

Welcome to Vermont Youth Orchestra (VYO)!

Please print out this packet & read this important information carefully.

IMPORTANT VYO DATES

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Please contact [Art DeQuasie](#) with any questions you may have regarding participation in VYO. The best form of communication will be via email as Art does not hold regular office hours. If you would like to call please be prepared to leave a message on his voicemail.

Reveille! Music Festival: Sunday, July 31 – Sunday, August 7 on St. Michael's College North Campus. Please see attached information. *Attendance is expected* of all VYO members.

Rehearsals: Sundays; 12:45 – 3:45p.m. (except where noted) at Elley-Long Music Center

Fall 2011

Aug. 15, 22, 29 [3:00 – 6:00pm] **these are MONDAYS**

Sept. 11, 18

Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (no rehearsal Oct. 2)

Nov. 6, 13, 20 (no rehearsal Nov. 27)

Dec. 11, 18 (no rehearsal Dec. 25)

Dec. 29, 30 **First Night rehearsals**

Spring 2012

Jan. 8, 15, 22

Feb. 12, 19, 26 (no rehearsal Feb. 5)

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25

Apr. 1, 15, 22, 29 (no rehearsal Apr. 8)

Please mark these dates on your calendar! See below for Concert Dates.

Attendance Policy: VYO students are allowed no more than **3** absences in each set of rehearsals leading up to a major concert & also no more than **1** absence between *Reveille!* & the Fall Concert. Students / parents must contact [Art DeQuasie](#) regarding any rehearsals that must be missed. The success of VYO is dependent upon the full participation of all members.

Concert Dates:

- Friday, Sept 23, 2011;** 8pm [BFA St Albans]
- Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011;** 3pm [Flynn Center, Burlington]
- Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011;** 4pm Orchestrapalooza [Flynn Center]
- Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011;** First Night time TBD [Flynn Center]
- Friday, Jan. 27, 2012;** 8pm [Location TBD]
- Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012;** 3pm [Flynn Center, Burlington]
- Friday, May 4, 2012;** 8pm [Johnson State College]
- Sunday, May 6, 2012;** 3pm [Flynn Center, Burlington]

Please note that for all of these concert dates the students will need to arrive early for a dress rehearsal. More detailed information will be sent out in regards to timing prior to the concerts.

A complete list of VYO's rehearsal & concert schedule will be listed on www.vyo.org by late August

***Reveille!* Music Festival — July 31-August 7, 2011**
Elley-Long Music Center & St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont

Dear VYO & VYP Members & Parents,

This year's *Reveille!* (pronounced REV-uh-lee) Music Festival will take place July 31–August 7 here in Colchester. All VYO & VYP students are expected to participate in this weeklong festival. If for some reason you cannot attend *Reveille!* or if you will miss any portion of the week's rehearsals, you *must* contact *Reveille!* Music Festival Director Anne Decker directly (anne@vyo.org) AND enter on the *Reveille!* Music Festival wufoo registration the days/times that you will miss.

For those members & families new to the VYOA or new to VYO/VYP, the *Reveille!!* Music Festival is a weeklong overnight camp held here at the Elley-Long Music Center with the use of Saint Michael's College dorms & cafeteria. This festival jump starts the season for VYO & VYP members in preparation for their Fall concerts. It also gives the students an opportunity to get to know each other & to work with talented faculty from all over the country. We are planning an exciting musical schedule culminating in a **final concert at the Elley-Long Music Center at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7**. Throughout the week there will also be plenty of time for sports, getting to know each other, and lots of non-musical activities organized by our Camp Life Staff.

Reveille Music Festival Registration:

You will receive an email with a link to the **on-line registration for Reveille!** soon. Please keep this packet of important information for your records.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all of *Reveille!*'s rehearsals, activities & events. **If a student needs to miss any portion of *Reveille!* for any reason, it MUST be submitted directly to *Reveille!* Music Festival Director, Anne Decker, in writing.** Parents should note on the Registration form when a student will need to be off-campus AND ALSO contact Anne Decker at anne@vyo.org. In order for us to maximize the use of our talented music faculty it is very important for us to know ahead of time when a student will need to be away as it effects their orchestra & chamber rehearsals & individual lessons. For the safety & security of all students, we also need to make sure that Camp Life staff is present to sign out & sign in students. If we do not have prior knowledge of a student needing to leave Camp it will be at the discretion of the Camp Life Director & Anne Decker.

