

2025 UA Gospel Music Camp

Join us for an inspiring and soul-stirring musical journey at our Gospel Music Camp! Immerse yourself in the uplifting melodies, powerful harmonies, and spiritual depth that define the gospel music tradition. This is more than just a camp; it's an experience that will touch your heart and elevate your musical spirit.

Elevate your musical abilities through intensive workshops led by Grammy-winning recording artists/educators. Daily classes include Gospel choir rehearsals, instrumental coaching, and Gospel improvisation. Camp wraps up with a final performance for family, friends, and the public, featuring campers and instructors.



Our camp is designed for high school students (rising 9-12 graders) who are passionate about Gospel music and have at least one-year of musical experience. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just starting your journey, this camp offers a supportive and nurturing environment for musical growth.

Connect with like-minded youth who share your passion. Build lasting friendships and make connections that will shape your musical journey for years to come.

Camp Details

Eligibility	Open to students entering grades 9 – 12 in fall 2025. Openings for singers and instrumentalists (guitar, bass, piano/keyboard, saxophone, drum set).
Dates	July 13 – 16, 2025

Times	See the tentative schedule below	
Location	Music Building, U of A Campus, Fayetteville Click here for maps and directions.	
Fees	<u>\$379</u> Overnight accommodation is not included. The lodging fee is \$195.	
	\$195 Optional Lodging Package	Includes 3 nights lodging and all meals.
	<i>Note: Day campers are welcome to attend dinners and evening activities. All campus food providers are now cashless; a debit/credit card is needed to attend dinner.</i>	
Registration	 Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express accepted. Registration CLOSES at 12pm on June 23, 2025. All fees must be paid in full by 12pm on July 1, 2025, to hold the camper's enrollment.	
Skill Demonstration Video	Attention Instrumentalists! Instrumentalists of all skill levels are welcome at camp. To best coach you, record and submit a demo video by July 1. In the video: • Introduce yourself – name, hometown, and name of each piece • Play one piece from any genre that best demonstrates your skill level. • Play one piece from any genre that you love. Email a YouTube link to Dr. Murdock at jeffreym@uark.edu. Note: Singers are not required to submit videos.	

Cancellation Policy	Cancellation requests must be made in writing via email to cms@uark.edu. Requests received by 5pm CT on June 23, 2025, are eligible for a refund of fees paid, less a \$150 administrative fee. Requests received after 5pm on June 23, 2025, are only valid with a written physician's document. Valid cancellations are eligible for a pro-rated refund of fees paid, less a \$100 administrative fee. Refunds are made only to the original payers and may take up to three weeks to process. No refunds are available for campers asked to leave camp due to rules violations.
Information	Registration Nastassja Riley: cms@uark.edu or leave message at 479-575-6491 Curriculum Dr. Jeffrey Murdock, Camp Coordinator: jeffreym@uark.edu
Visitor Parking	Sunday For students checking in to the dorm Sunday, no parking fees apply. Monday - Wednesday Day and overnight campers who will have a vehicle on campus must obtain a visitor permit at the PARKING WEBSITE. Be sure to purchase a 3-day permit, for July 14-16. All parking areas are monitored with license plate recognition (LPR) technology. The license plate itself is the identifying marker for your parking permit. Do <u>NOT</u> back in; the license plate must be visible. Visitor permits are valid in the following lot types: yellow staff / faculty lots, green student lots, orange remote lots, and red resident reserved lots. Wednesday Families and guests who will only attend the final performance on Wednesday are encouraged to park in the Stadium Drive Parking Garage (SDPG on this interactive campus map). Take the elevator to level 4, at Garland Ave. Look for signs in the transit depot lobby. Exit the front door of the depot, turn left and follow the sidewalk to the Faulkner Performing Arts Center. Allow 15 minutes to park, pay, and make your way to the performance hall.

Tentative Camp Agenda

Sunday, July 13 (resident campers only)	
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.	Camp check-in at dormitory
6:30 P.M.	Dinner at Dining Hall
7:30 P.M.	Camp Orientation and Evening Activity
Monday – Tuesday, July 14 – 15	
7:30 – 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast (resident campers)
8:00 – 8:45 A.M.	Day Camper Drop-off
9:00 A.M.	Campers Report to Teaching Spaces
9:00 A.M. – Noon	Instructional Time
Noon – 1:00 P.M.	Lunch at Dining Hall (all campers)
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Instructional Time & Daily Wrap-up
4:00 P.M.	Day Campers Dismissed/Residents Return to Dorm
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	Free Time
5:15 – 6:00 P.M.	Resident Camper Dinner at Dining Hall <i>Note: Day campers are welcome to attend dinners and evening activities. All campus food providers are now cashless; a debit/credit card is needed to attend dinner.</i>
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.	Evening Activities
10:00 P.M.	Lights Out
Wednesday, July 16	
7:30 – 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast (resident campers)
8:00 – 8:45 A.M.	Day Camper Drop-off
9:00 A.M.	Instructional Time
11:00 A.M.	Rehearsal & Concert Preparation
11:30 A.M.	Final Concert for Family & Friends
12:00 P.M.	Camper Dismissal

Meet the Faculty



Trey McLaughlin
Special Guest Educator



Alisha Jones
Faculty in Residence
AR Center for Black Music



Jeffrey A. Murdock
Camp Director
Director of AR Center for Black Music



