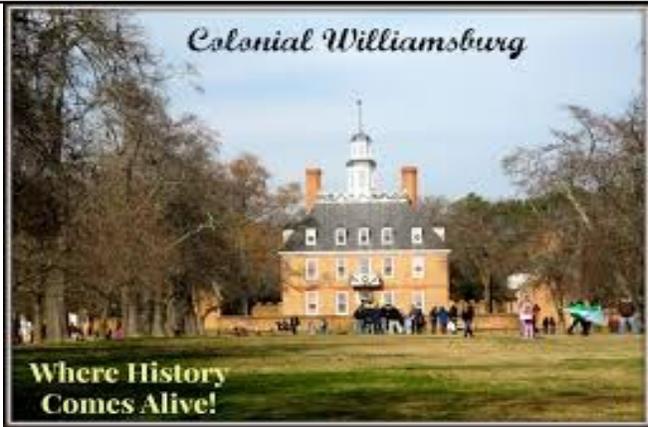




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Music Camp 2026 ---a Revolutionary Experience

We are excited to tell you that the 20th Annual Music Camp will be in the Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia area from Sunday, September 13th to Sunday, September 20th. The location is the American Heritage RV Park, 146 Maxton Lane, Williamsburg, Virginia. You can call them at 888.530.2267 or go online to their Website at Americanheritagervpark.com to make your reservation. They are blocking 20 sites for us that are close to the Colonial Room, which we will be using for the week. Let them know you are with our group when you make a reservation.

The regular rate is currently \$79.25 plus tax per night before discounts (Good Sam, AAA, or active military @10%). However, the group rate is \$69.00 plus tax (provided we have 10 reservations). They also offer **stay 7 nights and pay for 6** based on the regular rate. If you book the week this works out slightly better. If you stay for more than a week or less than a week the \$69 rate comes into play. It appears that they will work to find the best deal for you. To make a reservation they require one night plus tax deposit at the regular rate. If you need to cancel you will incur only a \$10 fee if you do so more than 48 hours in advance. Less than 48 hours forfeits your entire deposit.

You will be making and paying for your own campsite at American Heritage. We will most likely have a separate registration form for Music Camp along with a very small Music Camp fee to cover some of the extras; but right now stay focused on reserving your spot with the campground.

The block of sites they are holding for us (and special discounts) will be dropped off 6 weeks in advance, which is July 26th. Don't loose out. Make your reservations ASAP, before your senior memory kicks in and you completely forget about it. Remember, you are only putting \$10 at risk if your plans change more than two days in advance.

American Heritage also has Cabins and Cottages. You will need to get rates, cancellation policy and availability directly from them if you are interested in going this route. Again, let them know you are part of our group in case it gets you a discount.





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Now that we have the math and fine print sections out of the way we can talk about what a great time we are planning for Music Camp. As most of you know, there will not be a Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) this year since the Eastern Area is hosting Perry 2026 in March. That opened up all kinds of opportunities for Music Camp. The Historic Triangle of Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown certainly make it a destination location and not a place that the larger Area Rallies or International Conventions are likely to choose. Additionally, it is centrally located in the Eastern Area, making it equally convenient to the Northeast and the Southeast. More than that, Williamsburg is a piece of early American history with hundreds of preserved or reconstructed buildings. It is loaded with great restaurants, historic tours (even a ghost tour), and historical re-enactments. Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement, is an active archaeological site and with an accompanying museum. At Yorktown you can visit the sacred Yorktown Battlefield where the decisive, last major engagement of the American revolutionary war occurred. For the non-history buffs, you'll find attractions like golf or amusement parks (Busch Gardens). What a great location to visit in our country's 250th birthday year.



Because there is so much to see and do in the Williamsburg area, the Music Camp Committee decided to extend Music Camp to a full week, giving everyone time to enjoy the sights. The schedule will be a mixture of traditional music camp activities with a focus on new music plus a generous dose of free time to explore the Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown areas. We will most likely provide some group outings which will include a local restaurant or two.



We look forward to seeing everyone this year in Williamsburg.

