



2021 Birch Creek Summer Session Acceptance & Residential Info

Congratulations! You've been accepted to attend the 2021 Symphony Session. To help you prepare for your stay, please read the contents of this document carefully. Here you will find several items of helpful information, as well as links to online forms that will be necessary to complete and submit in advance of the session.

We look forward to seeing you on campus this summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Naese".

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Nondiscrimination Policy

It is Birch Creek's policy to maintain a safe and supportive learning and living environment that is free from harassment, intimidation, bullying and free from discrimination based on race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship/immigration status, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.

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CAMPUS RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Thank you in advance for **abiding by these rules and expectations**. They are designed to ensure a safe and rewarding stay at Birch Creek.

Protocol Due to Covid-19 – at this writing 4/7/2021

The CDC guidelines are constantly changing, and in some cases consistently inconsistent. Birch Creek staff will keep you apprised of Covid-19 health & safety guideline changes prior to your arrival. We will be working in close contact with Door County Public Health and will do our best to create a safe environment for you and others.

What we know is that aerosols are produced at higher levels especially when playing wind musical instruments, singing, speaking loudly, etc. These guidelines are in place to mitigate as much risk as possible of contracting Covid-19. With everyone working together to keep each other healthy, music will be in the air at Birch Creek this summer!

- Masks are required at all times, except when sleeping/showering/eating.
- Rehearsals and performances will be primarily outside. The use of performance masks with bell covers for winds and brass players are required for rehearsals, practicing and in concert until further notice.
 - J.W. Pepper: <https://www.jwpepper.com/>
 - Director's Assistant: <https://www.directorsassistant.com/ppe-band-products>
 - This WONDERfilled Life: <https://www.thiswonderfilledlife.com/>
- Everyone on the property will socially distance by 6 feet whenever possible, even when outside, especially when inside.
- If the weather is inclement and the sessions are inside, students must wipe down their chairs and stands before and after each use.
- Piano keys must be wiped down before and after each use.
- Instruments, mallets, sticks etc. should not be shared.
- Practice room doors are to be open for at least 30 minutes after each practice session to allow for proper air ventilation.
- Outside air is a key component to the health and safety of inside spaces. Birch Creek is committed to proper air ventilation and fresh air flow throughout the property. Students and faculty may not adjust thermostats, fans, windows, or other air flow settings.
- To maintain the integrity of the residential environment, concert audiences will be distanced from faculty, students, and staff during the session.
- Students, faculty, and staff may not co-mingle with family, friends or the public while in the program session.
- Only students assigned to a specific sleeping area are allowed in that space. Parents, family members, and friends may not enter a student's sleeping/rehearsal/dining areas.

Daily COVID-19 Screening (June 13 through June 26) – No exceptions

<https://bit.ly/3jhqrPO>

- All students and faculty must agree to pre-screen and self-monitor 14 days prior to start of camp. This form should be filled out **DAILY** for the 14 days prior to your arrival on campus (Sunday, June 13 – Saturday, June 26).
- **Students will not be admitted without a completed and signed medical log. No exceptions.**
- **MANDATORY:** A negative test within 3 days of arrival or a vaccine receipt will be required upon arrival for all students and staff. Parents are advised to check into the new home testing kits if it is difficult to get a test in your area.

FIRST AND FOREMOST

- Smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping, drugs, and alcohol are not permitted on campus. Students in violation will be sent home immediately at parents' expense.
- No members of the opposite birth gender are allowed in private living areas.
- Students are NOT allowed in the faculty or staff living areas.

Safety

- Masks must be worn when indoors and/or when unable to socially distance.
- Candles, incense, cooking items or flames of any kind are not permitted in any campus buildings.
- Walking, jogging, biking, rollerblading, etc. on County E is not permitted. (This is a busy road with traffic speeds of 60-65 mph.)
- Pursuant to Wisconsin legislation, weapons or firearms are not permitted in Birch Creek buildings or anywhere on the Birch Creek campus.
- Shoes are required outside at all times, except on the sand volleyball court.

Vehicle Policy

- Once on campus, students may NOT ride in another student's or a TA's car.
- Students who have driven their cars to campus must turn in their car keys at Registration for safekeeping in the office. Keys will be returned at the conclusion of the session.
- Transportation to all Birch Creek events off campus (outreach concerts or medical need) will be provided. Only licensed and insured drivers (Counselors, Faculty, or Commercial Bus Service) will be permitted to transport students for Birch Creek events.

