

YMCA Camp Pepin Taiko Drumming Camp Summary

Welcome to Taiko Drumming Camp!

YMCA Camp Pepin believes that its camp experiences should be designed to enhance the YMCA's mission of building healthy spirit, mind, and body. It is our belief that giving campers the opportunity to participate in unique activities in the beauty of natural creation encourages them to learn new skills, accept new challenges, and develop confidence in themselves and others. It is our belief that offering experiences that are both physically and mentally challenging will help campers to grow in stature and in maturity. It is also our belief that offering a variety of activities where campers can succeed as individuals or as part of a team influences them to grow into well-rounded contributors to society.

Taiko Drumming Camp is led by performing arts professionals who specialize in traditional Asian drumming. It provides a way for campers with no prior musical experience to become knowledgeable and to take part in every aspect of creating a impressive rhythmic and visual performance. The campers will take part in learning the art of Japanese drumming and rehearsing their own choreographed production. The culmination of this experience is for the campers to perform their show in full costume for a live audience. Taiko Drumming campers should be prepared to take on their reasonable share of responsibilities in putting together a full artistic production.

Overview

Taiko Drumming Camp is designed as an introduction to Asian drumming for those with either little or no musical experience. The skills performed will include creating a powerful and rhythmically-charged choreographed piece, rehearsing drumming skills, using traditionally-based costumes for a full artistic production, and performing before an audience.

What to Bring

Please refer to the items listed on the Bring-Along List in the *Summer Planning Guide*.

Arrival and Departure Times

Taiko Drumming Campers should arrive at Camp Pepin on Sunday between 2:00-3:00pm (along with all of the other campers). Parents and Guardians will pick-up Taiko Drumming campers and their belongings from Camp Pepin on Friday after the 4:00pm Closing Ceremony (which parents, family, and friends are invited to).

Accommodations

All nights will be spent in cabins at Camp Pepin.

Lead Instructor(s)

The lead instructor(s) are from the Mu Performing Arts of St. Paul.

Supervision

In addition to the lead instructor(s), Camp Pepin will also have 2 staff members to supervise the campers.

Transportation

No off-site transportation will be necessary.

Meals

All meals will be served in the Dining Hall at the regular meal times.

Itinerary

Monday-Thursday

9:15-3:30 Practice in Camp Pepin's Recreation Hall (with time for lunch in the Dining Hall)

Friday

4:00 Live performance at Camp Pepin (Parents, family, and friends invited!)

Inclement Weather

If the weather becomes severe, campers and their staff members will follow the established severe weather guidelines and seek shelter in the location where they are practicing.

Emergency Care

Camp Pepin staff are minimally certified in Red Cross First Aid and CPR. An emergency kit and health forms will accompany all staff and campers on off-site trips. Local EMS services are available at Camp Pepin and medical facilities are available in Red Wing, MN, at Fairview Red Wing Medical Center and in Wabasha, MN, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center (both within 15-30 miles of an area where the campers will be rehearsing or performing).

Location

Taiko Drumming Camp will be held at Camp Pepin.