. Water and restrooms are located close to all class areas.

Counselors

There are 2-3 counselors assigned to each floor of the dorm. They are on duty 24 hours a day on their floor, in the evening, and all night. They supervise students during all free time including breaks, mealtimes, and evening activities. They perform room checks in the evening and make sure all participants are awake and have departed for breakfast and classes in the morning. The counselors are a very select group carefully chosen by GBC administrators. They are all UF Students or graduate professionals and have completed training and background clearances through the Department of Children and Families and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Guests

Students are not allowed to leave the campus without approved verification of a *Permission to Leave Camp* form by a Camp Administrator. The participant and guest must sign in and out of camp with a Camp Administrator. This includes early departure from the camp.

Chaperones & Sponsors

With the GBC counselor procedures, it is not necessary for groups to provide additional sponsors or chaperones during the camp. However, sponsors and chaperones are welcome to attend and /or observe classes.

Driving and Parking Directions

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(note: parking fees apply except on Sundays)

<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/>

[Steinbrenner Band Hall:](#)

Directions to Steinbrenner Band Hall for Camp Registration

From Gainesville Regional Airport: Approximately 30 minutes from UF

Upon leaving the Gainesville Airport, make a right turn onto 39th Avenue (SR 222), heading west. At US 441 (N.W. 13th Street) make a left turn, heading south. Continue South on 13th Street for several miles. As you approach University Avenue, you will see the Holiday Inn on your left, and directly ahead you will see Bryan Hall just off to your right. Continue South on 13th/441 and turn RIGHT at the 4th Light on Museum Road. Take your first RIGHT on Newell Drive. Park in Parking Garage # 4 (top floor) on the corner of Newell Dr. and Museum Road. **Leave luggage in the car – as you will be driving to the dorms after you register the camper.** Walk NORTH on Newell Dr. (up the hill, toward Century Tower) to the Steinbrenner Band Hall. Camp Registration will take place in the bottom floor of Steinbrenner Band Hall.

From Jacksonville Area: Approximately 2 hours from UF

Take I-10 only as far as US 301 (it will be one of the early exits) at Baldwin. Head south on 301 to Waldo. CAUTION: Beware of speed traps along 301, especially in Lawtey, Starke, Hampton, and Waldo. At Waldo, take a right onto SR 24 to Gainesville (has big sign for Gainesville). Follow SR 24 to 39th Avenue/SR 222, just past the airport. Turn right (West) onto 39 Avenue heading west. At 13th Street make a left turn heading South. Continue South on 13th/441 and turn RIGHT at the 4th Light on Museum Road. Take your first RIGHT on Newell Drive. Park in Parking Garage # 4 (top floor) on the corner of Newell Dr. and Museum Road. **Leave luggage in the car – as you will be driving to the dorms after you register the camper.** Walk NORTH on Newell Dr. (up the hill, toward Century Tower) to the Steinbrenner Band Hall. Camp Registration will take place in the bottom floor of Steinbrenner Band Hall.

From Orlando Area: Approximately 2.15 hours from UF

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From Tampa Area: Approximately 2.5 hours from UF

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Directions to Gatorland Total Musicianship Band and Instrumental Camps closing performances in University Auditorium and School of Music Building.

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