

Welcome to the Will McLean Festival's Young Musician's Program Camp. (YMPC)

March 8th - March 10th, 2024

Florida Sand Music Ranch
85 Myers Rd
Brooksville FL 34602

Please download and save these General Terms and Conditions

Participation Guidelines for Youth and Parent (Guardian or Chaperone):

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

- 1.) Take an active role in the various opportunities offered throughout the weekend according to their individual comfort level.
- 2.) Attend the Young Performer's Showcase to support those who have been chosen to perform on the adult Azalea Stage.
- 3.) Attend the MANDATORY Saturday morning Meet and Greet Breakfast meeting.
- 4.) Be of 23 years of age or under unless an alumnus of the program.
- 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 the arrival and departure will be taken into account with the exception of the Mandatory Meet and Greet Breakfast Meeting.

Camping Guidelines:

[Site Map](#)

- 1.) Electrical campsites are available for tent, camper, and motor homes and paid for at the gate. To secure the location of your power source within the designated YMP camping area on Ranch property the Program Director needs to be notified in advance by March 1st of the current festival year. All other non-program camping sites are first come first serve.
- 2.) All electric sites must be paid for at the gate entry into the festival (\$30 per night). Each non-electric tent site (\$15 per night) will pay for their own sites for the weekend unless you are a member of a pre-approved Will McLean Foundation affiliated Non-Profit Organization. (Please check appropriate box.) To check if your nonprofit organization is approved Contact Email: L.Julian.Will.McLean@gmail.com
- 3.) Young Performer Showcase members, just like all adult performers, will pay for their camp sites.
- 4.) A limited quantity of financial scholarships are available for campsites. To apply contact the Program Director. Contact Email: L.Julian.Will.McLean@gmail.com
- 5.) Youth, families, and/or chaperones will camp in a designated area on the grounds of the Florida Sand Music Ranch. Location is near the YMP Shooting Star Stage. The area is located to the right of the entrance gate.

6.) Campers will text Program Director @ (727) 534-8404 upon arrival to the Florida Sand Music Ranch property.

Gate Entry Guidelines:

Participants and performers:

- 1.) Youth 16 years of age and under are free.
- 2.) Non-participating attendees 17 years of age and older will need festival entry tickets.
- 3.) Participants 17 to 23 years of age will receive entry for the weekend program and the festival.
- 4.) Two parents/legal guardians/legal chaperones will be allowed to accompany participants. One of which must be on the Ranch property with the minor(s) at all times.
- 5.) If over 23 years of age, must be an alumnus of the program and volunteer as a mentor to receive free entry. Arrangements with the Youth Program Director must be made in advance.
- 6.) Young Performer Showcase award participants and their band members will receive entry tickets along with a one guest pass per performer.

NOTE: The Entry Gate keeps a list of names of approved attendees and performer's guests, If you can not list the names on this application at this time names must be reported to L.Julian.Will.McLean@gmail.com no later than February 15th of the current festival year.

Opening the Festival: There is a long tradition of the YMP participants performing "**This Land is Your Land**" (Key G) on the Magnolia (Main) Stage at 11:50am simultaneously with all the other stages throughout the festival grounds. We will meet at the Shooting Star Stage at 10: 47am for rehearsal run-through previous to our performance. Please mark the box that you will be there.

Closing the festival: The Young Musician Program participants and performers, together with all the festival artists, are invited to perform the traditional closing festival song, "Hold Back the Waters" from the Main Stage (Magnolia).

[TO APPLY – Click here](#)

Here are links to YouTube videos and the lyrics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8PL8em0BFk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgThN3S8iN8>

Hold Back The Waters

Twas in the late twentys that there come a big flood.

It drowned four thousand, their graves was the mud.

Twas nothin' could withstand that great tidal wave.

And the ghosts of the vanished still cry from the grave.

CHORUS:

Lord hold back the waters of Lake Okeechobee

For Lake Okeechobee's blue waters are cold.

When the wild winds are blowing across't Okeechobee

They're calling and seeking for other poor souls.

Verse Two:

The Seminole led there in haste and with speed.

There wise words of warning were given no heed.

When the waters receded great God what a sight.

Men, women and children turned black as the night.

CHORUS

Verse Three:

Now Lake Okeechobee is calm and serene.

The land all around is fertile and green,

But the people get fearful when the wild winds do roam.

The look at the earth and - and they think of their home.