



# Rushing Orchestra

April 2023

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, April 12th** - NJHS Induction Ceremony - 6:30pm - \*Required for Chamber Students\*

**Friday, April 14th** - Pride of Texas Music Festival - Beginner and Camerata Orchestras - 9am-2pm

**Saturday, April 22nd** - Prosper ISD Solo and Ensemble Contest \*Required for All\*

**Wednesday, April 26th** - Prosper ISD Concerto Competition Final Round - For students who advance

**Friday, May 12th** - Final Exam/Placement Auditions for next year's orchestra - Video Submission

**Thursday, May 18th** - Spring Concert - 6:30pm - Rushing MS Gym

**Friday, May 19th** - Showcase of Music Festival - 10:50am - UNT Murchison Center - \*Chamber Only\*

**Tuesday, May 23rd** - Boulder Adventure Park - 10am - 2pm - Open to All - \$45 per person

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## NJHS Induction Ceremony

**\*Required for Chamber Students\***

**Wednesday, April 12th**

Arrive: 6:00pm

Perform: 6:30pm

Leave: 6:40pm

Attire: Concert Black

The orchestra always plays Pomp and Circumstance for the NJHS Induction Ceremony each year. This is a very quick performance. We will play one song at the beginning of the ceremony and leave right after. This is a required performance for all chamber students (unless they are being inducted).

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## Pride of Texas Music Festival - Pinstack

**Friday, April 14th - Beginner and Camerata Orchestras**

The cost of this trip was included in the orchestra fee. If you have not paid the orchestra fee, you may do so [here](#):

Pride of Texas Music Festival is an opportunity for our students to play for a judge and then have fun at Pinstack. This will occur during the school day. Please see the attached itinerary for more details.

Parents, we are in need of 4 chaperones. There is no additional cost for you to chaperone. Please click the link below to sign up.

<https://forms.gle/2MQyy3g6x5Zj2ttK6>

### Pinstack 2023 Itinerary.pdf

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## New Violin/Viola Lesson Teacher

**Alice Goodrick**

Ms. Goodrick still has space in her schedule for more students. If your violin or viola student would like help on audition music, this is a great opportunity!



# Private Lesson Request

Private lessons are an essential part of a successful orchestra program and are highly recommended for all students regardless of their age or ability. Private lessons offer individualized instruction for students taught by specialists on their instrument.

Private lessons are offered during the student's orchestra class once a week.

Private Lesson Rates:

30 minute lesson - \$25 per week

22 minute lesson - \$23 per week

Each private teacher in Prosper ISD has been approved by the orchestra staff and has completed a background check through PISD.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

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## Solo & Ensemble/Concerto Competition

**\*Required for All\***

### Saturday, April 22nd - Prosper High School

Solo and Ensemble is required for all orchestra students. We are working on finalizing the schedule and will be giving out final times by Friday, April 7th. Your student will receive a paper copy with their personal time on it. Please see the links below for more detailed information about Solo and Ensemble Contest.

- Solo/Ensemble Students [info sheet](#)
- Concerto Competition Students [info sheet](#)

### Piano Rehearsal Information

If your student is rehearsing with a pianist for their solo, please see the attached document for the schedule and detailed information about rehearsals.

#### Pianist INFO 2023.pdf

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# Concerto Competition Finals



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## End of Year Assessment

May 10th - May 12th, 2023

6th and 7th Grade Students - All students will complete the middle school assessment attached below.

8th Grade Students not continuing in orchestra - will complete the middle school assessment attached below.

8th grade students continuing in orchestra - will complete the high school assessment.

All students, whether they are doing orchestra next year or not, will complete this end of year assessment. This will serve firstly as the final exam grade, and secondly as the placement for next year's orchestras.

### **Bass Audition 2023.pdf**

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### **Cello Audition 2023.pdf**

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### **Viola Audition 2023.pdf**

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### **Violin Audition 2023.pdf**

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# **Spring Concert**

**Thursday, May 18th 2023 - Rushing Gym**

Come join us at our Spring Concert!

Thursday, May 18th at 6:30pm in the Rushing MS Gym

Bring family and friends for a fun concert featuring Western and Space-themed music as we present Cowboys and Aliens!

# RUSHING ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT



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## Showcase of Music - Chamber Orchestra



**Friday, May 19th, 10:50am**

The Showcase of Music Festival consists of our students performing a concert at the UNT Murchison in front of a panel of 3 judges and competing against other orchestras for best in class. We will be using the recording we get from this event to submit to the Honor Orchestra Contest for Texas.

A more detailed itinerary will be released at the beginning of May.

