

REGISTRATION/FIRST SESSION

Registration will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 30th in the lobby of a “yet to be determined” dormitory in the “Southwest Residential Area” of campus. Please refer to the HOUSING/DORMITORY section for more information.

We encourage you to mail both the **UHS Medical Form** and **Waiver & Release Form** forms to our business office in advance, as it will be one less thing to worry about on Saturday. Otherwise, be sure to bring both completed forms, as well as your balance due for the Seminar (if applicable) on July 30th. PLEASE NOTE: At this time, we are unable to accept credit cards as a form of payment. Tuition balances and books may be paid for with cash, check or money order.

After settling into your assigned dorm room and storing your instrument (and case if applicable) in the designated location, you will then go to the Dining Commons for dinner. This meal will NOT be done as a group, so you must plan your time accordingly. Parents and other guests are allowed to accompany students to the Dining Commons, **however all parents and other guests will have to pay for their own meals.**

The first session will be held Saturday evening at 6:00 PM at the GNP Minuteman Marching Band Building/Grinnell Arena. All MPS students will meet outside of our dormitory at 5:40 PM and we will walk over to the GNP Building as a group. You will need to bring your books, instrument, and a pencil or pen with you to the First Session. Mallet players and any student borrowing a drum and harness will get their instruments during the First Session.

HOUSING/DORMITORY

Due to ongoing residence hall renovations during the summer months at UMass-Amherst, we are not assigned a dormitory until early July. Once we receive confirmation of our dormitory in the, you will be sent both a Dormitory Confirmation email and letter via snail mail regarding the name of the dormitory and helpful tips for Registration.

The dormitories are not air-conditioned and we recommend that you consider bringing a portable fan. There are approximately 15-20 adult staff members that will be staying in the dorm with the students, providing 24-hour supervision.

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

You will be housed with another MPS student at random to enhance your experience of meeting new friends and working with new people. If a specific roommate is desired, please provide the name of the student you wish to be roomed with on your registration form or via email to Sally Johnson at office@percussion.org no later than JULY 25. NO EXCEPTIONS.

GETTING TO CAMPUS/PARKING

For GPS purposes, the best address to use to get to the Southwest Residential area of the UMass-Amherst campus is: **111 Southwest Circle, Amherst, MA 01003**. Parking tips will be included in the Dormitory Confirmation letter and email you will receive in early July.

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If you will be driving yourself to and from campus, you must use our assigned parking lot. You will get information on where to park your vehicle from a staff member during Registration. Students will park their cars after Registration and turn in their keys to the appropriate staff member for the duration of the Seminar. If you park in any area not specifically designated for MPS, you may be subject to having your vehicle ticketed and towed at your own expense.

CAMP SCHEDULE/MEALS

The basic schedule of the camp is three sessions: Morning, Afternoon and Evening. The Marching Percussion (or Battery) students and Mallet percussion students will have separate Morning and Afternoon Sessions, but will work together during the end of the Evening Session.

The Morning Session includes a physical warm up/stretching, marching basics (battery only), percussion warm up (exercises) and large ensemble. The students will then break for lunch. The Afternoon Session will consist of breaking into smaller, more individual attention groups, music reading fundamentals and the "Leadership Sessions" (for those who enroll in Section Leader Track). The Evening Session will start with continued small group work (battery) followed by music review with full ensemble (Battery and Mallets).

All meals will be eaten in the Dining Commons. The first meal will be Dinner on Saturday, July 30th, served from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The final meal will be Lunch on Wednesday, August 3rd. Please visit <http://www.umassdining.com/nutrition> for more information.

EQUIPMENT

Marching percussion students should make every possible to bring their own instruments and harnesses. If this is logistically impossible, a request to borrow equipment must be sent to our Business Office by either phone or email.

Please Note: IF YOU WILL BE BORROWING MARCHING EQUIPMENT FROM THE SEMINAR, THE DRUMS WILL BE OF "COLLEGE/DRUM CORPS" WEIGHT!

All Seminar students will receive a pair of sticks or mallets during Registration. Mallet players will be provided instruments at the Seminar. Students in the drum set program should bring their hi-hat stand, hi-hat and ride cymbal and stand, and a drum seat.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If you feel ill at any time, please contact a MPS Staff Member. All medical emergencies that arise will be handled through the University Health Services (UHS). In extreme circumstances, students will be transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, approximately 20 minutes from UMass. Any ambulance transportation will be billed to the parent/guardian's insurance policy.

CLOSING CEREMONY/CHECK-OUT

Our Closing Ceremony, in conjunction with the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy (DMA), will be on Wednesday, August 3rd in the parking lot in front of Gladchuck Field (adjacent to McGuirk Stadium). The Ceremony will start at 1pm, with the MPS going on first. Checkout will be immediately following the Closing Ceremony. All Resident students must return keys and meal cards. There is a \$60.00 charge for lost keys and a \$20.00 charge for lost meal cards!! Remember to check all closets and drawers for your belongings before you leave.

****The Mobile Percussion Seminar and the University of Massachusetts cannot be held responsible for any personal belongings left in dorm rooms****

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Nametags must be worn at all times. Be sure to bring your three-ring binder, pens or pencils, and books all sessions.
2. Students are not permitted to leave campus at any time. If you drive to campus, your automobile is to be parked, locked, and you will surrender your keys
3. Visitation by persons who are not enrolled in the Seminar is not permitted.
4. **Please keep your room locked at ALL times. Do not leave money or other valuables anywhere on campus. The Mobile Percussion Seminar and the University of Massachusetts cannot be held responsible for loss of personal property.**
5. Absolutely NO smoking, alcohol, or illegal substances will be used, possessed, or exhibited by anyone during the seminar.
6. You may not, under any circumstances, visit the rooms or floors housing members of the opposite sex.
7. Room checks will be held each evening at 11pm and you must be in your room at this time.
8. Please leave your room in the same condition at the close of the Seminar as when you moved in. You will also be held financially responsible for any cleaning or repairs that need to take place as a result of your stay.
9. Failure to comply with these or any other regulations established by the Mobile Percussion Seminar will result in immediate dismissal from the Seminar WITHOUT a refund of fees/tuition. Your parents or legal guardian will be responsible for immediate transportation home.

Things to Bring Checklist 2016

- _____ UHS Medical Form and Waiver & Release Form (if applicable)
- _____ Comfortable clothes for marching in warm days and cool evenings. For Mallet/Drum Set students: Grinnell Arena is air-conditioned.
- _____ Sneakers are recommended for all students, particularly for battery percussion students.
- _____ **Sunburn Protection.** Please be prepared to work in the sun. Hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, and other precautionary items are highly recommended.
- _____ **Pens/Pencils & 3-Ring Binder.** You will need these items for all sessions. Make sure you put all of the camp information you received in the first section of your binder.
- _____ A Backpack is a good item to bring. You can carry your binder, pens/pencils, textbooks, sunscreen, and a water bottle easily to all sessions.
- _____ Linens/Bedding. You must provide your own bedding, which should include either twin size extra long sheets or a sleeping bag, a pillow, and blankets (if desired).

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_____Toiletries. Toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, soap or body wash, deodorant, towels, and other personal care items you will need.

_____An alarm clock is also a very good item to bring if you do not have a cell phone (most cell phones have alarms).

_____Cellphone Charger. If you are bringing a phone, be sure to remember a charger!

_____Portable Fan. The dorms may become warm in the evenings.

_____ Instrument _____Harness _____ Drum Key

_____ Books (or money to buy them) _____Sticks/Mallets