Arrival & Registration:

Registration will take place between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, at the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College. Please do not arrive earlier than 3:00 p.m. The musical program for the week will start at 5:00 p.m. Students will receive their schedule & roommate assignments at registration. We ask that students not ask for changes in their dorm & roommate assignments due to the amount of time that housing placements take. **If you must arrive later than the registration period on Sunday, July 31 OR depart campus at any time during the week it is important that you let us know so that a member of the Camp Life staff can be available to check you in or out.**

Housing, Dorm Room Keys & Deposit:

Students will be housed in St. Michael's College dorms that are situated near the Elley-Long Music Center. Rooms are set-up as singles, doubles or quads & students may request roommates on their on-line *Reveille!* Registration form. We will try but may not be able to accommodate all requests. Please do not ask for rooming changes at check-in. Each student must bring **\$25 in cash** for a room key and damage deposit.

Please be sure to bring cash — we cannot accept checks or credit cards. The full \$25 is refundable at the end of *Reveille!* if your room is clean and your key is returned. For security purposes, students will need to keep their rooms locked at all times & non-VYOA students are not allowed in the dorms.

Daily Schedule & Activities:

A complete schedule of musical and recreational activities will be given out to each student **at check-in for *Reveille!*** The daily schedule consists of breakfast, sectionals, morning orchestra rehearsal, music theory/history & other electives, lunch, chamber music, afternoon activity period, dinner, evening orchestra rehearsal, an evening all-campus event, and the “final hour” activity period. Each student will also receive one 45-minute private lesson during the festival from one of our esteemed Faculty.

Free Time & Camp Life:

Our Camp Life staff will organize & lead a wide variety of activities each afternoon that may include arts & crafts, baking, outdoor sports, swimming at the Saint Michael's College pool, & other fun group activities. Evening events are required (8:30-10p.m.) & the schedule will be announced on the first day of camp. Since some of the activities & events are dependent upon good weather, there may be last minute changes. “Final hour” activities (from 10-11p.m.) will be optional activities & free time. Students are allowed & encouraged to go to bed early (before the campus curfew of 11p.m.) but **MUST** check in with their counselor to coordinate bed check. Please let us know if a student is a heavy sleeper by indicating this on the *Reveille!* Registration Form on wufoo.

Health:

Students are **strongly urged** to stay well fed, hydrated, and rested at camp. The cafeteria is prepared to furnish vegetarian options as requested on your *Reveille!* registration form. It is standard “camp cafeteria” fare that all staff (including the office staff) & faculty eat. Students who may be more particular eaters are encouraged to bring their own snacks to keep in their dorm but there is also a vending machine & water cooler in the Elley-Long Music Center & the Camp Life staff run a small snack bar in the evenings. In the event of a medical emergency, we are fortunate to be located very close to the Fanny Allen Campus of Fletcher Allen Health Care. Please be sure to complete & sign the VYOA Medical Form prior to Camp so that we may seek medical care for your child if needed & so our Staff can be aware of students' medical conditions.

Communications & Visitors:

Since so much music is concentrated in this week, we ask that students please avoid leaving the festival for family events. Family visitors are welcome for concerts (or to pick students up to attend church services), but we ask that they **not** visit students at any other times during the festival. Students can receive mail at camp Monday – Friday only. We do not receive mail on weekends. To send mail to a student at the festival, write to:

[Student name]

c/o VYOA *Reveille!* Music Festival

Elly-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College

223 Ethan Allen Avenue

Colchester, VT 05446

In case of emergencies during business hours, parents can reach students by calling the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association at 802-655-5030.

VYOA *REVEILLE!* MUSIC FESTIVAL PACKING LIST:

1. \$25 CASH for room/key deposit
2. Medications or vitamins needed during the week– these should all be listed on the student’s medical form.
3. For Dorm Rooms (be prepared for both cold & hot weather at night):
 - Alarm clock
 - Sheets & mattress pad
 - Blanket and/or sleeping bag
 - Pillow & pillow case
 - Fan
4. For Dorm Bathrooms:
 - Caddy for carrying items
 - Soap & shampoo
 - Toothbrush & toothpaste
 - Hand & shower towels
 - Shower shoes
5. For Rehearsals:
 - Folding music stand**
 - Reeds, valve oil, mallets, extra strings, mutes, etc.
 - Pencils
 - Clothes pins (if you want to play outdoors)
 - Duets and other chamber music to share with friends
6. Change for the vending machine and other snacks sold by Camp Life staff.
7. Pencils for rehearsals
8. Regular phone you can plug in the dorm room (to be used with a phone card & you will have to ask for instructions on how to call out once you arrive at Camp) or cell phone.
9. Recreation equipment (indoor & outdoor):
 - Tennis balls & racquets
 - Frisbees, Soccer balls, etc.
 - Swimsuit (there is generally a trip to the St. Mike’s pool)
 - Books, deck of cards, board games, etc.
 - Writing paper
 - Stamps for mailing letters.
10. **Seriously, be sure to bring pencils & a folding music stand.**
11. Weather appropriate clothing (students will be walking between buildings):
 - Warm & cool weather clothes
 - Rain gear
12. Proper attire for the final concert: nice clothes, but formal black and white is not necessary.
Boys: Dress slacks, button down shirt, shoes/sandals. (neither jacket nor tie is necessary)
Girls: Long skirt (hem should fall below the knee) with blouse (NO halter tops), long dress or dress slacks, shoes/sandals.
13. Snacks: If you tend to be a particular eater or have a restricted diet, we encourage you to bring extra snacks that can be stored in your dorm room. Meals are standard camp cafeteria food with a vegetarian option.
14. **And don’t forget a pencil & folding music stand.**