# Field Trip to Bolder Adventure Park

## Tuesday, May 23rd



Field Trip  
Bolder  
Adventure  
Park

Tuesday,  
May 23rd  
.....  
\$45

PACKAGE  
INCLUDES:  
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- 2 slices of pizza and drink
- Adventure Nets
- Blaster Zone
- Exploration Play
- Bumper Cars
- Tubing Slides
- Via Ferrata
- Ropes Course
- Climbing Adventures

Payment due  
May 5th

 <https://bit.ly/boldertrip>

### Open to All Orchestra Members Who Complete The Incentive List

As a final fun trip for the year, the orchestra will be going to Bolder Adventure Park on May 23rd. This is the day before the last day of school. The cost of the trip is \$45 for students and \$35 for parent chaperones. [If you are interested in chaperoning this trip, please fill out this form.](#)

[PAY HERE](#)

[Fill Out Waiver HERE](#)

Because this is not an educational field trip, students must complete certain objectives to attend this trip. The following items must be completed by **April 28th**.

1. Attend and perform at Solo and Ensemble and receive a division I or II rating from a judge on their solo/ensemble

2. Complete the end of month playing test with a score of at least an 85.

Bolder FPV Website Drone



## PISD Summer String Camp

**PROSPER**  
*Strings*  
& CONDITIONING

**FINISH OFF THE SUMMER AND PLAY MUSIC WITH FRIENDS!**  
6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will strengthen their performance skills and acquire higher level techniques that will prepare them for the upcoming school year.

**COST**  
**\$125**

**Camp Information:**

- 📅 July 17-19, 2023
- 🕒 17: 8am-12pm  
18: 9am-12pm  
19: 9am-1:30pm
- 📍 Hays Middle School

**Register Here:**  
<https://bit.ly/3nFnmPZ>



Deadline to Register is July 8th

**Register Here:**

[https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZH55P0BQF0824D\\_ZZ5Y0WA8TYYT2PN](https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZH55P0BQF0824D_ZZ5Y0WA8TYYT2PN)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COUdCBouSu4>



PROSPER ORCHESTRAS PRESENT:  
STRINGS AND CONDITIONING  
2022

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## Summer Camp Opportunities Around DFW

Summer Camps are a great opportunity for students to receive extra help and advance their skill over the summer. There are several local opportunities in the area.



### University of North Texas

June 19 - 23, 2023  
Commuter Day Camp  
10am-3pm  
\$270



### Stephen F. Austin

June 25 - July 1, 2023  
Overnight Camp  
\$495



### UT Arlington

July 9 - 14, 2023  
Both Commuter Camp and  
Overnight Camp  
\$300 for Commuter, \$600 for  
Overnight



**June 12-16th  
Summer  
2023**

**REGISTER NOW!**

# LAKE MURRAY ORCHESTRA CAMP

## Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, OK

Master classes will be offered on string instruments by level. Students who have at least one year of experience (5th grade – 12th grade) are welcome to attend! There will be a high school orchestra group and two middle school orchestra groups. The students are offered classes in technique, music history, chamber music, music theory, and more! The students will also be able to balance their day of intense instruction with many non-music related activities as well: swimming, hiking, outdoor sports, water sports on the lake, fishing, archery, horseback riding, s'mores night, movie night, a camp dance, just to name a few! The end of the week will be celebrated with a GRAND FINALE CONCERT for parents at the Lake Murray Lodge ballroom.

### Parent Letter2023.pdf

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### RegistrationSummer2023NEW (6).pdf

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## Class Updates

### Beginner Orchestra Update - 1st, 2nd, and 4th Period

We are now starting to transition our beginners from new players into an orchestra. We will start transitioning from the orchestra book into more concert music to prepare these students for next year. Each class has received their first spring concert piece "Dragonhunter" and more will be

coming in the next few weeks. We are working on slurs and ties in the book and students now know their notes on 3 of the 4 strings.

Students should still be practicing 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Please encourage your student to carve out time for practice. Practice logs are due with a signature every Monday.

## **Camerata Orchestra Update - Intermediate - 8th Period**

Camerata is now working on their spring concert music, two octave scales, vibrato, and shifting. We are working hard to prepare these students to move up into Sinfonia and Chamber. We are still waiting on some of our spring concert music to arrive, but we have one passed out; "Star-Crossed Warriors".

Please encourage your students to practice 25 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

## **Sinfonia Orchestra Update - Advanced II - 3rd Period**

Now that UIL is over, we are digging in to our spring concert music. Our theme is Cowboys and Aliens, so we are doing "Flop-eared Mule, Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space, Nebula, and Riders in the Night. These pieces are exploring more difficult skills like different finger patterns, shifting, and tricky rhythms. This is preparing our students for high school or to move up to chamber.

Students should be practicing 35 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

## **Chamber Orchestra Update - Advanced I - 7th Period**

After an incredibly successful UIL, we are excited to dive in to spring concert music. In keeping with our theme of Cowboys vs. Aliens, we will be playing Hoedown from Rodeo and Curse of the Rosin Eating Zombies.

Additionally, we will be recording for Texas Honor Orchestra in May, so we will keep two of our UIL pieces (Ocean Storm and Waltz No. 2), and we are adding a lyrical piece called Greater Than.

Students should be practicing 35 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

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### **Rushing Orchestra**

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