

Nevada City School of the Arts
6th–8th Grade Music Elective Program
2010-2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the music elective program for 6th – 8th graders! We are pleased to offer group lessons in cello, guitar, bass guitar, piano, and songwriting, as well as Taiko drumming. These music classes are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Additionally, all students will take a Movement class during the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon schedule. Those students who do not take two music classes will also have an art class as part of their afternoon schedule on these days.

Philosophy

We are providing this program to give students the opportunity to find their own musicality through the various instruments we offer, to build a musical community with one another, and encourage and allow students to be creative with their music. We trust that this program will instill in our students a sense of accomplishment through the rewards of routine practice, performance opportunities, the development of good listening skills and a respect for one another's creative journey in a non-competitive atmosphere. Ultimately our goal is to have our students take joy in playing with one another, as well as with adults, within a musical community. To this end we will take some Thursday afternoons throughout the school year and bring the entire middle school together to play with and for each other on collaborative pieces.

Performance Opportunities

Performing provides an incentive for excellence, a sense of accomplishment, and the excitement and success of achieving goals. We will use already existing opportunities such as the Artistic Showcase, as well as other occasions within the school year.

Instruments in Class and at Home

Students must have an instrument that they can bring to school on elective days: Tuesdays and Thursdays; and bring home with them for practice. (The exception to this is piano and Taiko drums, which will be provided at school.) **Please note that guitar and bass guitar students will be learning on acoustic instruments.**

Instrument Rental Program & Mandatory Insurance

For students who do not own their own instrument we offer an instrument rental program at below-market rates. Our program also includes mandatory insurance at very reasonable rates.

No student will be allowed to bring a rental instrument home unless a rental agreement and insurance form have been signed and the appropriate fees has been paid.

We emphasize that a 40 minute class twice a week on any chosen instrument is not enough time for a child to become an accomplished player. Instruction is important, but playing everyday and getting accustomed to the instrument is vital to a child's success. We encourage students to take their instrument home on Thursday or Friday for practice at home on the weekends. Music instructors will be setting home practice guidelines for their particular classes.

Please support your child by providing an instrument for them at home, either through our rental program or by any other means, and encouraging their daily practice.

Here's to a joyous musical year!

Heather Grove, Music Director

Nevada City School of the Arts

Musical Instrument Rental Information and Instructions

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NCSA has musical instruments to rent to students at lower than market-rates. Rental fees are paid annually and based upon the chosen instrument. You will find that these prices are significantly lower than what instrument rental companies charge. The NCSA music director, Heather Grove, Arts Coordinator, Jody Deaderick, and the School of the Arts Educational Foundation will manage all rentals. Part of the music elective curriculum will be teaching the student how to care for their instrument and developing a sense of responsibility for that instrument.

Yearly Rental Fees:

Fiddle	\$85.00	Cello	\$160.00	Clarinet	\$95.00
Guitar	\$65.00	Bass Guitar	\$95.00		

If these rental fees represent a true hardship please contact School Director, Holly Pettitt, to find out about available scholarship opportunities.

OUR INSTRUMENT RENTAL PROGRAM NOW INCLUDES MANDATORY INSTRUMENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH MUSIC AGENCY, INC. SEE NEXT PAGE FOR COVERAGE DETAILS.

This company provides insurance at very reasonable rates. For example, a policy for an instrument worth up to \$300 costs only \$14.40 for a 12-month period. The insurance is transferable to another instrument should your child switch instruments at any time during the rental period.

Please note: if you rented an instrument for the summer the insurance is still in effect until the end of this school year—you do not need to pay for a new insurance policy but you do need to pay to rent the instrument!

If you would like to rent an instrument for the school year through NCSA please return the following forms on or before the start of music classes:

- **Return the signed NCSA Rental Agreement with your check payable to SAEF.**

See Cindy in the SAEF office if you want to make a credit card payment.

- **Return the completed Insurance form to NCSA [with payment to Music Agency, Inc.]**

Fill out your name & address, payment information, and sign and date the form; use the rate chart to determine your fee based on the value of the rental instrument and the 12-month policy term. We will then fill out the instrument information and mail to Music Agency, Inc.

Rental Instrument Value for insurance form:

Clarinet \$250, Fiddle \$250, Guitar \$150, Bass Guitar \$200, Cello \$700).

⇒ Please make 2 separate payments, one for the insurance (payable to Music Agency, Inc.) and one for the rental fee (payable to SAEF).

If you have any questions about the rental program, or any other aspect of the music program, please feel free to call Heather Grove, ext. 217, or Jody Deaderick, ext. 204.

Music Agency, Inc.'s **ALL RISK** coverage includes burglary, theft, fire, and accidental damage worldwide. Policyholder claims are processed daily for instruments that have been knocked off their stands, stepped on, sat on, stolen from bus stops, cars, and band rooms, even chewed up by the family dog! Some instruments can be repaired, while some need to be replaced. Whatever the case, with prompt claim handling and a reasonable deductible*, students can be back to playing their instrument without any major unplanned expense. A policy will be mailed to you. Coverage begins when application and payment are received by Music Agency, Inc.