If you have any questions please contact Art DeQuasie 802-655-5030, ext. 108 or art@vyo.org

VYOA *Reveille!* Music Festival Policies

This copy is for Parents / Students

A signed copy from your registration packet must be returned to the VYOA Office

The Absolutes:

- No possession or use of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or tobacco.
- No sex.
- No student operation of a motor vehicle.
- No leaving the Saint Michael's College campus without staff supervision or permission.

Any violation of the above will result in immediate expulsion from camp without tuition refund.

House Rules:

- Students must maintain a low noise level after sunset. Please observe Quiet Hours from 10:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. There will be younger students present who we encourage to go to bed earlier than 11p.m.
- Students must check into their own assigned dorm rooms (and stay there) by **11:00 p.m.**
- Treat the facilities, grounds, and equipment of Saint Michael's College with respect.
- Show consideration for your fellow musicians, for the *Reveille!* Music Festival staff & faculty, and for the Saint Michael's College and Fort Ethan Allen communities.
- No swimming without a certified lifeguard.
- If you are scheduled to leave campus, you must check-out with a Camp Life staff member (your counselor or the Camp Director).

Any violation of the above can result in a meeting with the Festival Camp Life Director, parental notification, and/or other assigned consequences.

Other Guidelines:

- Be On Time —show up promptly for rehearsals and for check-in.
- Be Awake — get enough sleep so you can do a good job.
- Be Safe — no running or horseplay in the dorms.
- Be Clean — pick up after yourself.
- Be Alert — notify a staff member immediately if there is an emergency.
- Be Cool — don't do anything stupid.

Any violation of the above can result in a meeting with a staff member. Continued violations can result in consequences of House Rules above.

2011-2012 VYOA Music Theory Classes

Each level of VYOA Music Theory Classes consists of ten one-hour sessions taught by composer Erik Nielsen. The classes are informative and engaging, containing both history and humor. Not only are the materials helpful to students in understanding more about the music they perform, they are essential to those who have any thoughts of further musical study after high school. Enrollment costs \$55 for each ten-week session (i.e. only \$5.50 per class), and students are welcome and encouraged to sign up for more than one. Sign up by checking the appropriate boxes on the enclosed registration form. Students or parents who have questions about the classes can contact Erik Nielsen at nielsen@sover.net.

IMPORTANT NOTE

These music theory classes meet only ten times, which means that a great deal of material must be presented in a short time and the amount of work required is fairly substantial. The classes are geared toward getting older students ready for further study in music. Parents who are considering theory classes for a child who is 12 years of age or under must contact Mr. Nielsen first.

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR THEORY CLASSES PLEASE MARK THE BELOW DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Fall Sessions

(September 11, 18; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20)

2:45-3:45 **Theory Level II** (triads and the fundamentals of harmony)
Open to VYStrings, Sinfonia, VYP, VYCW, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus

4:00-5:00 **Theory Level III** (harmonic principles of four-part writing)
Open to VYCW, VYStrings, VYO, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus
Students must have already taken Theory II in a previous year or have spoken with Mr. Nielsen about taking this class.

Spring Sessions

(January 8, 15, 22; February 5, 12, 19; March 4, 11, 18, 25)

2:45-3:45 **Theory Level III** (harmonic principles of four-part writing)
Open to VYCW, VYStrings, Sinfonia, VYP, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus
Students must have already taken Theory II in a previous year or have spoken with Mr. Nielsen about taking this class.

4:00-5:00 **Theory Level I** (scales, keys & key signatures, rhythmic notation & intervals)
Open to VYStrings, VYCW, VYO, Concert Chorale & VYO Chorus