

GIRLS ROCK! CAMP 2017

Thank you for your interest in Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls! We're very excited about camp this year, and we're looking forward to receiving your application. Please read carefully—there is a lot of information and we *cannot* consider incomplete or late applications. Rock on!

✍ ABOUT

Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls is a non-profit music and mentoring program that empowers girls and women through music education, volunteerism, and activities that foster self-respect, leadership skills, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. We offer summer camps, mini-camps, after school programs, and other programs. We are a proud member of the international Girls Rock Camp Alliance.

Girls Rock! Camp is an intensive, six-day program featuring instrument instruction, workshops, songwriting, band practice, live performances by visiting artists, and a showcase concert. Campers receive instrument instruction each day in small groups organized by skill level and age. On the first day, campers form bands, and during daily band practice, campers write music and lyrics collectively, assisted by band coaches. Campers also attend workshops on topics ranging from songwriting to sound engineering to self-defense. At the end of the week, bands perform their original song at a showcase concert. Workshops, classes, and band practice are led by volunteers. We strive for camp to be a week that is super fun and meaningful for campers from a variety of identities, perspectives, and experiences.

Girls (transgender & cisgender), gender non-binary youth, and trans* youth who will be between the ages of 8 and 18 during the camp session may apply for camp. Campers *must* be at least 8 years old at the time of camp to attend. Players of all levels of musical experience are welcome & **no music experience is necessary.** We strive to make camp accessible to all girls and trans* youth, regardless of their financial resources. In this effort, **tuition is sliding scale, and free lunch & Metrocards may be made available.** Though Girls Rock! Camp is a day camp and we do NOT provide lodging, youth who do not live in NYC are welcome to apply. We are able to offer **limited assistance with host-family arrangements.** If you are interested in contacting a prospective host family, or if you are a local family interested in hosting a camper, please let us know on your application.

We offer a camp for girls ages 5–7 called Rock Camp Jumpstart, taking place July 11-15 at Blue School. Contact us or visit www.williemarockcamp.org for more info about this program.

✍ NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national and/or ethnic origin, citizenship, marital status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, or gender identity/expression in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions policies, financial aid, and other camp-related policies and programs, as well as volunteer and employment-related policies and activities.

✎ 2017 GIRLS ROCK! CAMP SESSIONS

Session 1: Monday, July 24 - Saturday, July 29

Monday – Friday, 9 am–4:30 pm at **The Blue School** in Lower Manhattan

Directions: 241 Water St, New York, NY 10038. The school is between Beekman St. and Peck Slip, and is wheelchair accessible. The closest trains are the 2/3/4/5/A/C at Fulton St. (For more information on transportation, please see mta.info or [google maps](https://www.google.com/maps))

Saturday: Final concert, Time & Location Roulette @ 12PM

Session 2: Monday, August 7th - Saturday, August 12th

Monday – Friday, 9 am–4:30 pm at **The Blue School** in Lower Manhattan

Directions: 241 Water St, New York, NY 10038. The school is between Beekman St. and Peck Slip, and is wheelchair accessible. The closest trains are the 2/3/4/5/A/C at Fulton St. or 6 to Brooklyn Bridge (For more information on transportation, please see mta.info or [google maps](https://www.google.com/maps))

Saturday: Final concert, Time & Location Roulette @ 12 PM

Please note that campers may not attend more than one session in the same summer and campers must be able to perform in the final showcase concert in order to attend camp.

~ APPLICATION TIMELINE & CAMPER SELECTION

- Campers are selected by a committee that seeks to establish a varied and balanced camp population in relation to instrument groups, age, racial and ethnic identity, economic status, geography/community, and experience. **CAMPERS ARE NOT SELECTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.**
- We hold **MULTIPLE ROUNDS** of application review in an effort to help families plan their summers and still extend the opportunity to as many young people as possible.
- We will notify applicants on a rolling basis, by the end of May. If you hear that a friend is accepted but you haven't heard back from us yet, please keep waiting and you'll definitely hear by May. We will also have a waitlist that you're welcome to join if you aren't accepted to your chosen date.
- We may receive more applications than we have camper spots, so we may not be able to accept everyone who applies. A waiting list will also be created in this case.
- **Returning campers are invited to participate in the Early Bird Application review, which guarantees a spot at camp. Early Bird deadline ends February 28th, 2017.**

\$80,000 and up Full tuition	\$600
\$60,000 - \$80,000	\$300
\$50,000 - \$60,000	\$200
\$40,000 - \$50,000	\$100
\$35,000 - \$40,000	\$50
\$28,000 - \$35,000	\$10
\$28,000 and under	\$0

✍ NOTES ON THE APPLICATION (helpful for first-time applicants)

On the application, campers must **SELECT AN INSTRUMENT** to study for the week, and can request guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, vocals, or DJ/turntables. Campers are assigned to instruments based on availability and their requests.

