



ONTARIO DIVISION

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SENIOR MUSIC CAMP



I'm a Believer
SMC

2026

JOHN 1:12

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www.ilovecamp.ca/senior-music-camp

Welcome CampERS



WHAT DO WE TRULY MEAN WHEN WE PROCLAIM, "I'M a BELIEVER?"

There's more to it than most people think about. Faith is like an onion, or an ogre: there are layers. At SMC26 we'll peel back the layers and dig deep into our faith as we consider the implications of our theme verse, John 1:12: "...to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..."

BIBLE DIRECTOR
MAJOR MARK BRAYE



IMPORTANT TIMES!

ARRIVAL:

Sunday August 23rd
2:00 pm - Camp
Registration
(A quick check-in as auditions are done online)

MIDWEEK:

Watch our livestreamed
"Concert in the Round" on
our facebook page:
Wednesday @ 7:00 PM

FINAL PROGRAM:

Sat. August 29th
at 12:45pm
Doors open at 12:15 pm



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Main Streams

<https://linktr.ee/SeniorMusicCamp>

Each camper registers in one of the main streams where they will participate in a large group rehearsal twice a day.

Instrumental Directors-Ty & Melody Watson

If you have registered for this stream, bring your instrument, music stand and your enthusiasm – beginner to advanced! Back by popular demand, we will have daily sectionals for campers to have small group instruction. All instrumentalists will have an opportunity to work under the leadership of our special guest, Mark Baker.

Jackson's Point Band: B/M Mark Baker
Selkirk Band: B/M Steve Brown
Glenhuron Band: B/M Maggi Jones
Roblin Lake Band: B/M Lorne Dunkley



Vocal Directors- Cameron & Phylida Rawlins

MADAWASKA CHORUS: Led by Cameron Rawlins
Participation in our vocal stream means that you will receive expert instruction while singing beautiful choral arrangements. Vocalists of all abilities are welcome and are encouraged to sing and make music to glorify God.



Mark Baker is the Principal Trombone of the New York Staff Band of The Salvation Army, where he has the privilege of playing in one of the organization's top musical groups.



MARK BAKER

He also carries on a meaningful family legacy, having followed his father, Charles Baker, as leader of The Montclair Citadel Band of The Salvation Army. Music and ministry have always gone hand in hand for

Mark, and he's passionate about using both to make an impact in his local church and beyond.

Mark works as the Sales and Marketing Manager for USE Trade, where he spends his days supporting local ministry and (probably) sending a few too many emails.

He is married to Lauren and is a proud stepdad to James and Nick, who keep life busy, loud, and fun. Outside of the Army, Mark is a long-suffering NY Giants fan and pulls for the NJ Devils as they are the only team to not abandon New Jersey!



Executive

Camp Directors – Phil & Sarah Rayment

Bible Director – Major Mark Braye

Program Director – Tracy Burt

Instrumental Directors – Ty & Melody Watson

Vocal Directors – Cameron & Phylida Rawlins

Theory Director – Valerie Stevenson

Head Counsellors – Serena Fairweather/Steve Cooper

Elective Coordinator – Kristen Moore

Camp Manager – Major Nyree Bond

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ONLINE AUDITION PROCESS

Please note: we will **NOT** be auditioning campers when they arrive on Sunday, August 23rd.
All audition files **MUST** be received by **Friday July 31st, 2026 at 11:59PM.**

<https://linktr.ee/SeniorMusicCamp>

VOCAL AUDITIONS

◆ Click on *"SMC Vocal Placement Audition"*. Complete the Google Form and upload your audition video

VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please choose any song that you are comfortable with.
2. Please state your name clearly before you begin to sing.
3. All you need to sing is a verse and a chorus of the song of your choice. It can be accompanied or acapella (not accompanied). **Please do not edit the recording in any way.**
4. Sing at whatever tempo (speed) is comfortable for you. Try as many times as you'd like and submit your best one!
5. Save your recording file as follows: Your Name Vocal Part (e.g. Phylicia Rawlins Alto)
6. Upload your file in the Google Form



