WHS Music Resource Guide

Shops, Lessons, Youth Groups and Summer Camps

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Welcome

Private lessons are one of the best ways for students to grow as musicians. Even a short weekly lesson builds technique and confidence and makes rehearsals more fun. This guide lists music stores where you can buy or rent an instrument, get it repaired, and pick up reeds, valve oil and sheet music, and private teachers grouped by instrument family. It also lists youth orchestras, bands, jazz groups and choirs your student can join outside school, honor groups, and summer music programs from local day camps to overnight camps.

New to Woodside Music? The class table below names the exact class to write on your course request. Questions about instruments or lessons? Email Mr. Gaydos at ngaydos@seq.org or any booster board member.

Woodside music classes, 2026–27

Course requests are made each spring with counselors. Write the **exact class name** on the request. Class names are from the 2026–27 WHS course catalog, as listed in the Woodside Music Family Guide v1.13.

Group	Exact class to request	What to know
Band (marching and concert)	**Band II**	**One year-long class**, not two options: marching band in the fall, then concert band after marching season ends in mid-November. Band II is the only band class for freshmen; **Advanced Band** is for grades 10–12. Suggested: reading music and 1+ year on an instrument.
Orchestra	**Orchestra**	Strings and piano. Grades 9–12, all levels.
Jazz	**Jazz Ensemble**	Grades 9–12. By department recommendation; reading music and about 2 years of experience suggested.
Choir	**Choral I** (freshmen); **Choral II**	No experience required for Choral I. Tenors and basses are especially needed.
Guitar	**Guitar I**	Grades 9–12. Classical guitar technique and reading music. A separate elective, not one of the four performing groups.

Digital Music Production is a different class, not a band, jazz, orchestra or choir ensemble.

Program at a glance

What	When
Band camp (required for marching band)	Wed–Fri, Aug 5–7, 9 AM–2 PM, band room (before school starts)
Marching band rehearsals	Mondays 4–6 PM and Tuesdays 7–9 PM, Sep 8 through mid-November
Harvest Fest (student helpers sell items with the boosters)	Sat Nov 7, 2026, WHS small gym. Sign up: Harvest Fest shift sign-up
All-day jazz festival (Jazz Ensemble)	Fri Nov 20, 2026. **Volunteers needed.** Details to come from Mr. Gaydos.
Winter Concert (all groups)	Fri Dec 4, 2026. Call time is one hour before.
Hometown Holidays, Redwood City (marching band, jazz, orchestra)	Sat Dec 12, 2026
Spring Concert (all groups)	Fri Apr 30, 2027
Spring trip to Disneyland	Planned Fri Apr 2 – Sun Apr 4, 2027; dates to be confirmed
Pep band for basketball	Pep band dates for basketball are not set yet; ask Mr. Gaydos.
Booster meetings, open to all parents	3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM, on Zoom. Next: Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 19.

- **Marching competitions:** Call times to be announced (they change for every event).
- **Food at events:** Meals are not guaranteed. Food may be food trucks or volunteer-provided, so students should bring snacks, water and money.

Orchestra, jazz and choir rehearse during their class period; Mr. Gaydos announces any extra rehearsals. Full program calendar: woodsidemusic.org/calendar. Fall-sport athletes should talk to Mr. Gaydos before joining band. Marching band questions: band@woodsidemusic.org.

Music stores

★ Recommended by Mr. Gaydos

Nick Gaydos, our Director of Music, recommends these three shops. Start here.

Music Village (musvil.com). Great people there. Instruments, accessories and supplies.
2971 Union Ave (at Foxworthy Ave), San Jose, CA 95124 · 408-377-2504 · Mon–Fri 11 AM–8 PM, Sat 10 AM–5 PM
Second store: 5885 Santa Teresa Blvd (at Snell Ave), San Jose, CA 95123 · 408-629-1812

The Starving Musician (starvingmusician.com). A Gaydos pick. A bit farther, but definitely worth the trip: very reasonable prices and nice people.
3939 Stevens Creek Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95051 · (408) 554-9041

Quicksilver Music Repair (quicksilvermusic.net). Repairs for **woodwind and brass only**.
10207 Imperial Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014 · 408-828-2204

> Apart from Mr. Gaydos's recommendations, this list is for information only. The Woodside High School Music Boosters do not endorse, and have no business relationship with, any teacher or store listed here. Details change, so please call or check a website before you visit.