- Please rank instruments according to the Camper's preference.
- If the Camper would like to study an instrument that isn't listed, like violin, horns, or reed instruments, please indicate that in the instrument section, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
- For program planning reasons, you cannot change your selection after you send in your application, and you cannot change the instrument you're assigned before or during the camp session.

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS:

In addition to the application, we ask that all prospective campers take time to create an **EXPRESS YOURSELF PIECE**, communicating why they want to be a part of Girls Rock! Camp.

- Applicants may choose any format: a letter, a picture, a collage, a song or poem, etc.
- The piece must have the applicant's **FIRST AND LAST** name on it.
- Please limit audio and video pieces to a **MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES**.
- If sending an e-mail, it should be sent as an attachment to **info@williemaerockcamp.org** The subject should read "[**FIRST AND LAST NAME**] **EXPRESS YOURSELF**."
- Please note that all submitted materials become property of Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls and cannot be returned.

BE SURE TO HAVE FUN! Applications and "Express Yourself" pieces are **NOT** reviewed for artistic merit. The "Express Yourself" piece helps the review panel get a sense of the applicant and helps assemble a camper group that is varied in experience and perspective.

✍ **COMMUNITY AWARD INFORMATION (available to first-time applicants)**

In collaboration with some of our most inspiring, rockin' community members we, we have developed Community Awards for new prospective campers. These awards have been created to **recognize, celebrate and support campers from specific communities, with specific sets of passions and experiences**. See the chart on the next page for more information about the different awards. Awards are limited to campers who are applying to attend camp for the first time.

Please note that **awards are not scholarships**. If a camper is offered a spot at camp, tuition will be set at the level determined by the camper's application, regardless of whether or not they apply for an award. Award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition!

To apply for an award you must provide one (1) short written essay. This essay may be used as an Express Yourself piece as well as an award application, or can be submitted in addition to an Express Yourself piece. If granted, the award can be listed on a student's résumé or however the camper elects to make use of the recognition.

Please send via mail or email with award title as the subject line. All additional material should be submitted by the **application deadline: Wednesday, May 22nd, 2017**.

Community Awards Eligibility To Apply

✍ **Black Rock Coalition “Original Rocker” Award**

Before any of us were born, African-American women like Sister Rosetta Tharpe and Willie Mae “Big Mama” Thornton were pioneering music—creating a blueprint that music, even today, is still being patterned after. Since 1985, the Black Rock Coalition has supported the spirit and creativity that builds legacies such as these. That’s why this non-profit arts support organization has created an award for girls of African-American or African heritage to attend Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls. The girls will then be part of an ever-growing network of rock legends that includes Nona Hendryx and Meshell Ndegeocello. www.blackrockcoalition.org

Applicants of African-American or African heritage

Submit a brief description (one page maximum) that explains what you think about music that sounds “different.” Which musicians do you think are the most unique, original, and brave? Why?

✍ **"For The Queer Kids" Award**

First created by Mr. Murray Hill, a pioneering queer icon and the most well-known drag king in the world, this award is offered to openly support and raise the visibility for youth who identify as queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, two-spirit, intersex or questioning, and would like to be a part of Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls.

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Submit a brief description (one page maximum) about why you'd be a great candidate for the "For The Queer Kids" Award and what musician inspires you and why.

✍ **Extreme Kids and Crew Award**

Extreme Kids and Crew is a Brooklyn-based non-profit that seeks to connect and empower children with disabilities citywide through the arts, movement, and play. The Extreme Kids and Crew AMP Space, located in Red Hook, Brooklyn, features an indoor sensory gym and play space designed for school age children of all abilities and disabilities, and a wide array of regularly scheduled, affordable classes for children with disabilities/special needs and the people who love them.

Kids with disabilities and their siblings

Submit a brief description (one page maximum) about why you'd be a great candidate for the "Extreme Kids and Crew" Award and what musician inspires you and why.

✍ **Loud Emily Award**

Created in honor of noted educator and philanthropist Emily Fisher by her friends and fans Veronica Chambers, Jason Clampet, and Flora Clampet, this award celebrates the power of girls who use their voices to stand up for what they believe in.

Any applicant

Submit a brief description (one page maximum) about a time you used your voice to stand up for what you believe in.

Mailing address: Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls
87 Irving Place
Brooklyn, NY 11238
Attn: Applications

Email address: info@williemaerockcamp.org

Si deseas una solicitud en español, por favor escribe a:
info@williemaerockcamp.org

Для материалов на русском языке, пожалуйста,
напишите: info@williemaerockcamp.org

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