Student Behavior

Responsibility

- Curfews are strictly enforced and vary depending on day of the week. The demanding schedule warrants plenty of rest to ensure top productivity. Failure to comply with curfew and "lights out" policies will initially result in loss of free time activity.
- Damage fees will be assessed upon Check-Out if the student's area is not left tidy and in good repair.
- Usage of cell phones and other electronic devices will be limited to specific times of day, as outlined by the Program Director.
- Lockers are provided for storage of instruments, personal items, and valuables. Birch Creek is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Be sure your instrument(s) are insured.
- Students are expected to keep their living areas clean and participate in cleaning rehearsal and lounge areas.

Pride: Camp Decorum

- Remember that you represent Birch Creek both on and off campus. Show respect for those performing and act in a professional manner on and off the stage.
- When not performing in a concert, you are expected to attend and sit in a designated area. If concerts are sold out, we appreciate you giving up your seat to a paying patron.
- **Birch Creek reserves the right to dismiss, without refund, any student who disrupts the learning environment. Any student whose behavior is contrary to the reputation of Birch Creek and disrupts the living and learning environment, will be dismissed without refund.**

Things to Bring

Personal Items

- Multiple face masks with proper fit for everyday use
- Hand sanitizer wipes and liquids for everyday use (we have dispensers in each building)
- Water bottle
- Black performance masks (specific to your instrument)
- Sleeping bag, or sheets & blankets
- Pillow, towel, washcloth
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Sunglasses
- Two combination locks (also available for rent at Birch Creek)

- Optional: sports equipment, personal free-time items. Be aware that storage space is limited to a small cubby or locker.

Clothing

- Warm-weather clothing: shorts and t-shirts for daytime classes and activities
- Cool-weather clothing: sweatshirts, long pants, fleece, and wind breaker jackets
- Rain gear: raincoat and umbrella
- Swimsuit/beach wear (at this writing, field trips are postponed until further notice)

Performance Attire

At this writing, all concerts will be outside with performers in masks and distanced. With wind and other weather variabilities, please seriously consider concert dress choices.

• Evening Concerts

○ Men

- Black performance mask
- White dress shirt
- Dark suit, or dark dress pants with a dark sport coat
 - **Black jeans are not acceptable**
- Long tie (any color, but no bright colors))
- Black socks
- Black shoes
 - **Sandals and athletic shoes are not acceptable for concerts**

○ Women

- Black performance mask
- Black loose-fitting dress pants with a dressy black blouse, Black dress with sleeves, or a black skirt.
 - **Hemlines must fall below the knee**
 - **Bare backs, strapless, sheer or lace blouses, leotards, and tight-fitting clothing are not permitted**
- Black socks, hose, or tights
- Black shoes
 - **Casual sandals, flip-flops and athletic shoes are not acceptable for concerts**
 - Low-heeled shoes are recommended. *(Note that prelude/chamber performances will be outdoors on unpaved surfaces. Plan footwear accordingly.)*
- Black sweater or jacket for cool evenings
- Discrete accessories are acceptable

• Saturday Family Concert

○ Men

- Birch Creek t-shirt (provided)
- Khaki pants or shorts
- Nice shoes (athletic shoes are not acceptable)

○ Women

- Birch Creek t-shirt (provided)
- Khaki pants, shorts, or skirt
- Nice shoes or sandals
 - **Flip-flops are not acceptable**

Musical Items

- Your instrument(s)
- Extra reeds and strings (*There are no music supply stores in the area*)
- Stand light with extra batteries
- Any orchestra parts to this season's repertoire that you have received
- Music for small ensembles, used for pre-concert performances, if you have it
- Solo music for auditions
- Concerto Competition audition music including accompaniment if you plan to audition
- Metronome (optional but helpful)
- Pencils
- Manuscript paper, note paper, etc.

Notes/Other

- Door County weather can vary from 90-degree days to 50-degree evenings. Please plan your clothing and bedding choices accordingly
- Most of the rehearsals and all of the concerts will be performed outside. Bring sunglasses, sun hats, visors, sunscreen, bug spray. Hats or visors will not be permitted when performing in a concert.
- Students are encouraged to bring enough clothing for the full two-week session.
- All musicians are asked to refrain from wearing heavily scented perfume and cologne.