Mr. Gaydos's three picks (★) come first. The other stores are listed with the most complete band and orchestra services first. Most stores have limited hours, so it is a good idea to call before visiting.

Store	Town	Good for	Phone	Website	Notes
★ **Music Village** (Mr. Gaydos's pick)	San Jose (2971 Union Ave; also 5885 Santa Teresa Blvd)	Instruments, accessories, supplies	408-377-2504 408-629-1812	musvil.com	See the box above.
★ **Quicksilver Music Repair** (Mr. Gaydos's pick)	Cupertino (10207 Imperial Ave)	Woodwind and brass repair	408-828-2204	quicksilvermusic.net	Woodwind and brass only. See the box above.
★ **The Starving Musician** (Mr. Gaydos's pick)	Santa Clara (3939 Stevens Creek Blvd)	Instruments, accessories, repairs, rentals, lessons	(408) 554-9041	starvingmusician.com	A Gaydos pick. A bit farther, but definitely worth the trip: very reasonable prices and nice people. See the box above.
Clocktower Music	San Carlos (676 Laurel St)	Rentals, band repair, strings, accessories, lessons	650-595-2024	clocktowermusic.com	Rent-to-own band and orchestra rentals, in the store or online. Repairs woodwinds, brass, strings and drums. Reeds, valve oil and method books. Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 to 5.
Heriz Music & Art	Burlingame (210 California Dr)	Rentals, band repair, accessories, lessons	(650) 344-9414	herizmusic.com	Rent, rent-to-own or buy band and orchestra instruments. Lessons in violin, viola, piano, drums and guitar. Closed Sunday.
Gelb Music	Redwood City (722 El Camino Real)	Rentals, accessories, lessons	(650) 365-8878	gelbmusic.com	Band and orchestra rentals through Rockin' Robbie's; those rental instruments go to Rockin' Robbie's for repair. Reeds. Guitar, ukulele and drum lessons.
West Valley Music	Mountain View (300 W El Camino Real)	Rentals, band repair, lessons	(650) 961-1566	westvalleymusic.com	School band and orchestra rentals. In-house woodwind and brass repair. Its website lists private teachers.
Bronstein Music	South San Francisco (305 3rd Lane)	Rentals, band repair, strings, accessories	(650) 588-2502	bronsteinmusic.com	Monthly rentals with an option to buy. Repairs all band and orchestra instruments. Reeds, lubricants and orchestra strings. Open Tuesday to Saturday.
Heaney Violins	Mountain View (1350 Grant Rd, Suite 13)	Strings	(650) 564-9013	heaney-violins.com	Violin, viola and cello rentals. Instrument and bow repair, bow rehairs. Open Tuesday to Saturday, 12 to 6.
Hornucopia	San Carlos (1549 Laurel St)	Rentals, band repair	(650) 593-3050	not listed	Brass and woodwind instruments for sale and rent. Brass repair. Short weekday hours, so call ahead.
Palo Alto Violins	Palo Alto (420 Olive Ave)	Strings	(650) 327-8465	not listed	Rents and repairs violins, violas, cellos and basses. Call before visiting.
Guitar Center San Mateo	San Mateo (53 W Hillsdale Blvd)	Lessons	(650) 312-8270	guitarcenter.com	Mostly guitars, drums and keyboards. Lessons in guitar, bass, piano, voice and drums.
Gryphon Stringed Instruments	Palo Alto (211 Lambert Ave)	Guitar and folk instruments	650-493-2131	gryphonstrings.com	Guitars, mandolins, banjos and ukuleles. Repairs by appointment.

