

**MESA STATE COLLEGE**  
Middle School Music Camp 2010

Descriptions for the Music Enrichment Courses

On-line Registration begins Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Please register for classes on-line

***Singing for Enjoyment*** – All campers will come together forming an all female choir and an all male choir, learning to sing together in fun and enjoyable environment. No singing experience required! These choirs perform on the final concert.

***Music Technology*** – (limited to the first 32 who register)

You may already play an instrument, but can you play a computer? Not video games; but turning the computer into a musical instrument. Come and join us in the Tech Lab for some music creation, where we will experiment with sampled sounds, mix together musical loops, and create a CD project that you can take home.

***Listen to the Music!*** – An in depth look into the elements of music and how they relate to all styles of music. What do you really listen to when you listen to music? What should you be listening for?

***Exploring the Keyboard*** – (limited to the first 32 who register)

This class will explore, in a fun, accessible and interactive way, some basic concepts of the piano. The class will be flexible, in accordance with the musical backgrounds and abilities of the participants.

***Jazz Ensemble*** (by audition only)

Open to the standard instrumentation for a Jazz Ensemble: saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drumset, piano, bass guitar and guitar. Focus will be on learning advanced skills to play in a jazz ensemble setting with improvisation opportunities. Students should indicate their interest at the audition. Instrumentation: 5 saxophones (2 alto, 2 tenor, 1 bari; 4 trumpets; 4 trombones; standard rhythm section) This ensemble performs on the final concert. Rhythm section auditions separate from your primary instrument.

***Jazz Workshop*** (open to all instrumentalists)

This course is open to all instrumentalists who are interested in learning and playing the jazz style, and is the alternative course for those students who are not placed in the jazz ensemble. Focus will be learning the basics of playing in a jazz ensemble with improvisation opportunities. No jazz experience necessary. This group does not perform on the final concert.

***Jazz Improvisation*** – students will learn the skills to play a jazz improvisation solo, no prior jazz experience necessary.

***Drum Circle*** – Learn about the world of rhythm and percussion instruments! Activities include playing percussion instruments, learning about rhythm, and playing a variety of musical games. No previous percussion experience required.

***Careers in Music*** – This course will look at the different careers that are possible in the music industry, such as teaching, performing, retail, instrument manufacturing, management, publishing etc. There will be a different guest speaker each day! Also included will be discussion on the degree possibilities associated with these careers as well as the preparation needed to get into a college music program (It's never too early to start thinking about this!)

***Music Theory for Beginners*** – Students will learn about basic theoretical concepts such as reading in different clefs, key signatures, chords, scales, intervals, etc.

***Basic Vocal Techniques*** – students will learn fundamental techniques that all singers must achieve in order to produce a beautiful vocal sound. (Students coming as singers are highly recommended to take this course!) This group does not perform on the final concert.