Registration Forms

Two online forms comprise Birch Creek's Paperless Registration. All forms, links and documentation can be accessed from our website at: <http://www.birchcreek.org/for-parents>, or below.

Deadlines

Birch Creek is licensed by the Wisconsin Dept. of Health. Wisconsin State Law requires us to have certain demographic, emergency, and medical information on file in advance of your arrival. Please submit all forms by **June 1, 2021**, if you have not already done so.

Liability Waivers & Permissions Form

<https://bit.ly/3a7yT1n>

This form will give us the basics of your student enrollment details:

Promotional Info / Permissions / Releases

Publicity

Birch Creek's national reputation is attributable to the quality of its students as well as its faculty. We publicize your activities while at Birch Creek, as well as your accomplishments elsewhere as appropriate; including your local and school newspaper if you provide us with that information.

Photo/Video

We ask that any photographs taken, or recordings made while you are a student at Birch Creek remain the property of Birch Creek and may be used and disseminated by Birch Creek without further approval and without compensation

Social Media

Throughout the session, we will post photos, video clips, updates and announcements on our Facebook page, session-specific Facebook group, and/or website.

Health Form

<https://bit.ly/2ReND3P>

This form will give us important health history and medical emergency contact information, as well as:



Authorization of Care

If your child falls ill or requires medical attention while a student at Birch Creek, Birch Creek staff (or an ambulance in the case of an emergency) will take the student to one of our local clinics. The Health Care Provider(s) will not be able to treat your child without this form indicating your consent to do so.

Health History/Allergies

Our kitchen staff prepares vegetarian and nut-free choices for each meal and can accommodate other dietary needs when necessary.

Insurance

Birch Creek's Limited Liability Insurance covers injury in the event of accident only. If your son or daughter falls ill or needs medical attention for a pre-existing condition or prior injury, he or she will need to present your insurance information to the Health Care Provider.

Medications

<https://bit.ly/35UbpaB>

The Medications Form is required if your child is bringing/taking **ANY** medications while at Birch Creek. Wisconsin State Law requires Birch Creek to administer and log the dispensation of all medications for students. Please see below for common over-the-counter items Birch Creek will have on hand; you do **NOT** need to bring these. We'll need a list of all medications your child will be bringing.

Packaging: All medications not on the Birch Creek stock list should be brought in with you during Registration. Medications must be in their original, dated, and properly labeled containers.

Rescue/Emergency & Topical Medications: Students requiring rescue medications such as asthma inhalers and EPI pens, and students using topical prescription medications, may keep them if they are capable of self-administering and agree not to share them with other students under any circumstances.

Over-the-Counter Medications: Several common non-prescription over-the-counter medications will be kept on-hand and administered by counseling staff (see list below). You do **NOT** need to bring these medications. You may supply an alternative for your child if you prefer a different medication be used. The following OTC medications will be on hand and available:

- Tylenol/Acetaminophen
- Advil/Ibuprofen
- Mucinex/Decongestant
- Robitussin/Guaifenesin
- Midol/Acetaminophen-Caffeine-Pyrimilamine Maleate
- Benadryl/Antihistamine
- Cough Drops
- Glucose Tablets

Invoice

An invoice outlining all applicable Tuition and Fees and Deposit and Balance Due deadlines is available within your account you created at the time of application. A copy can be emailed upon request. (Note: additional fees may apply, if Shuttle Service, etc. is added.)

Making Payments

Payments can be made by personal check/credit card (Visa/MC/Disc) over the phone or online at:

<https://bit.ly/2t5RxnH>

First Payment

- A payment of \$500 is required within 30 days of Acceptance, to confirm your enrollment and hold your spot.
 - Cancellation notice must be conveyed in writing and must be received not later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the session. The \$100 initial deposit will be forfeited.
 - Scholarship applicants: if you have questions regarding your pending scholarship request and how it may affect your deposit deadline and/or balance due, please contact the Registrar at registrar@birchcreek.org.

Balance

- The remaining balance is due, paid in full, 30 days before the start of the session.
 - A Statement reflecting current balance is available upon request.
 - Late-season acceptances may be given additional days to pay; please contact the Registrar for details.