Private music teachers

Teachers set their own schedules and rates, so contact them directly. Only teachers with a phone number, email or website are listed. Where a detail isn't known, the guide says not listed.

Woodwinds

Name	Instruments	Contact	Notes
Robert Farrington	All saxes, clarinets, flutes	(650) 592-7596; farrsax@comcast.net	Teaches current Carlmont HS students. Former De Anza College Director of Bands; Carlmont woodwind coach 2015–20.
Adrienne Malley	Oboe, English horn (double reeds)	650-773-2259; malleya@gmail.com	Pre-collegiate studio in **Redwood City**. Pre-collegiate; also Santa Clara Univ. faculty.
Alex Zdanis	Bassoon	858 735 0973; akzdanis@gmail.com	In-person, hybrid, or Zoom.
Yueh Chou	Bassoon	yuehchou@gmail.com	—
Wendell Hanna	Bassoon	whanna@sfsu.edu	—
Harry Hwang	Clarinet	949-812-2294; ghwan96@gmail.com; harryhwang.net	Bay Area (small studio).
Lynne Funkhouser	Clarinet, saxophone	(415) 334-8106; funkhousermusicstudio@comcast.net; funkhousermusicstudio.com	All musical levels and ages.
Andrew Dixon	Saxophone, flute, clarinet	510-599-2810; asdixon85@gmail.com; ragedixon.com	—
David Stone	Tenor & alto sax	650-733-3386 (prefers texts); saxostone@aol.com	—
Sarah Benton	Flute, piccolo	(669)-319-9939; sarah@sarahbentonflute.com	San Jose home studio or online.
Victoria Hauk	Flute, piccolo	torihauk@gmail.com	—

Brass

Name	Instruments	Contact	Notes
Cathleen Torres	French horn (all levels), trumpet (beginner–intermediate)	(650) 218-6963; cathornico@yahoo.com	Certified Suzuki brass teacher.
Erika Wilsen	French horn	650-544-0360; erika.wilsen@gmail.com; onlinehornlessons.com	Formerly Belmont (near Cipriani Elementary); now based in the Greater Los Angeles area and teaches online. Age 10+, beginner–advanced.
Daniel Wood	French horn, piano, composition	650-483-2222; danielsmuse@gmail.com; danielwoodmusic.com	—
Michael Galisatus	Trumpet	(650) 743-1038; galisatus@gmail.com	Director, Stanford Jazz Orchestra.
Tom Bertetta	Trumpet	415-509-2667; tombert1@att.net; TomBertetta.com	—
Rick Ortega	Trumpet	rick.ortega@sfcm.edu	—
Christian Paarup	Trombone, euphonium	christianpaarup@gmail.com	San Francisco based; SFCM Pre-College.
Ken Sablinsky	Trombone, Bass Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium	(650) 267-3579; kensablinsky@gmail.com	Mobile private tutoring at the student's home, serving the Peninsula (Woodside and northward).
Joe Murphy	Tuba, trombone, euphonium	650-773-8389; tubamurf@yahoo.com; murphymusiccamps.com	Also runs Murphy Music summer band/ orchestra camps for kids.

Name	Instruments	Contact	Notes
David (Terán) Otey / Horn Haven Music	Trumpet, French horn, baritone/euphonium, trombone, bass trombone, tuba	650-430-5337; davidotey@hotmail.com; hornhavenmusic.com	Serves the Peninsula (San Carlos, Belmont, San Mateo) and North Bay. Does "periodic tune-ups" and provides instruments; no formal rental program.

