

**Welcome to the Will McLean Festival's
Young Musician's Program Camp-In (YMPC)
March 12– 14, 2027**

Florida Sand Music Ranch, 85 Myers Road, Brooksville, FL 34602

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH AND PARENT/GUARDIAN/CHAPERONE:

To qualify for entry into this FREE, fun, educational and motivational weekend program camp-in at the Will McLean Music Festival participants will agree to:

- 1) Take an active role in the various opportunities offered throughout the weekend according to their individual comfort level. Note: This is a weekend program not a daily program. Participants will be working in various teams throughout the weekend.
- 2) Attend the Young Performer's Showcase to support those who have been chosen to perform on the adult Azalea Stage on Saturday afternoon.
- 3) Attend the MANDATORY Saturday Morning Meet and Greet Breakfast Meeting. (A Continental breakfast will be provided for youth participants. Arrive no later than 9:17am.)
- 4) Be between the ages of 5 yrs and 23 yrs of age to participate unless: 1) If over 23 years of age, participating in a band with those who are younger. 2) Be an alumnus of the program and a volunteer mentor.
- 5) One parent/guardian/chaperone must be on the ground of the Ranch with their minor child(ren) at all times.

NOTE: Travel arrangements for arrival and departure will be taken into account with the exception of the MANDATORY Meet and Greet Breakfast gathering. Please advise the Program Director, Laura Jo Julian at email: LJulian.WillfestYMP.Reg@gmail.com of your

arrangements should there be changes other than what you put on your Registration Form.
(See Website Youth Program Link to Register.)

CAMPING GUIDELINES:

- 1) YMPC has its own designated camping area at the Ranch. Any campers choosing NOT to stay in the YMPC area are on a First Come First Serve basis
- 2) Non-Electric Tent Camping in the YMPC area will be is being provided by the Will McLean Foundation free of charge for approved registered participants and volunteers.
- 3) Electric Campsites are available for Tents, RV's, Motor Homes, etc. at a rate of \$45/per night and paid for upon arrival at the front gate. It is highly recommended that you reserve a site within the YMP camping area as there no reserved sites outside of our area.
- 4) The location of the YMPC designated area is next to the fence just past the entry gate. You will need to text the Program Director upon arrival as sites are reserved. You will be provided with that phone number upon registration approval.

GATE ENTRY GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS AND PERFORMERS:

- 1) Youth under 16 years of age have free entry.
- 2) Youth from 16 to 23 years of age will receive gate entry if they are registered as participants in the program.
- 3) Attendees over the age of 16 will pay for their festival passes if they are not participating in the program.
- 4) Two parents/guardians/legal chaperones will be allowed to attend the festival with the participant(s). **All others** will be required to purchase festival passes. Including additional family members.

- 5) Young Performer Showcase participants and their band members will receive one guest pass entry ticket each to include parents or guests if over 16 yrs old.
- 6) If over the age of 23 years, you must be an alumnus of the program as a volunteer mentor to receive entry into the festival and must have received prior approval by the Program Director.
- 7) The Entry Gate keeps a list of names of approved participants, showcase performers, and their guests. If you cannot list the name on your registration, or performer's application, at this time they must be reported to the Program Director at LJulian.WillfestYMP.Reg@gmail.com no later than February 14th of the current year.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION:

Upon arrival all members of your party must register at the Shooting Star Stage where a picture will be taken for safety purposes during the weekend. If you are "Day Entry" and not camping arrival will be mandatory upon arrival or no later than 9:17am Saturday prior to the Meet and Greet gathering.

OPENING CEREMONY:

There is a long tradition of the YMPC participants performing the opening song, "This Land is Your Land" (Key G) from the Magnolia Stage (Main Stage) simultaneously with the other festival stages at 11:50am on Friday morning.

If you would like to be a part of the Opening Ceremony you must be at the Shooting Star Stage no later than 9:17am Friday morning for on-site registration or 9:57 if previously registered, for rehearsal prior to performing. Please learn the song ahead of the rehearsal.

CLOSING FESTIVAL:

The YMPC participants will perform their original Annual Song Collaboration, written during the weekend, at the Closing Ceremony. In addition, they may participate in the traditional Closing Song of the ceremony, "Hold Back the Waters". (Videos are on Youtube for previous Annual Song Collaborations and the official closing song. We will go over the chorus prior to performing.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES:

Should you, or someone you know, be interested in helping our YMPC program during the weekend please contact: LJulian.WillfestYMP.Reg@gmail.com or complete the Volunteer Request form on the website and make a note of the Youth Program, or you may be assigned to the children's playground.