Damage Fee

- If your son or daughter's living quarters and common areas are left dirty, items broken, and/or in disarray, damage fees will be charged for repairs and/or cleaning of the space(s).

Mail Service

Incoming letters and packages are delivered daily. To communicate with your son or daughter while at Birch Creek, please choose one of the following addresses based on the shipping method you use. Incorrectly addressed items may be delayed or returned to you.

- Our **US Postal Service** Mailing Address is: Student Name
(for letters and packages) C/O Birch Creek
PO Box 230
Egg Harbor, WI 54209-0230
- Our **FedEx/UPS** Shipping Address is: Student Name
(for packages) C/O Birch Creek
3821 County Highway E
Egg Harbor, WI 54209

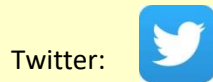
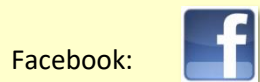
Summer Office and Emergency Contacts

Phone Numbers/Fax/Website:

- Administrative Offices (920) 868-3763, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **After-hours emergencies:**
 - Mona Christensen, Executive Director (cell)..... (920) 655-0358
 - Jim DuFrane, Facilities Manager (cell) (920) 365-6576

FAX..... (920) 868-1643

Website: www.birchcreek.org



General Campus Information

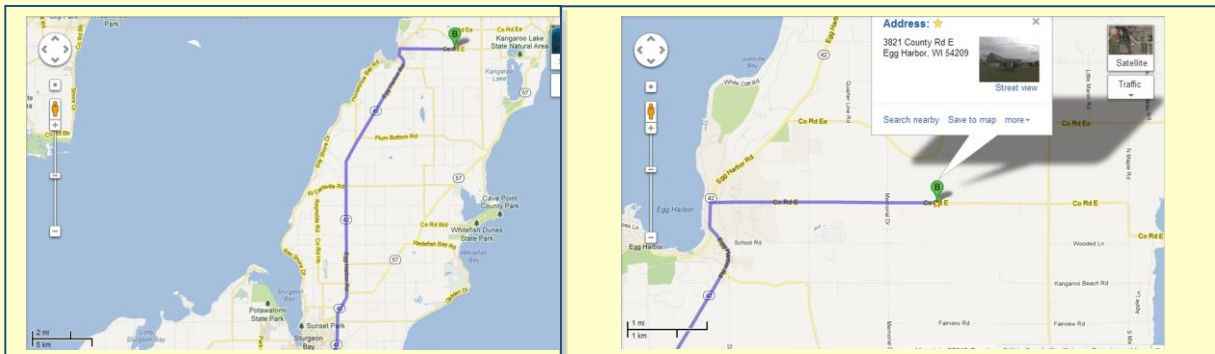
Birch Creek is located on a beautiful 125-year-old rural property so dorms and many rehearsal spaces are contemporary, with air conditioning and proper ventilation for COVID-19. Concert performances will be outside with the historic Dutton Barn as the rain alternative.

NO PETS ALLOWED ON CAMPUS

Directions to Birch Creek

By car

- From Chicago: I-94 North to Milwaukee (90 mi.)
- From Milwaukee: I-43 North to Green Bay (118 mi.), Hwy 57 East to Sturgeon Bay (38 mi.)
- From Sturgeon Bay: Hwy 42 North to Egg Harbor (16 mi.)
 - Note: Hwy 42 (**continue straight**) splits from Hwy 57 (curves to right) north of Sturgeon Bay
- From Egg Harbor: Turn right onto County Road E (3 mi.): 3821 County Road E
 - Turn right into East (second) driveway; **Registration will be outside by Miller Music Center**



By airplane or bus

- The nearest commercial airport and Greyhound Bus station are in Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- Shuttle service is available:

Shuttle Service

- Sunday, June 27 and Sunday, July 11 only (students using this service stay Saturday night).
- Please notify the Birch Creek Registrar of your confirmed travel itinerary as soon as possible (not later than June 15), to arrange shuttle pick-up or drop-off.
- We ask that flight/bus arrivals and departures be scheduled for the middle of the day (between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) if at all possible, through Green Bay's Austin Straubel Airport or Greyhound Bus station.
- **Shuttle Service Fee is \$50.00 per trip (each person, one way).**
- Please use the online [Shuttle Service Request Form](#) to reserve your place in the van.

