



# 2026 Prairie Strings Music Festival Complete Registration Packet

July 22–26, 2026 • Southwest Minnesota State University • Marshall, MN

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## Welcome Letter

Dear Families,

We are excited to welcome your middle or high school string student to the **2026 Prairie Strings Music Festival** — a five-day immersive residential summer string camp at Southwest Minnesota State University.

This camp offers daily masterclasses, full orchestra rehearsals, chamber music, technique workshops, and a public concert. Our goal is to provide a supportive, high-quality musical experience for students from rural and regional communities.

## Important Dates

- Camp: Wednesday, July 22 – Sunday, July 26, 2026
- Final Public Concert: Sunday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. (free and open to the public)

Please complete and return all forms by **July 1, 2026**. Space is limited.

We look forward to a wonderful week of music-making!

Sincerely,

Beth Steuck & Kristin Gruhot

Project Directors, Prairie Strings Music Festival

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## 1. Camper Registration Form

### Camper Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2026–27): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Playing: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact** (if different)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Tuition & Payment Information**

**Tuition:** \$350.00 (includes housing, meals, instruction, and materials)

**Payment Options:**

- Full payment due by **July 15, 2026**
- Deposit of \$50.00 due with registration; balance due July 15

**Payment Method**  Check (payable to *Friends of the Orchestra LTD*)

**Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Scholarship Application (Optional)**

We offer need-based scholarships to help make the festival accessible to all students.

**Scholarship Request**

I am requesting scholarship support in the amount of:  Partial tuition (\$100.00)

**Reason for Request** (please briefly explain your family’s financial situation or need):

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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. Media & Photo Release**

I grant permission for the Prairie Strings Music Festival, Southwest Minnesota Orchestra, and SMSU to photograph, video, and audio record my child for promotional, educational, and grant-reporting purposes.

- Yes**, I grant permission  **No**, I do not grant permission

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5. Liability & Waiver of Claims Release

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, release the Prairie Strings Music Festival, Southwest Minnesota Orchestra, SMSU, and all staff from any claims arising from my child's participation, including injury, illness, or loss of property. I understand the camp involves physical activity and musical instruction and assume all risks.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6. Health & Dietary Information

**Medical Information** Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions we should know about: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dietary Restrictions / Food Allergies

Vegetarian    Vegan    Gluten-free    Dairy-free    Nut allergy    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Medical Authorization

In case of emergency, I authorize festival staff to seek medical treatment for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Code of Conduct & Packing List

### Code of Conduct

Students are expected to be respectful, participate fully, and follow all SMSU and camp rules. Cell phones must be silenced during sessions.

### What to Bring

- Instrument & supplies
  - Music folder and pencil
  - Casual, comfortable clothing
  - Sheets, pillow, blanket or sleeping bag (twin size)
  - Toiletries and towels
  - Any needed medications
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**8. T-shirt Size (circle one)**

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(other \_\_\_\_\_)

**9. Signature Page**

I have read and understand all information in this packet and agree to the terms.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**How to Submit**

Return completed packet by **July 1, 2026** to:

Prairie Strings Music Festival  
c/o Kris Gruhot  
P. O. Box 191  
Lynd, MN 56157

Or email scanned forms to: [kgruhot@gmail.com](mailto:kgruhot@gmail.com)