

About Us

Since 1990, the Black Hills String Retreat has offered string players, entering grades 5-12, an intensive and varied program under the direction of an outstanding guest faculty in a relaxed and fun environment. String Retreat is held at the Cedar Canyon Camp in Rapid City.



The camp has grown from a weekend workshop for 80 students to a five day camp of over 200 campers. Students are housed in camp cabins and are chaperoned by our volunteer parent staff. String Retreat offers a wide variety of musical activities including master classes, orchestra, ensemble coaching, and technique classes, as well as a number of performing opportunities; electives include fiddle instruction, handbells, and penny whistle.

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www.bhsuzuki.org
click on Black Hills String Retreat

Schedule

(subject to change)

Monday, July 24

8:00–9:30am Registration at Tabernacle
8:00–10:00am Chamber Auditions
10:00am Preludium and Intermezzo Cabin Meetings
10:30am Orchestra Rehearsals

11:30 Daily Student Recitals

Friday, July 28

1:00pm Suzuki Concert
2:30pm Preludium Activities
4:00pm Ensemble Concert

7:00pm Festival Orchestra Concert

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Cedar Canyon Camp
Rapid City, South Dakota

July 24-28, 2023

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Early bird deadline. May 15
Final deadline June 15

Chaperones and Parent Volunteers

- Parent volunteers are welcome and needed to make our camp a success. Adults may volunteer for a variety of tasks, including chaperoning, providing, working at registration, making sno-cones and popcorn for snacks, and evening transportation. Please let us know on the registration form if you would like to volunteer - someone will call you in the weeks before camp begins.
- If you would like to serve as a String Retreat chaperone, email charlieviola@rushmore.com. Give your full name, address, and phone number. An application will be mailed to you. The chaperone application should be returned as soon as possible, but must be returned by registration deadline, so we may assemble our chaperone staff.



Housing and Meals

- Students are housed in camp cabins, many of which have been recently renovated. Three meals are provided each day in the dining hall if your camper has special dietary needs, please note this on your String Retreat application. Snacks are provided each evening.

Student Recitals

- Students are encouraged to perform in one of our daily student recitals. Please fill out the recital request on your application form if your camper has a polished piece they would like to perform.

Faculty

- Master teachers travel each summer from Ohio, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota and other states, to teach at String Retreat. Our local faculty also serve as ensemble, sectional and elective coaches.

Financial Aid

- If you need financial assistance to attend camp, email charlieviola@rushmore.com. Give your full name, address and phone number to receive a scholarship application. You can also download the application at www.bhsuzuki.org. You must return the scholarship application along with your completed camp registration form.

Scholarship Fund

- Please help deserving students to attend String Retreat. Each year we have awarded full and partial scholarships to over a dozen campers through the generosity of our donors. Through your gift, we can provide assistance to even more students. Please consider sponsoring a camper in full or making a contribution in any amount.