Arrival on Campus

- **Registration/Check-In will be held outside on Sunday, June 27, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
 - Please notify the office if you will need to arrive outside of regular Registration hours.
 - Registration will be outside under tents/canopies. Masks and social distancing will be required for everyone while on campus. We ask that only one parent drop off the student and that good-byes are said in or near the car. Luggage will be dropped off, then sanitized by camp staff before moved into the dorm space.
 - Parents will not be permitted into sleeping/rehearsal/dining areas due to COVID-19 protocols.
 - This year, because of restrictions and to maintain the integrity of the residential environment, students must stay on campus until the end of the session. Parents are not allowed to check-out their child during the program session.

Departure from Campus

- Students are required to leave after the evening concert on Saturday, July 10.
 - Camp counselors will be available Saturday evening to assist with student check-out between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The student dorms must be clean and in good repair, or a damage fee will be assessed. Reminder, parents are not allowed in the sleeping spaces.
 - Students are required to attend the final concert of the session on Saturday evening, and should depart immediately following the concert. Saturday evening check-out is before 6 p.m.

Sleeping Arrangements

- On-campus residency is required.
- Male and female students stay in separate, air-conditioned dormitories by birth gender.
- Dormitories are open concept; grouped into "pods" of four bunks each. Two bunks will remain open in each pod to ensure proper distancing and in compliance with suggested public health guidelines.
- Each bunk has a corresponding dresser and locking storage compartment.
- Please bring your own pillow, bed linens (standard twin) and/or sleeping bag.
- One counselor remains in each dormitory overnight to supervise students.
- There is to be no co-mingling of personal items for the duration of the session.

Lockers

- Instrument Lockers: Students can choose an instrument locker (if needed) after Registration.
- Dorm Lockers: Each student is provided with a locker in the dorm area for storage of personal belongings.
- Students are asked to bring **two** combination locks for their lockers. Students may also rent combination locks from Birch Creek for \$5.00.
- **NOTE: Birch Creek is not responsible for personal possessions.** Please utilize the lockers provided and do not leave electronics and other valuables unattended. Be sure your instrument(s) are insured.

Private Lessons

- Private lessons are available with faculty members at the rate of \$25 - \$50 per 30-minute lesson.
- Students are to make arrangements for lessons directly with the faculty member(s) following the Monday afternoon Student Orientation Meeting.
- **Payment is made directly to the faculty member, at the time of the lesson.**

Out-of-Pocket Expenses

- Students may wish to bring spending money for incidental/optional expenses.
 - These may include snacks, private lessons, on campus concessions, Birch Creek merchandise/apparel.
 - We suggest in the range of \$50 - \$100 depending on the number of lessons and activities in which your child plans to participate while onsite.
- An ATM machine is not available on campus. Cash should be stored in a locked dorm locker.

Typical Student's Day at Birch Creek

Dining

Meals

- Three healthful served meals are prepared daily by our kitchen staff.
 - The kitchen provides vegetarian and nut-free options at every meal. Other medical dietary needs will be accommodated.
 - Please note any special, medically necessary dietary restrictions/food allergies on the Health Form.

Snacks

- Between meals, limited snacks are available by request throughout the day (i.e., water, juice, fruit and granola bars).
- Students may bring/purchase their own snacks to keep in their dorm area.
 - Refrigeration is not available.
 - Please be sure to provide airtight containers for the storage of any snacks, so as not to attract ants and other critters. Improperly stored food items may be confiscated.

Schedule

Daily

7:30 – 8:15	Breakfast
8:15 – 9:15	Sectionals (focus on music being rehearsed in full Orchestra)
9:30 – 11:45	Orchestra rehearsals
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch
1:00 – 1:50	Techniques Class or Seminar
2:00 – 3:00	Small Ensemble rehearsals or individual practice time
3:00 – 4:00	Individual practice time
4:00 – 5:30	Free time (time for practice or private lessons, quiet time, carry-out deliveries, volleyball, etc.)
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner

Non-Concert Nights

6:30 – 8:30	Orchestra or Ensemble rehearsals
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Concert Nights

6:30	Prelude music (featuring student and faculty ensembles)
7:00	Prelude music (featuring student ensembles); Full Orchestra performance

Post Rehearsal/Concert until Curfew

Free time (bonfire, s'mores, game night)

Concert Information

Concert Dates

The Birch Creek Symphony performs an evening concert on Thursday and Friday and an afternoon concert on Saturday of the first week, and evening concerts on Thursday through Saturday the second week:

July 1, 2, 3, and July 8, 9, & 10.