**A \$15 deductible applies. Policy exclusions include normal wear and tear, gradual deterioration, corrosion and rust, nuclear damage and war, mysterious disappearance, and intentional damage.*

Maintenance Responsibilities:

Instruments and cases will be rented in the best possible condition. Any existing blemishes or damage will be noted at the time of rental.

The renter will be responsible for the following:

Fiddle and Cello:

General maintenance to include: keeping bow hair loosened after each use, cleaning body of instrument with a dry, soft 100% cotton cloth, keeping case clean, (vacuum periodically to prevent carpet beetle damage) keeping renter's name and phone number inside case, and keeping instrument from undergoing extreme changes in temperature. *No instrument should be left outside or kept in a parked car for more than 10 minutes.*

Guitar, Bass Guitar, Clarinet:

General maintenance to include teacher recommended cleaning, keeping case clean, keeping renter's name and phone number inside case, keeping instrument from undergoing extreme changes in temperature. *No instrument should be left outside or kept in a parked car for more than 10 minutes.*

Students are encouraged to always have the instrument handy, safely hanging on the wall or sitting in its open case ready for easy playing. Always secure instrument in its case during any transportation.

What to do if your instrument gets damaged:

Contact Jody Deaderick in the Arts Office to request a claim form. School personnel will determine where to take the instrument for a repair estimate. Under no circumstances should you take the instrument to someone for a repair estimate without first contacting the school and/or attempt to fix the instrument yourself.

Keep this page for your records!

Nevada City School of the Arts
6th – 8th Grade Instrument Rental Agreement
2010-2011

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ email _____

I understand that the rental period is from **August 23, 2010 through May 26, 2011** and that rental fees and insurance payments are due prior to or by the first day of instruction. No instrument will be sent home with a student without first returning a **signed Rental Form with payment, a signed Insurance Form with payment**, and all past rental fees paid in full.

If any damage occurs to the rental instrument I will contact NCSA's Arts Office to request a claim form and to determine where to take the instrument for a repair estimate. Under no circumstances will I attempt to fix the instrument myself.

All instruments MUST be returned on or before the last day of this contract. In the event that I return the instrument before the end of the rental period, NCSA will refund rental fees on a pro-rated basis.

Music Program Policy for Early Return of Rental Instruments

1. Full Credit of rental fee will be given if instrument is returned within the first two weeks of the rental period (or credit of full amount of any partial payment that has been made).
2. 75% Credit of full rental fee (or equivalent portion from any partial payment) will be given if instrument is returned before October Break.
3. For returns after October Break but before the end of the first semester, credit will be given equal to the second partial payment (approximately 50%) if full payment has been made. If only the first partial payment has been made, no credit will be given.
4. No Credits will be given for instruments returned after the end of the first semester through the end of the rental period.

Note: This policy assumes that the renter is upholding all responsibilities as laid out in the rental agreement, and that the instrument is returned in its original condition.

I have read the above rental agreement and agree to all terms. I am aware that a payment is due at the time of rental, before an instrument can be used in class or taken home. I agree to follow maintenance instructions as outlined in the rental instructions. I am aware that the instruments are rented out on a day-to-day basis and must be returned to the Nevada City School of the Arts upon request. Nevada City School of the Arts can terminate this agreement without notice.

Parent Signature

Date

Rental Instruments	Yearly Rental Fee	1 st Partial Payment Due Aug. 24, 2010	Final Partial Payment Due January 13, 2011
Fiddle	\$85	\$45	\$40
Guitar	\$65	\$35	\$30
Bass Guitar	\$95	\$50	\$45
Cello	\$160	\$85	\$75

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

Rental Instrument _____ Yearly Fee _____

(Please fill out a separate form for any additional instruments.)

___ I have attached a check for the full yearly rental fee for the instrument of my choice.

___ **Or** I have attached a check for the 1st partial payment (Final payment due January 13, 2011)
(Final payment must be paid before student can continue to use his or her instrument for the remainder of the rental period after January 13, 2011.)

Please make checks payable to SAEF, (School of the Arts Educational Foundation). Contact the SAEF office to pay by credit card.

For Office Use Only

Instrument	Identification #	Size

Fiddle	Cello	Guitar	Bass Guitar
___ Case	___ Case	___ Case	___ Case
___ Rosin	___ Bow	___ Picks (2 per year incl.)	___ Picks (2 per year incl.)
___ Shoulder Rest			
___ Bow			

NOTES ON CONDITION AND EXISTING BLEMISHES AT TIME OF RENTAL:

Insurance Form received on _____ with payment of _____ to Music Agency, Inc.

First or Full Rental Payment to SAEF received on _____ Instrument checked out by: _____

Check Number & Check Amount: _____

Second/Final Payment received on _____ Instrument checked out by: _____

Check Number & Check Amount: _____

Instrument returned on _____ Instrument checked in by: _____ NOTES ON CONDITION OF INSTRUMENT AT RETURN:
