



# Superior String Alliance

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## Young Strings Camps



July 14, 2009 – July 23, 2009

## The Superior String Alliance

The Superior String Alliance is a nonprofit, community-based musical arts organization promoting excellence in string playing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Since 1987, the Young Strings Camps have offered young musicians an opportunity to gain leadership and ensemble skills. Music and technical abilities are nurtured during Orchestra rehearsals, private lessons, chamber groups, and specialized class sessions. The Page Center is located on Little Lake, near Gwinn, Michigan, providing a perfect setting for making music, swimming, and other outdoor activities. Camps are licensed by the State of Michigan.

### 2009 Young Strings Camps

#### Elementary Camp July 14 - 17

This camp is designed for children 8-11 years old who have had at least one year playing experience. This four-day, three night camp session provides students with rhythm, note, and technique classes, along with private lessons and regular orchestra rehearsals.

**Tuition: Early Bird Registration**  
**By June 22, 2008 \$250**  
**After June 22, 2008 \$275**

*Non-refundable \$50 deposit due with Registration*

#### Intermediate Camp July 18 - 23

This camp session serves students, ages 12-16, who have had 3 or more years of playing experience. Students will participate in daily orchestra rehearsals, technique classes, small ensembles and sectionals, and receive a private lesson during the week.

**Tuition: Early Bird Registration**  
**By June 22, 2009 \$300**  
**After June 22, 2009 \$350**

*Non-refundable \$50 deposit due with Registration*

All registration forms are available online at: <http://www.superiorstringalliance.com>. Registration and payments can also be completed online.

\*Each student must bring a piece of solo music (not something from orchestra) to work on in lessons.

**Scholarships** - Limited scholarships are available for each strings camp. To apply for a scholarship, the student must write a paragraph describing why he or she would like to attend this camp. Parents must write a paragraph describing their need for scholarship assistance. These submissions are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee in confidence to assure privacy. Partial, or in rare cases full, scholarships will be awarded based on need and available funds. Scholarship requests and paragraphs must accompany the Registration Form.

The Young Strings Camps' music experience includes the following:

- Stretching warm-ups
- Orchestra rehearsals
- Sectionals
- Private lessons
- Instrument technique
- Integration of music theory and music history into orchestra rehearsal
- Mini-lectures and presentations on a variety of topics

### Concerts

Parents are invited to the opening faculty recital and a closing concert of orchestra and chamber groups. During the Intermediate Camp there will also be an Honors Student Recital.



### Recreation and Other Activities:

Each day includes quiet time and free recreation with fully supervised waterfront activities, as well as ping pong, volleyball, board games, nature hikes, an annual talent show, campfires, and other fun.

### Camp Conductor

**Reid Smith** is currently director of orchestras for St. Charles Public Schools in St. Charles, Missouri. Joining St. Charles in 2007, he previously served as director of orchestras at Duluth High School in Duluth, Georgia. Reid holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Michigan and completed student teaching with Jed Fritzscheier and Nathan Peters. Reid has served as the Vice President of the University of Michigan chapter of the American String Teachers Association and as the Georgia ASTA Bass Symposium liaison. He is a member of the American String Teachers Association, Missouri Music Educators' Association, and the Music Educators' National Conference.

### Camp Director

**Kyle Danek**, born and raised in Marquette, is a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a B.S. in Physiology and a M.S. in Biology, and is attending University of Michigan's School of Dentistry. His primary instrument is the Violin; he also plays Piano, Guitar, and the Trumpet. Past involvement includes numerous Marquette area arts programs such as the Marquette Symphony Orchestra, the NMU Orchestra, the Marquette Choral Society, the NMU Music/Drama Department, the Vista theatre productions, and Lakeside Strings music camp.

### Camp Instructors

**Kiana Weber** - Principal Viola Instructor

**Jane Rinka** - Principal Violin Instructor

**Wes Fritzscheier** - Counselor/Instructor

**Will Argiroff** - Counselor/Instructor

**Jennie Meier** - Counselor/Instructor

Information and biographies for staff and instructors available on our website:

[www.superiorstringalliance.com](http://www.superiorstringalliance.com)

For more information on the Superior String Alliance, the Young Strings Camps, and how you can either contribute to the organization or volunteer to help the Alliance, contact Gwen Hetler at:

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