Questions?
Please email Phylicia Rawlins
phylicia.rawlins@gmail.com

INSTRUMENTAL PERCUSSION AUDITIONS

◆ Click on *"SMC Brass/Percussion Placement Audition"*. Complete the Google Form and upload your audition video

VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Click on *"SMC Brass Audition Music"* or *"SMC Percussion Audition Music"* to download the audition material
2. Please state your name clearly before you begin to play.
3. Please begin where you feel comfortable and play as many exercises as you can without stopping the recording. You are welcome to play as many exercises as you would like, but for each one, please play from the start of the exercise to the finish without stopping. **Please do not edit the recording in any way.**
4. Play at whatever tempo (speed) is comfortable for you. Try as many times as you'd like and submit your best one!
5. Save your recording file as follows: Your Name Instrument (e.g. Ty Watson Euphonium).
6. Upload your file in the Google Form



Questions?
Please email Ty Watson
tywatson68@rogers.com



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Electives

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All campers participate in an elective each day as an opportunity to try out new things and have fun with friends. Like last year, the registration process allows you to choose your electives online. Do it early to make sure you get your first pick! Here is a brief description:

Walks & Talks *Leader: Shona*

Dive into thoughtful conversation as you explore God's creation (10 camper maximum)

Knitting *Leader: Micaela*

Looking for a new hobby? Maybe this is it! Beginner and experienced knitters welcome. *Supplies provided* (10 camper max)

Photography *Leader: Dave*

Master your photography skills with daily challenges. *Digital camera is required* (15 camper maximum)

Mindfulness *Leader: Mike G*

Enjoy some quiet time while you colour, doodle, or read. (15 camper maximum)

Leadership Development and Bible Study *Leader: Courtney*

Focus on the skills needed to be a leader while studying God's word to see what He says. (20 camper maximum)

Conducting *Leader: Ron H*

Maybe being a leader of a musical group is in your future! If so, this elective will help you learn the basics. (7 camper maximum)

Canoeing

Leaders: Paul & OCM staff

Participants will enjoy the great outdoors and Lake Simcoe as they spend time canoeing each day. Your own canoe is not needed, but a swim suit is required! (20 camper maximum)



Sign up today @ <https://linktr.ee/SeniorMusicCamp>
Questions? Email: smcelectives@gmail.com

Team Sports/Basketball

Leaders: Mark, Josh & Riley

No description needed, but proper shoes are a must! (30 camper maximum)



Board Games

Leader: Brandon B

Join with others to rotate through playing different board games. If you have a favourite game, bring it along! (15 camper maximum)



Adventure Sports

Leaders: Curtis L, Roberto & Taylor

Featuring climbing wall, ropes course, archery, and archery tag. Proper footwear required. (30 camper max)



Media

Leaders: Brandon W & Paige

Spend time creating a fun hype video for SMC and learn more about the creative process for media, audio, video and graphic design. (15 camper maximum)

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SOLOIST SHOWCASE

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ONLINE PROCESS

One of the greatest experiences a musician can have is to stand up and play or sing a solo for all to enjoy. In The Salvation Army, this can be a real act of worship and a blessing to others. If you've never been given the opportunity to try this for yourself, SMC is the perfect place to give it a try. *All campers are eligible to participate as either Instrumentalist or Vocalist.*

INSTRUMENTAL (Arthur Dean Instrumental Solo Award)

VOCAL (Jane Lam Vocal Solo Award)

- ◆ Choose either brass (percussion on glockenspiel) or vocal
- ◆ Rehearse the appropriate piece. For the instrumental showcase, this is "I Want to Tell". The vocal showcase piece is "In Christ Alone", 1st verse only. (Choose the key that is comfortable for you)
- ◆ Video record your piece in one take and submit it with your instrumental or vocal stream audition recording (please save your soloist showcase recording as a separate file with the file name "Your Name Soloist Showcase")
- ◆ Our faculty will review submitted recordings and narrow it down to 3 finalists for brass and 3 finalists for vocal. Successful finalists will be notified upon their arrival at camp.