Concerts will be live streamed for parents unable to attend in person. Links will be emailed weekly on the first concert date.

Special dates of note:

July 3rd Concert

- The afternoon concert, "America the Beautiful: An Independence Day Celebration", starts at **3 p.m.** (pre-concert music at 2:30 p.m.)
- This concert is traditionally sold-out, so we would highly encourage you to purchase tickets in advance.
- Rain date is Sunday, July 4 at 3 p.m.

Family Concert

- 1:00 p.m., final Saturday of the session (7/10).
- Parents and friends are invited to attend the Family Concert on the final Saturday afternoon of the session. The concert is free, and all students will perform. It is an informal concert, where cameras and video recorders *are permitted*. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch. Alcohol is not permitted.

Final Session Concert

- 7 p.m., final Saturday of the session (7/10)
- Prelude Music begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Advance Reservations are strongly encouraged for the final evening concert. Reserve by phone or online.

Purchasing Tickets

Ticket Prices

- **Bench Seating:** Tickets are priced at **\$45.00 per bench, sits 1-3 people per bench**. Benches will be socially distanced outside on a first-come, first served basis. If concert is cancelled due to inclement weather, you can exchange your tickets for a different 2021 concert.
- **Bring Your Own Lawn Chair Seating:** Tickets are priced at **\$15 per ticket** and will be socially distanced in an allotted area behind the Bench Seating on a first-come, first served basis. If concert is cancelled due to inclement weather, you can exchange your tickets for a different 2021 concert.

Parent Discount and 1 free bench

- To receive the free bench, please call the office and mention the parent code. You WILL NOT be able to obtain the free bench online.
- We are pleased to offer you 25% off your ticket order(s) of all tickets when you identify yourself as the parent/guardian of a 2021 Birch Creek student. This discount is available online or by calling the office (920.868.3763) and enter/mention discount code **BCPARENT21**. Code is non-transferrable: valid only for current parents/guardians as identified on the 2021 Student Admission Application. Payment must be received at the time of purchase. This offer may not be used in combination with other discounts or coupons.

Accommodations for Parents

Destination Door County

Given Door County's reputation as a prime vacation destination includes a plethora of accommodation choices, the arts, excellent restaurants, galleries, and shopping. Everything you need to know about Door County can be found at the Destination Door County (Door County Visitor Bureau) website. If you are looking for accommodations for your family while you are staying onsite, feel free to check out Destination Door County's comprehensive website at www.doorcounty.com

Other Special Notices

Cell Phones

Students may use mobile phones during free time. Please know cellular reception is intermittent on our rural campus (depending on your provider).

Banned Substances

Birch Creek is a smoke-free, drug-free, vape-free and alcohol-free campus. This will be strictly enforced.

Symphony Session Details

Auditions

Symphony and Chamber Ensemble Placement Audition

Auditions occur on Monday morning to determine placement into different levels of chamber ensembles and chair placement in the orchestra. Students should prepare the following:

- A slow and a fast piece/movement, not to exceed 5 minutes each, which demonstrate your ability.
- Major and minor scales through 4 sharps and flats. String players must be able to play scales in three octaves. Memorization is suggested but not mandatory.
- Sight reading will also be included in the audition.

Students are encouraged to bring solo and ensemble literature they would like to study with Birch Creek faculty.

Tentative 2021 Concert Repertoire

(Subject to change)

Beethoven & Beyond (Concert includes Student Concertos).....Thursday, July 1

Beethoven – Prometheus Overture
Koussevitzky – Concerto for Double Bass, op. 3, F-sharp minor
Allegro
Cimarosa (arr. Benjamin) – Oboe Concerto in C minor
Beethoven Symphony No. 6 in F Major

The Mozart EffectFriday, July 2

Mozart – Die Entführung aus dem Serail, K.384: Overture
Joseph Boulogne Chevalier de Saint Georges – Symphony No. 2
Weber – Clarinet Concerto No 1 in F minor, Op 73
Mozart – Haffner Symphony

