



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my student drive him or herself to SURGE?

Yes – however, we ask that the keys be turned into the camp office for the week. Participants are not allowed to leave campus, unless for an emergency OR the camp leadership has been contacted by a parent.

Where will I be sleeping?

Lodging is in the dorms of the university. We try to house all SURGE KIDS participants (campers, sponsors, staff) in the same dorm for safety purposes and less confusion to the children. SURGE participants (campers, sponsors, staff) are scattered throughout the other available dorms.

Will I have a roommate?

Yes – when registering, you have the option to list someone you would like to room with. Dorms have two twin beds, but a third mattress could be used on the floor to allow 3 students per room.

Are devices (phones, tablets, etc.) allowed?

Devices are NOT ALLOWED for SURGE KIDS campers. They can create unnecessary communication and chaos between the camper and the parent. SURGE KIDS campers can contact parents at various points throughout the day, using a device of an adult leader.

Devices for SURGE campers are permitted but must only be used at appropriate times for appropriate reasons. The camp leadership reserves the right to confiscate a device if being used for inappropriate reasons, and in that case, a parent will be notified.

What are refund and cancellation policies?

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration. This must be made via credit/debit card.

What are these TRACKS I keep hearing about?

Tracks are the large group option available to SURGE campers. These include Choir, Orchestra, and Praise Band. Every SURGE camper chooses one as their focus for the week. SURGE KIDS campers do not select a track. They all form one choir that presents at the end of the week, but also get to experience other musical outlets such as guitar, violin, ukulele, piano, and more.

What is an ELECTIVE?

Both SURGE KIDS and SURGE offer elective choices for the week. These are more individualized, one-on-one opportunities for a specific focus in an instrument or topic. When registering, you select the electives you are interested in. We try to assign everyone to their top TWO choices.)

What should I bring?

A detailed packing list will be emailed out at least two weeks prior to camp, but essentials include: Twin XL bed linens/sleeping bag; bath towels; toiletries.

Are there forms that need to be completed?

The online registration is exhaustive, and all forms / waivers required by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, as well as Shorter University are included in the registration.

Will there be nurses on site?

Yes – there will be nurses, as well as a doctor on site for the week. A team of nurses are there to oversee medication distribution during camp. Students are required to see the nurses during check-in to release all prescription medications to their oversight. No exceptions – students will be sent home if they do not turn in their prescribed medications.

Where do I send my check?

Check payments may be made following the initial \$50 deposit. All checks should be sent to the following:

Georgia Baptist Mission Board
Attn: SURGE MUSIC CAMPS
4295 Brogdon Exchange
Suwanee, GA 30024

Should I bring any instruments, equipment, etc.?

Absolutely! Orchestra students and praise band students (with the exception of keyboards) should bring their instrument to camp. Any cords or cables that might be needed are also helpful to bring. *Note: make sure everything is labeled.

Are there rules for SURGE?

Yes, we have several rules to ensure that SURGE remains a powerful environment for musical and spiritual growth. You will find the list of camp rules included with the registration.

What is a Sponsor?

A sponsor is a chaperone that is responsible for a group of campers for the week. Sponsors are not “required,” but highly recommended. This is especially important if a group of campers is coming from the same church. The more sponsors that are at camp, the more enjoyable and smooth the experience is for everyone. Sponsors also alleviate staff from having to double as a staff member and a sponsor, which can be significantly to staff.

Why is there a music theory assessment?

Because we feel it is important to have a strong understanding of musical concepts as a worship leader, students in SURGE can sit under great teaching in this area. Students come to camp with varying knowledge levels; therefore, this assessment helps us group students accordingly.

As a sponsor, may I stay in a room with my own child?

No. We don't allow adults and campers to lodge together.

Can I register for a different age group, if my friend or sibling is in a different camp?

No.