Strings

Name	Instruments	Contact	Notes
Ashley Devine	Violin, viola	ashley.devine@gmail.com	San Mateo area. Peninsula Youth Orchestra faculty; has coached at Borel, Ralston, Taylor MS and Carlmont, Hillsdale HS.
Minsook Kang	Violin, viola	650-740-4488; mkstrings@gmail.com	—
Jane Singhal	Violin, viola	650 596-7341; jsinghal@comcast.net	Audition required.
Janet Witharm	Cello	650-248-3280; janetwitharm@gmail.com	—
Jason Wang	Cello	jasonchswang@gmail.com	Cello studio in **Belmont**.
Kathy An	Cello	650-863-5725; kathy_an@yahoo.com	—
Carol Rice	Cello	415-298-7097	—
Anton Estaniel	Cello, beginning ukulele	562-256-5603	—
Allison Zenner / Bay Area Strings Academy	Double bass	650-737-2002; allison@bayareastringsacademy.com; facebook.com/BayAreaStringsAcademy	—
Ken Miller	Double bass	415 297-0971	Classical and jazz.
Bruce Moyer	Double bass	408-506-8091	—

Percussion

Name	Instruments	Contact	Notes
Matt Germano	Drums & percussion	650.722.0766; mgperc@gmail.com; mattgermano.com	Studio at **Gelb Music, Redwood City**.
Curt Moore	Drums & percussion	650-619-8465; curt@curtmoore.com; curtmoore.com	—
Craig Batanides / CB Drum Instruction	Drums	(650) 533-7012; Cbinstruction@sbcglobal.net; cbdruminstruction.com	1901 Old Middlefield Way #14, Mountain View. All ages, beginner–advanced. Has coached drum sections at Gunn HS.

Piano, voice and other

Name	Instruments	Contact	Notes
Bill (last name not listed)	Electric & acoustic guitar (all styles), ukulele	guitarlessonswithbill.com	Gelb Music Teaching Institute, Redwood City. Ages about 8½ to adult. Has taught at Gelb for 41 years.
Brandon Robinson	Guitar	415-309-9309; brandonrobinson.info	—
Art Khu	Piano, electric bass, guitar	415 699 2422	—

Dates to know

Upcoming deadlines for honor groups, youth orchestras and summer programs.

Date	What
Oct 30–31, 2026	CMEA Bay Section Conference (honor groups). Nominations closed Sept 11.
Tue Dec 1, 2026	All-Northern California Honor Band audition deadline (NCBA). The 2027 application links were not posted when this guide was last researched.
Oct 1, 2026 – Feb 1, 2027	SF Symphony Youth Orchestra applications for 2027-28 (video due March 15).
Now open	Stanford Jazz Workshop 2027 summer registration (opened mid-October 2026).
Nov 1, 2026	CSSSA (state summer arts school) application opens; priority deadline Feb 28, 2027.
Dec 1, 2026	Summer@SFCM applications open.
Jan 15, 2027	Interlochen Arts Camp priority deadline.
Jan 31, 2027	Cazadero Music Camp pay-in-full discount ends.
Mar 1, 2027	Jazz Camp West: $100 off if paid by this date.

Youth orchestras, bands, jazz groups and choirs

These groups rehearse once or twice a week during the school year, outside school. They are a great way for motivated students to play more challenging music and meet musicians from other schools. Most require an audition. Mr. Gaydos can help decide which one is a good fit. Program details were last researched on October 1, 2026, and all website links were re-checked on October 27, 2026; "not listed" means the group doesn't publish it.

Youth orchestras

Program	Ages or grades	Audition	Rehearsals	Tuition	Audition season	Website	Why consider it
Peninsula Youth Orchestra (PYO)	Ages 6–18; about 400 musicians	Yes, by video; $25 fee	Senior PYO: Sundays 2:00–4:30, Carlmont HS, Belmont. Middle ensembles: Mondays at Redwood Shores Elementary, Redwood City	$1,150–$1,600 per year (2025-26, last year; Senior $1,600)	Rolling for 2026-27	peninsulayouthorchestra.org	The closest full youth orchestra to Woodside, with strings, winds, brass and percussion. Senior PYO tours every other year.

