



Congratulations to AMP musicians and guardians! We can't wait to make some music this year. We've been working hard since last year to make this year's camp as fun and useful as we can, with more music and bands jam-packed into three weeks of camp! Please read this carefully in order to prepare for this year's camp.

Create. Collaborate. Communicate. This summer, AMP will be an environment meant to foster these ideas between all 32 musicians on this journey. This year's program is specifically designed to expose our musicians to a variety of band learning situations. They will have the opportunity to play music and build relationships in multiple bands, as well as the opportunity to be creative in our daily workshops and hone their technical skills in our daily masterclasses. While we aim to build skills that will be useful far beyond their experience at AMP, the culmination of our camp will be a Final Showcase on July 27nd at 2pm in the Hope Center at Hope Lutheran Church. This performance will be open to the public, and ticketing info will be made available during camp.

The idea of holding a rock band camp in the Coachella Valley, home of the Coachella Music and Arts Festival, was brought to life in 2015 and continues this year through the generosity and the support of our community sponsors. Their generosity allows us to offer Tuition at a low cost to the participants in this program this year, and helps to even the opportunity field. We are grateful for the generosity, both of time and money, from sponsors like the City of Indio, from our AMP Board of Directors, from Hope Lutheran Church, and from our parent and student volunteers.

SCHEDULE

Academy of Musical Performance is generously hosted by Hope Lutheran Church this year and will take place in their facilities Monday through Friday from July 8 to July 26. The days will run from 10am to 5pm. Please arrange to have musicians there by 9:55am, as we start making music at 10. The growth of the musicians in this camp is dependent upon the collaboration and cooperation between bandmates — for this reason, it is particularly important that every musician is there every day of the camp. We appreciate those families who have scheduled their work and vacation times around this amazing opportunity, and look forward to working with your son or daughter every day at AMP camp.

At the beginning of the AMP day, musicians will attend a Masterclass, intended to hone their technical skills on their primary instrument. The goal of the masterclass is to provide instrument specific classes and techniques in a small group setting. Once the Masterclass ends, we will hold band Workshops, where the musicians will be asked to tackle creative challenges as a band. These challenges will help your child understand how to rehearse, explore the creative process, and be a better bandmate.

Close to 12:30pm,, we'll break for lunch, which will be provided at AMP by our many generous local restaurants and sponsors. AMP will post a weekly lunch schedule, and cannot accommodate for food restrictions. Students can bring their own lunch if they'd like, and should if they have any food restrictions. We will have access to a fridge if you must

bring your own meal. Lunchtime will include open mics and open jams. Please bring your own water bottle to refill with the drinking fountains in the facility.

For the rest of the afternoon, musicians will play in their bands and work with their band coach to learn and rehearse songs. The songs may be assigned by the instructors, original works by members of the band, or songs the band agrees to learn. Some of the work done in our band rehearsals will be seen publicly at the AMP Final Showcase. Before the end of the day at 5pm, students will clean and tidy camp, as we are sharing the facility with Hope Lutheran Church and their operations. At 5pm, our day ends. Please pick up your son or daughter in the parking lot in front of the Hope Center promptly at 5:00 when we close the doors. We will not be able to stay with stay with your musician after 5pm, so please make appropriate accommodations.

ORIENTATION + STAFF

Musicians and parents will be welcomed to this year's program on Day 1 by AMP Executive Director Will Sturgeon. Will, a 29 year-old Coachella Valley native songwriter, holds a degree in Popular Music Performance from USC, a Masters in Music Education from Boston University, was voted Best Producer in the valley, and shared his music onstage at the Coachella Music and Arts Festival in 2016. Will, [along with a diverse staff of other talented and experienced local musicians and music teachers](#), will run the musicians through the AMP Orientation on our first day. Interested parents are permitted and encouraged to attend Monday July 8th 10:00-11:00AM for a 1 hour information and orientation session.

We will have a fantastic staff this year! [Check out some of their bios here](#). Our instructors are professional musicians and educators, each with years of experience with kids and as musicians and teachers. All of our staff has been LiveScanned by the Indio Police Department and have cleared their background checks, so your children are in safe and capable hands for our three weeks at camp. Musicians are required to stay on site and we can not permit visitors outside of orientation and the final performance.

AMP staff will be loading in equipment and setting up camp on Sunday, July 7th. If you are interested in helping set-up AMP Camp, please email info@ampcv.org to confirm with Will. We could use some help!

TO DO

We have all the information we need from most of you, but if there is anything we need completed, we'll ask you to complete it on the first day of orientation or in a separate email. **If you haven't sent in your Proof of Residency, Immunization Forms, and Transcript or Report Card to info@ampcv.org and kmakkai@eliteacademic.com, please do so ASAP.**

Please make sure your student is familiar with what To Bring and the Musician Expectations before camp. We are also including links to important documents the musicians will need to be familiar with before camp can be found (and will be updated) here: <https://ampcv.org/welcome>

In order to communicate effectively with the young musicians while at camp (email doesn't always get through to them), we ask that they download the free cross-platform text-messaging app WhatsApp. Please download on your mobile device before camp.

Also, if you are interested in donating materials or volunteering to help AMP run this summer, please fill out a volunteer form or email us directly at info@ampcv.org.

VOLUNTEER FORM: <https://forms.gle/mbv5U8RNnbGhU3f18>

PARENTS + GUARDIANS

We are happy to provide our unique and specialized program to Coachella Valley families at no cost, and are blessed with support from a wonderful community of families. If you are willing to volunteer any of your time or talents, please let us know and we can assess how to utilize your help!

We have been working hard to bring on additional community partners and wanted to share our Sponsor Information with you if you know anyone who wants to donate to our program in any way, visit: <http://ampcv.org/support>

As some members of camp may have a harder time getting to camp than others, we have put together an editable spreadsheet for people to voluntarily put their carpool information, whether they need carpool or are available to carpool. AMP cannot be liable for arranging transportation, but we are happy to start this resource for you to populate and arrange rides amongst the other AMP Guardians. Feel free to check that here.

Carpool Availability Document: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wYAnilqAvbZ2KZ0Xu90YC-KQEbITu3nivleqKW66kDE/edit?usp=sharing>

For any other questions, please email Executive Director Will Sturgeon at will@ampcv.org or call 760.537-5AMP (5267).

We're so happy to have such a talented and friendly group of musicians to take this journey with us, and we're excited to see you on July 8th!

Rock On,

Will Sturgeon, Kate Spates, & The AMP Staff
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