2025 WINNERS

Instrumental:
Emma Allington
Vocal:
Abigail Howard



PRO TIP!! Focus on stage presence, musical interpretation, technique and sound in your solo

CAMPER AWARDS

2025 Honour Student



Presented to Emma Allington

- ◆ Campers who display enthusiasm in all aspects of camp, musical excellence, and a servant heart will be considered
- ◆ Camper must be 15 years or older
- ◆ Scholarship to 2027 Territorial Music School
- ◆ *All awards are non-transferable*, scholarship will go to the runner-up if winner is unable to attend

SMC offers the opportunity for campers who demonstrate excellence of character and musicianship to be awarded for their contributions. Awards are given for each musical ensemble plus the esteemed Honour Student Award.

Musical Ensemble Awards

- ◆ Chosen by the leadership team of each musical ensemble
- ◆ Campers who display enthusiasm, dedication, focus and demonstrate a desire to improve will be considered.
- ◆ All mainstream musical groups are eligible for an award



SwAMP Rules

- ◆ Canteen and t-shirt costs are covered in your registration fees. Extra money is not needed.
- ◆ Camp merch can be pre-ordered and picked up at camp. Check it out @ <https://ocmtuckshop.square.site/>
- ◆ The only weapon you will need is your Bible! Please leave all others behind. This includes penknives. Also, lighters, vapes, cigarettes and alcohol should not accompany you to camp.

NEW for 2026 Cell Phones at Camp

This year, Ontario Camping Ministries (OCM) has introduced a **no cell phone policy** for campers at all camps. This allows campers a chance to unplug, focus on other things, and connect with friends. Campers are asked not to bring cell phones or devices with internet access.

At registration, we'll check in with campers and parents about devices. If a cell phone is found during camp, it will be labeled and safely stored by OCM, then returned to a parent or guardian at the end of the session.

If campers need to contact home, they can speak with their counsellors and the camp phone will be made available if necessary. Families that need to contact their campers can reach out to the OCM office.

Thanks for helping make camp an amazing, distraction-free experience!



What to bring...

- ◆ Bible / Pencil / Notebook
- ◆ Sandals / Running Shoes
- ◆ Swim Suit & Swim Shirt *required*
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Socks / Underwear / PJs
- ◆ Jeans / Pants / Shorts
- ◆ T-shirts / Sweatshirts
- ◆ Hat for the sun (and stylin')
- ◆ Raincoat / shoes to get wet
- ◆ Soap / Shampoo / Deodorant
- ◆ Toothbrush / Toothpaste
- ◆ Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- ◆ Sleeping Bag / Pillow / Blanket
- ◆ Instrument / Music Stand
- ◆ Percussionists need snare drum and stand, music stand and drum sticks
- ◆ Sunscreen / Bug Repellent
- ◆ Clothes to get messy!



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SMC in the SwAMP

Join us for an unforgettable week in *the Swamp*! Music Camp is like an onion – it has layers! There is so much to see, do, and experience. Throughout the week you'll participate in loads of games, activities, and challenges as we discover what it means to be a **BeLiever!**

We'll start the day with a march to the flagpole where we gather for morning devotions. We have a full morning of music rehearsals, theory, and participation in Worship and Bible. After lunch, we have time for your chosen elective and, of course, canteen, swim, and free time!

The Swamp schedule is loaded with adventures ... how about **CAMP FIRE**? We love it! Up for some **CARNIVAL** fun? We definitely are! Be sure to bring clothes you can get messy in – to **SLIP N' SLIDE** into some swampy goo, and our annual **COLOUR WAR** will be peak!

We'll call it a wrap on the day with our classic Pavilion Party (Fun, Friends, and Food!) ... but beware of Ogres!