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Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO)	Grades 4–12 by level; Senior PACO grades 9–12	Yes, by recording (scale plus one piece)	Cubberley Community Center, Palo Alto; Senior PACO Sundays 5–8 pm	Not listed	2026-27 closed; next round opens spring 2027, details in January 2027	pacomusic.org	A strings-only orchestra for serious violin, viola, cello and bass players. New members must attend PACO Camp (July 25–Aug 1, 2027). PACO discourages joining other youth orchestras at the same time.
Golden State Youth Orchestra (GSYO), formerly El Camino Youth Symphony (renamed in 2018)	Ages 6–18	Yes; $35 fee	Senior Symphony: Sundays 3:45–6:45, Union Presbyterian Church, Los Altos	Varies by ensemble, not listed; scholarships available	Open auditions March to early April; mid-year as openings allow	gsyomusic.org	A long-running orchestra (founded 1963) with a required August retreat at UC Santa Cruz.
California Youth Symphony (CYS)	High-school age and younger; most members 6–19	Yes, by video; $35 fee	All ensembles on Sundays; wind groups at Almond and Santa Rita Elementary, Los Altos	Not listed; tuition assistance available	Rolling for 2026-27	cys.org	Orchestras plus a Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble and Chamber Winds, so band students have a place too. Orchestras expect 3+ years of lessons.
San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra (SFSYO)	Age 20 or under; Bay Area residents	Yes: video round, then live rounds	Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco; SF Symphony musicians coach sectionals on Saturdays	Free	2027-28 applications open October 1, 2026 and close February 1, 2027; video due March 15	sfsymphony.org	The most selective youth orchestra in the region, and tuition-free. A goal for top Woodside string, wind and brass players.

Youth bands, jazz groups and choirs

Program	Ages or grades	Audition	Rehearsals	Tuition	Audition season	Website	Why consider it
El Camino Wind Orchestra (part of GSYO)	Middle and high school	Yes	Tuesdays 6:15–8:15, Union Presbyterian Church, Los Altos; September to May	Not listed	Same as GSYO	gsyomusic.org	A weeknight wind band for intermediate winds, brass and percussion.
CYS Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble	Most members 6–19	Yes, by video	Sundays: Wind Symphony 9:45–11:45 (Almond Elementary); Wind Ensemble 3:15–5:15 (Santa Rita Elementary), Los Altos	Not listed	Rolling	cys.org	The main community wind band option near Woodside.
SFJAZZ High School All-Stars	Bay Area high-school students	Yes, competitive	SFJAZZ Center, San Francisco (big band and combos)	Free	2027 dates not posted	sfjazz.org	The top high-school jazz group in the Bay Area; it records an album and plays festivals.

Program	Ages or grades	Audition	Rehearsals	Tuition	Audition season	Website	Why consider it
San Jose Jazz High School All-Stars, directed by Oscar Pangilinan	High school	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	sanjosejazz.org	A second pre-professional jazz option, closer than San Francisco.
Ragazzi Boys Chorus	Boys ages 5–18; Young Men's Ensemble for changed voices	Yes (except the Prelude class for ages 5–7)	Redwood City, September to early June	2026-27: $2,440–$3,600 per year, plus $210 new-member fee; tuition assistance available	Open auditions in late summer; by appointment	ragazzi.org	The main choir for boys and young men on the Peninsula. Older groups tour.
Peninsula Girls Chorus	Girls ages 6–18 (grades 1–12)	Yes, by appointment	Mostly Tuesdays (Ensemble on Wednesdays), Burlingame United Methodist Church	2026-27: $1,750–$1,850 per year, plus $180 registration	By appointment	peninsulagirlschorus.org	The main girls' choir on the Peninsula, for singers in choir or musical theater.

