

## VIOLIN BEGINNER CLASS

*Ages 4 and up*

An introduction to violin class will be available 9:00 - 10:00 am each morning of camp. Parents are asked to stay, observe and take notes.

To prepare for this class, parents please read *Nurtured by Love*, written by S. Suzuki and begin daily listening to the the Suzuki Violin School, Volume 1 recording available at [alfredmedia.com](http://alfredmedia.com), Amazon Music or iTunes. More information is available for parents on our website page "New Student Information" at [www.gulfcoastmusic.org](http://www.gulfcoastmusic.org)

Beginner students will also participate in our Friday 2:30 PM performance.

Beginner Class Tuition  
\$210 per week



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GULF COAST MUSIC was founded in the winter of 1988 in Fort Myers. Our teachers offer Suzuki/Traditional music lessons to students ages 4 and up. We believe that all children will learn to play beautifully in a nurturing environment with quality instruction. We share teaching ideas with other teachers, locally and globally. As musicians, we are lifelong learners.

Partnership with parents is a key component of our program and together we give students a gift they will cherish forever.

**PURPOSE:** This camp was developed to provide students an opportunity to learn from accomplished local musicians and musicians from outside Southwest Florida.

Through focused classes, students gain motivation and build on prior knowledge. The instruction received during camp will help students sustain success throughout the following school year.

**ENROLLMENT** in the Summer Camp is open to students ages 4 and older. Beginners and advanced students are welcome, as well as those who study privately or with an organized school or orchestra program.

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## GULF COAST MUSIC SCHOOL

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### SUMMER STRINGS CAMP FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

July 6 - 10, 2026  
Violin, Viola, Cello  
Beginners - Advanced



## CAMP SCHEDULE:

Classes will meet Mon - Fri 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a concert on Fri at 2:30pm

*Student's daily schedule will include:*

**Music Theory/History:** Teachers will use ear training and note reading to enhance the student's musical understanding and interpretation, while building a solid base of musical terms and symbols.

**New Tunes:** Learn and read new pieces from diverse repertoire including fiddle and classical selections. Through scaffolded instruction, these pieces will be combined in large and whole group classes.

**Small Group:** Groups of 3-8 students assigned according to current level. Advanced students in chamber music groups.

**Large Ensemble:** Two small groups combine to receive focused instruction on playing 2 and 3- part harmony.

**Percussion Group:** Scheduled daily

**Whole Group:** All students will meet for class at the end of the day to share the day's learning experiences.

**Enrichment:** Daily, this will include activities such as dance, drama, singing, crafts, outings, videos, or special guests, and a final concert on Thursday at 2:30 pm. Parents and guests are invited and encouraged to attend this special performance.

**Private Lesson:** One 30 minute lesson will be scheduled with an assigned teacher. Teachers will review solos and new music introduced at camp.

## CAMP LOCATION:

Fort Myers Evangelical Free Church  
6798 Plantation Pines Blvd  
Ft Myers, FL 33966

**MEALS:** Students are required to supply their own lunches with a drink and snack each day.

**HOUSING:** Local students should plan on commuting or carpooling each day. Out of town participants may be housed with local host families who will be participating in the camp, or may call for hotel information. Local families, please indicate availability to host visitors on the application form.

**TUITION:** July 6-10, 2026 - \$440.  
-10% discount for early registration received by May 1, 2026 (\$395) This fee covers all materials used, and any miscellaneous expenses incurred during the camp. No fee reductions or refunds are available for partial attendance or missed days. A limited number of partial fee waivers are available. Scholarship award is determined by financial need and teacher recommendation. If you wish to sponsor another student either individually or through a business, please indicate on the application form. Applications and tuition due by June 1, 2026. A late registration fee of \$50 will be assessed after that date.

## 2026 GCM SUMMER CAMP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Book/

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Piece \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Years Studied \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone of Current Teacher:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Note Reading Skills:

None \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_

Moderate \_\_\_\_\_ Strong \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in sponsoring another student to attend camp.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in housing one out-of-town student and one parent.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in being considered for a partial fee waiver.

Please return this application with tuition by

June 1, 2026

Mail to:

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