

# Practical Steps to Starting and Maintaining a Remarkable Music Program for Your Camp

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## The Seven Steps To Consider When Starting a Music Program

1. Survey and assess the needs of your population to determine what type of music activity you will offer.
2. Intentionally plan how the music activity will fit into your programming, and determine what the goals or learning outcomes of the activity will be.
3. Hire qualified staff, or utilize current staff to lead the activities and program.
4. Set-up the necessary facilities for your program. Consider acoustics and sound quality of the space, and also remember you may need to have additional storage space for the instruments and gear.
5. Begin to acquire the instruments and gear that you will need. Consider purchasing pre-owned gear, and also ask current camp families for donations of gear that they are no longer putting to use.
6. Create performance opportunities throughout the summer for the campers to keep them inspired and motivated. (See list on back page)
7. Market and promote your program. Be sure to record all of the camper performances and then share them on your website and social media.

## Types of Programs

- Rock Band
- Glee
- Song Writing
- DJ Booth
- Hand Drumming/ Drum Circle

- Recording & Music Production

## Performance Opportunities for Campers

- Weekly Camp Talent Shows
- As an opening band for camp theater and shows.
- At your Camp Carnival Theme Day
- Set up your own music festival to feature all participants in the music program.
- Singer/ Songwriter Acoustic Jam Camp Fire
- At camp socials and dances.

## Resources for Instruments & Gear

**Craigslist:** search for “pre-owned” or “used”.

Try the App for iPhone called Craigs Pro+, it can save time on searches.

**Ebay:** There a good deals to be found if you have a sense of what you are looking for.

**Musiciansfriend.com,** a reputable on-line music instrument retailer.

**Westmusic.com,** is an on-line instrument retailer specializing in schools and educational institutions.

## More Info

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