Honor groups

Honor groups bring together top students from many schools for a few days of rehearsals and a concert. Students are nominated or registered through Mr. Gaydos, so let him know early. **The October 15, 2026 deadline for All-State high-school jazz band, vocal jazz and string orchestra recordings has passed.**

Program	Who	Audition	Key dates	Cost	Website	Why consider it
California All-State Ensembles (CASMEC): bands, orchestras, jazz bands, vocal jazz and choirs	Grades 9–12 (junior high groups for grades 6–9)	Yes, by recording, entered through the school director	Conference January 13–17, 2027, Sacramento. **High-school jazz band, vocal jazz and string orchestra recordings were due October 15, 2026 (closed).** High-school choir auditions (September 2026) are also closed. Band deadline: check with the director.	Choir: $15 audition fee and $475 if selected; others not listed	casmec.org	The top honor ensembles in the state, and a strong line on a college music application.
CMEA Bay Section Conference Honor Groups (band, string orchestra, two choirs)	Grades 7–9 (high schools may nominate 9th graders)	Nomination by director	2026 nominations closed September 11; conference October 30–31, 2026	$125	cmeabaysection.org	A first honor-group experience for Woodside 9th graders.
★ **All-Northern California Honor Band** (Mr. Gaydos's pick)	High-school and junior-high bands; 2027 page does not post exact grade cutoffs (likely grades 9–12 and 7–8; verify)	Recorded audition using the California All-State materials; online school application (2027 links coming soon)	**Dec 1, 2026** audition deadline; honor-band weekend **Feb 19–21, 2027**, University of the Pacific, Stockton	2027 fee not posted. **2026:** $50 recording submission (secondary source; verify)	ncbaonline.net/all-northern-honor-band	Sponsored by the Northern California Band Association (NCBA). Advanced middle-school and high-school musicians; check the live NCBA page and Mr. Gaydos for current eligibility and submission instructions.

Summer music programs

These are summer music programs that Woodside students commonly attend or could attend, from local day camps to overnight camps. **2027** means the program has posted next summer's details. Where it hasn't, we show **last year's (2026)** dates and prices so you know roughly what to expect. Many programs open registration between October and February and offer early-bird discounts, so it pays to plan ahead. "Not posted" means the program hasn't published that detail. **Day** means students go home each night; **residential** means they stay overnight.

Camps for members only. Several youth groups run summer camps only for their own members: PACO Camp (July 25–Aug 1, 2027, required for new members), CYS camps (2026, last year: string day camp July 27–31 and Senior Orchestra overnight camp Aug 2–8 at Redwood Glen), the GSYO Senior Symphony retreat at UC Santa Cruz (Aug 2–6, 2026, last year), and the Ragazzi Boys Chorus summer sessions (about $2,700–$3,400 residential for older groups).

Community colleges. We found no youth summer music camp at Cañada College, College of San Mateo or Foothill College. Kuumbwa Jazz Camp at Cabrillo College (above) is the nearest community-college option.

Plan ahead. Most programs open registration between October and February, and many offer early-bird discounts.

Peninsula and South Bay day programs

Program	When	Cost	How to sign up	Audition?	Who can go	Where	Website
Stanford Jazz Workshop: Jazz Camp **Day or residential.** Jazz combos and classes for all levels.	2027: July 11–16 or July 18–23 (two-week option July 11–23)	2027: $1,825 day / $3,150 residential per week; two weeks $3,550 day / $6,200 residential	Opens mid-October 2026; closes two weeks before each week. Financial aid by April 15; balance due April 30	No (placement recording only)	Ages 12–17; residential 13+	Stanford University	stanfordjazz.org
Stanford Jazz Workshop: Jazz Institute **Day or residential.** For advanced jazz players.	2027: July 25–30 (advanced two-week option July 18–30)	2027: $1,925 day / $3,250 residential; two weeks $3,650 day / $6,300 residential	Same as Jazz Camp	Yes	High school students and adults	Stanford University	stanfordjazz.org
Murphy Music Camps: Back to Band / Back to Orchestra **Day (9–3).** Also choir and music-video camps. Run by Serra HS band director Joe Murphy.	2026 (last year): July 27–31. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $750 ($650 before Jan 30, $700 Feb 1–Mar 30)	2027 not posted	No	Entering grades 5–10, 1+ year of experience	Junipero Serra HS, San Mateo	murphymusiccamps.com
PYO Summer Camp **Day.** String, wind, brass and percussion groups at intro and advanced levels.	2026 (last year): July 20–24 and July 27–31. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $375 (intro sessions) / $495 (advanced sessions)	Not posted	Not listed	Not listed	Tierra Linda MS, San Carlos	peninsulayouthorchestra.org

