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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Sevastopol Student Samantha Spohn Accepted to Attend Birch Creek**

**Egg Harbor, Wis. – June 27, 2014** – Sevastopol (Wis.) High School student and flautist Samantha Spohn will attend the Symphony session at the prestigious Birch Creek Music Performance Center June 29 to July 12.

A member of the Sevastopol High School band, the 2014 Wisconsin FFA Honors Band and the National FFA Band, Samantha auditioned for one of two positions available at Birch Creek for this year's concert season. She has seven years experience playing flute and previously attended summer programs at colleges and orchestra camps. She recently received the Director's Choice Award at her school and directed the school's pep band. In addition to flute, Sami – as her friends call her – also plays piccolo, guitar, bass guitar and piano.

Her musical interests extend beyond symphony. When asked what recordings she considered influential, she said, "I listen to so many different things and like different genres of music." She went on to list a spectrum of musicians from Smashing Pumpkins and Metallica to Red Hot Chili Peppers and Frank Sinatra, in addition to show tunes from such productions as Les Miserables, Wicked and Chicago.

The application and auditioning process for students applying to Birch Creek is challenging. Ms. Spohn initially applied in mid-February and was eventually accepted at the end of May. As required to demonstrate her musical talents, she submitted an audition recording, which was reviewed by Birch Creek faculty. All Symphony students perform concerts alongside their instructors and must possess the skills to keep up with a demanding repertoire.

Birch Creek's student-to-instructor ratio is 2:1, providing Samantha an excellent opportunity to work with flute teacher Shannon Finney during the two-week session.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center is a summer music school in Door County, WI, for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Five sessions focus on percussion and steel band, symphony, big band jazz, and vocal jazz. Applications are welcome.

2014 Season Concert Schedule  
Percussion & Steel Band – Now through June 28  
Symphony – July 3 – 12  
Big Band Jazz – July 16 – August 9  
Vocal Jazz – August 12 – August 16

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