

Colorado Mesa University
Middle School Music Camp 2025
Music Enrichment Course Descriptions
Online Registration begins May 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.

Beginning Guitar (Limited to the first 24 students who register per offering) – This class is for students who have no or very little experience playing guitar. Students will learn basic note reading, basic chords, basic strumming patterns and apply them to simple songs. Guitars are provided, but if you have your own, bring it!

Camp Choir – This class is for anyone who enjoys singing or wishes to experience singing in a choir for the first time. No singing experience required!

Drum Circle – Have fun and learn about musical rhythm, texture, and improvisation while playing various percussion instruments! We will jam, play musical games, and meet new friends. No percussion experience is necessary.

Drumline (Limited to the first 15 students who register) – Venture into the world of Drumline! In this enrichment class, you will learn the techniques needed to be a future member of the MavRoos Platoon. Hone your skills on snare, quints, bass drum, or cymbals!

Exploring the Keyboard (Limited to the first 32 students who register) – Do you want to play your favorite songs on your keyboard? This course is designed for those interested in learning basic skills for performing keyboards in contemporary music such as rock, pop, funk or even Latin music. Learn how to use triad concepts in a fun way throughout the application of group and individual rhythmic exercises.

Exploring the Native American Flute (Limited to the first 16 students who register) – Have you ever wanted to take an instrument and play in the canyons of Colorado with no music - only your perception of your surroundings and how they make you feel? That is what our Native Americans did with their instruments - flutes and percussion. You will have a chance to hear and see Native American flutes and perform using a Native American style flute and various percussion instruments in the style of Native American music. It can be very simple or fairly complex.

Glee Club – Anybody can learn to sing their favorite songs together in Glee Club! Singers will develop pitch, rhythm, and listening skills by learning and writing arrangements of the songs they love most.

History of Rock – When did Rock and Roll start? Who are some of the most influential bands? In this class we'll be discussing these questions and more. Be ready to watch lots of videos and listen to lots of different styles of rock.

Improv Jam – Improv Jam is the perfect space for budding comedians to laugh, while developing creative thinking skills and confidence. We will learn the arts of storytelling and team building in a welcoming space for all unique identities.

Mariachi – ¡Bienvenido a todos! Welcome, everyone! Join me in this class as we learn traditional mariachi performance styles. We will learn how to play new instruments, sing, or perform mariachi styles on our primary instruments. Vihuelas and guitarrones will be provided. Students who play violin, trumpet, or guitar should bring those instruments.

Music Business – Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes in the music world? In this course, you'll discover the many music careers beyond performing—like producers, managers, marketers, and more! You'll learn how musicians make money, what record labels do, and how artists build their brand. You'll also get to plan your own music event and come up with a cool music business idea to share with the class. This course is all about creativity, teamwork, and learning how music becomes a career!

Music Technology (*Limited to the first 32 students who register per offering*) – 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 with Garage Band. We will combine pre-recorded loops with your own synthesized creations to produce a track that you can later access at home. (If you already have Garage Band experience or have taken this class before at music camp, please choose something else.)

Jazz Band – Jazz Band uses a standard big band instrumentation (saxophones, trombones, trumpets, guitar, piano, bass, drums) and is open to students by audition. Let the faculty member running your audition know you are interested in auditioning for jazz band too. Students not placed in the jazz band will be placed in another enrichment course.

Jazz Improvisation – Students will learn the skills to play a jazz improvisation solo. No prior jazz experience necessary.

Songwriting – This class is for anyone who wants to explore writing a song of their own. No prior experience needed... just a bit of courage to try something new! Students will learn about songwriting by writing a song together as a class to perform at the end of the week. Interested students can also write their own lyrics, compose their own melody, and choose harmonies to go with the melody they write.

School of Rock (*Limited to the first 16 who register per offering*) – Are you ready to rock? Have you ever wanted to be in a rock band? Students will learn the basics of playing in a Modern Band. Students will have the opportunity to learn basic guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, or vocal skills necessary to play in a Modern Band setting. Instruments are provided.

Ukulele (*Limited to the first 30 students who register per offering*) – Learn how to play the ukulele, no prior experience required! Students will learn basic chords, basic strumming patterns and apply them to various songs. Ukuleles are provided.