

GIRLS ROCK! CAMP 2018

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!

✓2018 GIRLS ROCK! CAMP SESSIONS

Session 1: Monday, July 30th – Saturday, August 4th

Monday – Friday, 9 am–4:30 pm at **Cathedral High School** in Midtown Manhattan

Address: 350 East 56th street, New York, NY 10022

Building is wheelchair accessible through 1011 1st avenue entrance

Buses:

M15 Bus to East 54th/55th streets (1st or 2nd avenues)

M102/103 Bus to 50th/52nd street (Lexington or 3rd Avenues)

M1/2/3/4 to 56th street (Madison or 5th avenues)

M57 to 55th street (Sutton Place or 1st avenue)

M31 to 57th & 2nd Avenue

Express Buses:

BM1/2/3/4/5, X2/5/10/10B/17/17J/22/22A/31 to 57th & 3rd avenue

QM34/40/42 to 55th & 3rd avenue

BXM18, Q32 to 56th & Madison Avenue

X12/14/30/42 to 54th street & 5th Avenue

QM21, X63/64/68 to 57th & Park Avenue

X28/27/37/38 to 57th street & Madison Avenue

Trains:

4/5/6/N/R/W trains to 59th street and Lexington Avenue

E/F/M trains to 53rd & Lexington Avenue

F/Q trains to 63rd & Lexington Avenue

Final concert, Saturday August 4th @ 12PM Location TBD

Session 2: Monday, August 13 – Saturday, August 18

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***IMPORTANT NOTE:** 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.*

✍ **ABOUT**

Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls is a non-profit music and mentoring program that empowers girls & women (transgender & cisgender), and gender non-conforming folks 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 workshops, and other programs. We are also 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 final 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 highly qualified 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 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 applicants, 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 16-20 at Cathedral High 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.

✍️ 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 be patient 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.
- **Be an Early Bird! Applications received by February 28th are guaranteed a spot. Tuition to be paid two weeks post notification. Sliding scale still applicable. Payment plans available.**
- Tuition will be due during the enrollment period after campers have been selected, and may be made in installments.

Early Bird DEADLINE: *E-mailed/Postmarked by February 28th, 2018*

Final DEADLINE: *E-mailed/Postmarked by May 28th, 2018*

✍️TUITION

What Will Camp Cost? As an anti-racist, feminist organization, we continually work to recognize the ways in which systems of oppression impact our work and the lives of campers and their families. **We hope to see an end to poverty and vast income inequality soon. In the meantime, we strive to make camp accessible to all applicants, regardless of their economic resources.** Through annual fundraising and donations from institutions and individuals, and

reliance on incredible volunteer power year after year, **we are able to subsidize tuition for ALL campers**. The actual cost to the organization of each camper is approximately \$1,000, while the full tuition rate is set at \$600. In addition, we utilize a “sliding scale” model for tuition to make camp accessible to as many girls (trans & cis), and gender non-binary youth who wish to attend as possible. **In the sliding scale model, you determine your tuition based on your income, with the help of our guidelines.**

How Should I Determine My Camper’s Tuition? The chart below offers suggested tuition rates based on a household’s shared annual income, assuming 3-5 folks in the household. We know that some families face financial challenges for which they are under- or unsupported, such as extreme medical costs, costs to support those with disabilities, costs related to transitioning, and more, and that all families’ resources, and access to resources, look different. Please select the tuition that is most appropriate, given your financial resources. At the same, time, **please be rigorous about paying what you can -- we rely heavily on tuition to make camp happen**. It is in the spirit of the sliding scale model, and in the spirit of community, to pay what we can, when we can.

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Yearly Household Income	Suggested Amount	Tuition Scale
\$101K and up	\$1200	Full tuition for your camper + Fairness Fund contribution (full support of another camper)
\$86K to 100K	\$800	Full tuition for your camper + Fairness Fund contribution (partial support of another camper)
\$66K to 85K	\$600	FULL TUITION
\$46K to 65K	\$300	
\$35K to 45K	\$100	
\$34K and under	\$0-\$10	

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are able to, we invite you to contribute to our Fairness Fund by paying a little more. Any amount beyond \$600 is considered a gift that is tax deductible, and that will help another camper attend that is not able to afford tuition. Applications fees and tuition, however, are not donations, and therefore are not tax deductible.

Cancellation Policy

50% of all tuition payments are non-refundable. Cancellations 3 weeks prior to the camp session will be refunded the other 50%. For cancellations after 3 weeks (and only up to the MONDAY ONE WEEK PRIOR to camp), you may find a replacement for the spot to receive

your remaining 50%. Otherwise, this remaining tuition will be used as a donation to the Fairness Fund, which keeps all of our programs sliding scale.

✓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: EXPRESS YOURSELF OR COMMUNITY AWARD (You pick! Only one submission necessary)

In addition to the application, we ask that all prospective campers take time to create an **EXPRESS YOURSELF/ COMMUNITY AWARDS PIECE**, communicating why they want to be a part of Girls Rock! Camp. First time applicants can also use the prompts for the community awards to count as their express yourself piece and receive recognition. More details on Community Awards below.

- Applicants may choose any format: a letter, a picture, a collage, a song or poem, etc.
There is an option to upload this to the application if you're already prepared!
- 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/COMMUNITY AWARD.**"
- 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/Community Award" 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 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!

Please send via mail or email with award title as the subject line. All additional material should be submitted by the **application deadline: Monday, May 28th, 2018**.

✍ **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?

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

Email: 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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