

Music & Arts Week 2023 - FAQ'S

Why “Music and Arts” instead of “Music Week”?

There are 2 primary motivations behind this change. First, Music Week camper numbers, especially among youth has been on the decline for several years. Certainly the pandemic has hastened this pattern but it had begun long before 2020. Second, the costs associated with the program, including bringing in wonderful clinicians and printing materials has held steady or risen. This is not a sustainable pattern for any Lutheridge program. With those facts in mind, we have tried to think of a way to continue the beloved traditions of Music Week while opening up some new possibilities that are viable moving forward.

In discussing that way forward, a few folks who were on staff in the 70s mentioned that there used to be another program alongside Music Week called “Festival of the Arts” which included drama and visual arts. In that spirit, we have created “Music and Arts Week” which allows for youth campers to select 2 of 4 tracks for the week with wonderful instructors.

How will this change my campers week?

Campers in 3rd-12th grade will be able to choose 2 of 4 tracks to participate in during the week. They will choose between Music and Dance for one period and Drama and Visual Arts for another. The descriptions of all the tracks and the track leaders are below. Each track will also include some specific faith formation time.

How do I select a track?

When the camper registers, it will ask them which tracks they are selecting to participate in.

Are there changes in the adult program?

The adult Music Week program will continue just like in past years highlighted by a hymn fest and closing worship, with the one change being a Friday departure instead of Saturday.

Why Friday departure?

We have moved to Friday departure for 3 weeks of the summer mostly to give staff a little bit of extra rest. Last summer we observed a staff who worked as hard as they could with few breaks and we are trying to figure out ways to keep our staff healthy and fresh so that they can be the best counselors for your children. Music Week is a natural week for Friday departure because parents will already be invited to attend the closing program. Pickup will happen in areas immediately following the program. We believe that Friday departures also benefit parents and campers.

Will Friday departure affect any Lutheridge traditions?

No. Even though camp ends on Friday, campers will still get to enjoy their favorite Lutheridge traditions including Poolooza, Celebration, patches, and singing at the cross.