Program	When	Cost	How to sign up	Audition?	Who can go	Where	Website
GSYO Summer Conservatory **Day (half days).** Beginning strings, chamber orchestra and summer winds.	2026 (last year): July 13–24. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $675	2026 deadline was June 19 (last year)	Yes (spring placement audition)	Ages 6–14	Union Presbyterian Church, Los Altos	gsyomusic.org
Presto PACO **Day.** Strings only. For younger students.	2026 (last year): July 20–24. 2027 not posted	Not listed	Not posted	Yes	Ages 8–13	Palo Alto	pacomusic.org
Stanford Summer Symphony **Evening rehearsals.** A summer orchestra for strong players alongside Stanford students and adults.	2026 (last year): Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00–9:30 pm from June 23; concerts July 31 and Aug 1	Not listed	2026 roster announced mid-June (last year)	Yes	All ages (community members welcome)	Stanford University (Bing Concert Hall)	orchestras.stanford.edu
San Jose Jazz Summer Jazz Camp **Day (two weeks).** Big band, combos and a vocal track. "My trombone-playing son loves this camp, and it's a fantastic deal for two weeks." (Sean Tippett)	2026 (last year): June 15–26. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $900 through April 30, $1,000 after	Not posted	Placement audition before camp	Middle and high school	Santa Clara HS, Santa Clara	sanjosejazz.org
South Bay Music Camp **Day (two weeks, 9–2).** Mainly for younger band students; the site has a grades 5–9 page.	2027: June 14–25	Not posted	Not posted	Not listed	Elementary and middle school concert band	Dartmouth MS, San Jose (listed as "probably")	southbaymusiccamp.com

Bay Area programs (day and residential)

Program	When	Cost	How to sign up	Audition?	Who can go	Where	Website
Jazz Camp West **Residential (8 days).** Close to Woodside. Minors stay in supervised cabins. Also has dance and vocal classes.	2027: June 5–12	2027: $2,695 tuition (housing options vary); $100 off if paid by March 1, 2027	Open now	No (all skill levels)	Ages 15 and up (teens and adults)	YMCA Camp Jones Gulch, La Honda	livingjazz.org
Music@Menlo Young Performers Program **Day; housing for those living 40+ miles away.** Chamber music for advanced string players and pianists.	2026 (last year): July 17–Aug 8. 2027 details expected in October 2026	2026 (last year): full tuition fellowship; $3,900 housing and meals only for those living 40+ miles away	2026 deadline was January 5 (last year); application fee $70 early, $130 after	Yes, plus a recommendation	Ages 13–19	Atherton (housing at Menlo College)	musicatmenlo.org
California Jazz Conservatory: High School Jazz Intensive **Day.** A small, advanced jazz group with a club performance.	2026 (last year): Aug 3–7. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $1,500	2026 audition was April 26 (last year)	Yes	High school (6–8 students)	The Jazzschool, Berkeley	jazzschool.org