America the Beautiful: An Independence Day CelebrationSaturday, July 3

The Star-Spangled Banner
Armed Forces Salute (Arr. Lowden)
America the Beautiful
From “Lest We Forget” arr. Paul Whear
“Pops” Hoe-Down arr. Hayman
Victor Herbert – March of the Toys from “Babes in Toyland” (Arr. Langey)
Copland – Variations on a Shaker Theme
Star Wars Medley – Arr. Burden
Rossini – La Gazza Ladra
Tchaikovsky – 1812
Sousa – Stars & Stripes

Bach to Birch CreekThursday, July 8

Bach – Passacaglia BWV 582. C minor (orchd. Stokowski)
José Bragato – Tango for Cello & Strings “Graciela Y Buenos Aires”
Bach – Sheep May Safely Graze
Dvořák – Czech Suite

Stravinsky in MotionFriday, July 9

Stravinsky – Fanfare for a New Theatre
Samuel Coleridge Taylor (Noveletten #4 for Strings & Percussion)
Copland – Variations on a Shaker Theme
Stravinsky – Suite No. 2 for Small Orchestra
Bartok – Romanian Folk Dances
Stravinsky – Pulcinella: Suite

Symphonic Legends: The Music of Rossini, Dvorak & Mendelssohn Saturday, July 10

Rossini – La Gazza Ladra Overture
Bach – Passacaglia in C Minor (Stokowski)
Beethoven – Symphony No. 6 in F Major

Rehearsing Prior to the Session

- You will be playing your instrument anywhere between 6-8 hours per day while at Birch Creek. Please make a point of playing daily at home before you arrive, to get yourself in shape for the session.
- It is a good idea to practice excerpts of the pieces above to get them under your fingers prior to arrival. Rehearsals move quickly, and the better you know your part, the more efficiently the ensemble can progress as a whole.
 - Your private teacher should be able to help you access Excerpts books for practicing.
 - Many scores & parts can be downloaded for free from IMSLP.org (please note that the public-domain edition may differ slightly from the music Birch Creek will use)
 - Shortly before the session, string players will receive the music via a Dropbox invitation from String faculty and/or the Symphony Librarian, for fingerings and bowings.

Tentative 2021 Faculty List

(Subject to Change)

Program Director	Ricardo Castañeda, Oak Park, IL
Guest Conductor	Benjamin Firer, Franklin, WI
Concertmaster	Marcia Henry-Liebenow, Peoria, IL
Violin	EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, Providence, RI Betty Lewis, Wilmette, IL
Viola	Amanda Grimm, Chicago, IL
Cello	Emily Mantell, Orland Park, IL
String Bass	Alan Steiner, Buffalo Grove, IL
Flute	Shannon Finney, Kansas City, MO
Oboe	Ricardo Castañeda, Oak Park, IL
Clarinet	Katherine Kohler, Nashville, TN
Bassoon	John Gaudette, Chicago, IL
Horn	Dan O'Connell, Chicago, IL
Trumpet	Matt Lee, Elmhurst, IL
Trombone	Tom Stark, Schaumburg, IL
Tuba	Charles Schuchat, Chicago, IL
Percussion	Robert Everson, Oak Park, IL
Accompanist	Jodie DeSalvo, Naples, FL



Annual Concerto Competition

Auditions for the Annual **Concerto Competition**
will be held at Birch Creek, Tuesday afternoon, **July 6th**.

The competition is open to all students enrolled in the 2021 Symphony session with the exception of the winners of the previous year competition.

Two winners will be chosen. Each winner receives:

- \$1,000 cash prize.
- Birch Creek will give you an additional \$1,000 Scholarship to be applied to Birch Creek's tuition for the 2022 season. You also have the opportunity to perform a movement of a concerto with the Birch Creek Symphony on Opening Night of the 2022 season (must be a 2022 enrolled student to perform).

More details:

- Prepare one piece (maximum 10 minutes in length) for the audition. (This need not be the concerto you intend to perform, should you win the competition.)
- Memorization is not required.
- Remember to bring the original accompaniment part with you to Birch Creek. (No photocopies please.)
- A \$20 accompaniment fee will be required to enter the competition. (This will provide for your accompaniment for one rehearsal and the audition by a professional accompanist.)
- A sign-up sheet for audition times will be posted at Birch Creek during the first week of the session. It is not necessary for you to pre-register.