



GENERAL INFORMATION

What and Where is Summer Academy?

Nashville's acclaimed summer program for the **Visual, Performing and Technical Arts** is held at Hillsboro Elementary/Middle School in historic Leiper's Fork, TN. Leiper's Fork is a picturesque, rural community 30 miles Southwest of Nashville, home to many celebrated recording artists, songwriters, painters, and best-selling authors.

Since 1997 thousands of kids have come through **Summer Academy**, studying with award-winning instructors, using state-of-the-art sound, lighting and video technology, performing for enthusiastic audiences, and creating life-long friendships. The spirit and intent of Kids On Stage is simple yet profound – we help kids develop attitudes and skills that will take them far in the classroom, on the stage, and in life.

Students are divided into groups: **Junior (rising grades 2-5)**, **Intermediate (rising grades 6-8)**, and **Senior (rising grades 9-12)**. Each student chooses four classes per day in a variety of artistic disciplines, from jazz and rock band, to photography, art, concert production, acting, web design, video journalism, dance, songwriting, and much more.

Each day begins with **Morning Assembly**, where students hear performances by both musical legends and up-and-coming artists and songwriters. **Lunchtime Performances** provide students with the opportunity to perform for each other, in one of three venues throughout the school. And each week culminates in an **Arts and Music Festival**, held both Saturdays of the Academy, with gallery displays and performances all day long.

Simply put, KOS Summer Academy is one of the very best experiences a child can have, building teamwork, leadership, respect, and self-esteem, as well as foundational learning in the arts. Our proven track record of both process and performance-oriented learning has **produced results** that have turned shy kids into leaders, inspired creativity in young artists, and even taken some kids onto the national stage.

Faculty

We are proud to have assembled a faculty team that is second to none among Music and Arts programs in the U.S. Kids On Stage instructors are industry pros who work in their chosen fields and set aside time for Summer Academy because they believe in our mission. Faculty members include:

- Grammy and CMA award-winning musicians and producers
- CMA, BMI, ASCAP and SESAC award-winning songwriters
- A Hollywood film and television director
- A nationally-acclaimed video journalist
- Faculty members of Belmont University's Curb School of Music
- Nationally-exhibited artists and photographers
- Set, Lighting and Video designers for Taylor Swift's "Fearless" Tour
- Directors of the Southeast's premier Vocal and Performance training facility for kids and teens
- A jazz composer, arranger, conductor and pianist, who has worked with The Count Basie Band, Stan Kenton Band, Maynard Ferguson, Michael Feinstein, Beegie Adair and the Nashville Symphony Orchestra
- Actors and directors from Nashville Shakespeare Theatre, Nashville Children's Theater, Improv Nashville, and Star Bright Players
- Dedicated art and technology teachers from the Williamson County Schools, one of the highest-performing public school systems in the nation, including Hillsboro Elementary/Middle School, the first Arts-Integrated Curriculum school in Tennessee

Alumni

Kids On Stage alumni include Miley Cyrus, members of the band Paramore, hit soul singer Ke\$ha, Taylor Ware (America's Got Talent Top Finalist), Jordyn Shellhart (Sony Recording Artist), Jasmine (Disney's "Next Big Thing" winner), Tony Speight (professional dancer/background singer), and Nicole C. Mullen Team NCM members Ryan and Raymond Garrett, and Tabitha Speight.

The Basics

Who May Attend

Kids On Stage Summer Academy is open to students ages 7-17. Students are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, once their Application, Recommendation Form (first-time students only), Health Form, and Non-Refundable Deposit are received. **Applicants will not be considered until all necessary forms, and deposit, are received.**

Transportation

Parents may drop off and pick up their children themselves. However, since Leiper's Fork is a bit off the beaten path for many families, we encourage and facilitate carpooling, and also offer another option.

Williamson County School buses run routes between several WCS locations, including:

- Freedom Intermediate (Franklin)
- Grassland (Franklin)
- Lipscomb Elementary (Brentwood)
- Sunset Elementary/Middle (Nolensville/Brentwood)

WCS will add bus service to schools or areas that have enough Summer Academy participation. Sunset Middle was added just last year, due to the enthusiastic participation of families from that school. If you'd like your child to attend Summer Academy but hesitate because of the distance, talk it up at your school, and let us know you'd like bus service!

Lunch

Students provide their own lunches and drinks (no refrigeration or microwave is available). Limited snacks, as well as water, may be purchased at our concession during lunch.

Weekly Schedule

There are two distinct sessions, each lasting one week. Students may attend either or both weeks (about 50% of students attend both weeks).

Classes are held Monday through Friday. The weekday begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. with Morning Assembly, and concludes at 3:00 p.m.

Morning Assembly (8:30 – 9:05)

Period One (9:10 – 10:20)

Period Two (10:25 – 11:35)

Lunch (11:40 – 12:25)

Period Three (12:30 – 1:40)

Period Four (1:45 – 3:00)

Arts and Music Festivals

Kids On Stage Arts and Music Festivals are held each Saturday of the Academy. Art gallery exhibitions and performances are held throughout the day, from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m., starting with Junior Division performances, and ending with a Main Stage concert by the Advanced Songwriting and Jazz Band (Session 1), or Jazz Band and All Star Band (Session 2).

2010 Summer Academy Prices

Tuition:

- \$220 One Session (includes \$75 non-refundable deposit)
- \$420 Both Sessions (includes \$75 non-refundable deposit)
- \$120 Artist Development Program Only (includes \$75 non-refundable deposit)

Bus Fee (optional):

- \$18 Per Week

Special Summer Academy Discounts:

- \$20 Early Registration discount (through March 15th)
- 15% Tuition discount for two members of the same family
- 25% Tuition discount for three or more members of the same family

Payment Schedule

- First Payment: \$75 non-refundable deposit due with application
- Second Payment: \$75 due by April 1st
- Third Payment: Balance due by May 1st

IMPORTANT - No applications will be considered without \$75 deposit. Any registrations with balances remaining after May 1st will forfeit their spots, along with deposits, to students on the waiting list.



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