Program	When	Cost	How to sign up	Audition?	Who can go	Where	Website
California Jazz Conservatory: Girls+ Jazz & Groove Camp **Day.** For girls and gender-expansive jazz students.	2026 (last year): July 27–31. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $600	Not posted	Not listed	Entering grades 8–12	The Jazzschool, Berkeley	jazzschool.org
Summer@SFCM (San Francisco Conservatory of Music) **Residential (5–7 days).** Conservatory-level weeks for percussionists and singers.	2026 (last year): Percussion Academy June 22–27; Vocal Academy July 19–25; also guitar and harp weeks	Not confirmed on SFCM's site; check before applying	Applications open December 1; 2026 deadline was April 1 (last year)	Yes, by video	Ages 13–18 (Vocal Academy: high school, 14+)	SFCM, San Francisco	sfcm.edu
Kuumbwa Jazz Camp (with Cabrillo College) **Day (half days).** The only community-college summer music camp we found nearby.	2026 (last year): June 15–26. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $395 by May 28, $410 after; scholarships available	Not posted	No (must know three major scales)	Grades 8–12	Cabrillo College, Aptos	kuumbwajazz.org
Cazadero Music Camp: High School session **Residential (2 weeks).** Orchestra, concert band and jazz ensemble. The Junior High session (grades 7–9, 3+ years) is July 20–31, 2027.	2027: July 6–17	2027 fees TBA. 2026 (last year): $2,305 pay-in-full / $2,385 regular	Open now; pay-in-full discount by January 31, 2027	No (teacher signs a musical aptitude form)	Grades 9–12, 4+ years of experience	Cazadero, Sonoma County	cazadero.org

California programs farther away

Program	When	Cost	How to sign up	Audition?	Who can go	Where	Website
University of the Pacific Summer High School Institute **Residential (11 days).** 2026 offered band camp, choir camp and musical theater in Session 2. Which session hosts them in 2027 is not posted.	2027: Session 1 June 7–17; Session 2 June 21–July 1	2027: $4,000 including housing and meals; $500 non-refundable deposit	2027 not posted; last year opened November 1 (last year)	Not listed	Entering grades 9–12	University of the Pacific, Stockton	pacific.edu
Sequoia Lake Music Camp **Residential (1 week).** Symphony and string orchestras, wind ensemble, jazz band and combo.	2026 (last year): July 19–25. 2027 not posted	Not listed	Site says registration is open (still showing 2026 dates)	Not listed	Grades 5–12	Sequoia Lake, near Fresno	sequoialakemusic.com

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Chapman University Instrumental Music Camp **Residential (1 week).** Wind symphony and chamber music for winds, brass, strings and percussion.	2027: June 20–26	2027: $1,195 early (Feb 1–Apr 1) / $1,495 regular; includes dorm and meals	Feb 1 to May 28, 2027	Not listed	Entering grades 9–12	Chapman University, Orange	chapman.edu
California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA): Music **Residential (4 weeks).** A state-run arts school with lower tuition for Californians.	2027 dates not posted	2027 not posted. 2026 (last year): $5,174 for California residents; financial aid available	Application opens November 1, 2026; priority deadline February 28, 2027	Yes (audition recording)	Entering grades 9–12 (or just graduated)	California Institute of the Arts, Valencia	csssa.ca.gov
Idyllwild Arts: Jazz in the Pines Student Clinic **Residential.** Two weeks of jazz with professional faculty.	2026 (last year): June 28–July 11. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $5,175 residential (including room, board and fees); day price not confirmed	2026 priority deadline was February 15 (last year), then rolling; $50 application fee	Yes (recording)	Ages 13–17	Idyllwild, Riverside County	idyllwildarts.org
Idyllwild Arts: Instrumental Artist's Intensive **Residential or day.** Three weeks for advanced orchestral instrumentalists.	2026 (last year): July 5–25. 2027 not posted	2026 (last year): $7,725 residential / $3,825 day	Not posted	Yes	Ages 13–17	Idyllwild, Riverside County	idyllwildarts.org

Outside California

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Interlochen Arts Camp **Residential.** The best-known national summer arts camp.	2027: high school orchestra and band, June 27–Aug 8; shorter intensives also offered	2027: 1 week $2,125; 2 weeks $5,300; 3 weeks $7,550; 4 weeks $8,400; 6 weeks $10,500	Opened September 1, 2026; priority deadline January 15, 2027; decisions March 1	Yes (high school music programs)	High school programs (grades 9–12)	Interlochen, Michigan	interlochen.org