

3rd Annual MusicGirl Summer Camp - A Big Success!



3rd Annual Camp - MusicGirls and Instructors



Junior MusicGirls!

We initiated a Junior MusicGirls program this year, and 17 girls aged 5 to 8 attended the half-day program. Junior Camp Director, Stacey Smehl from Sebring, led the young girls through lessons in ukulele, mountain dulcimer, singing, and drumming. The junior girls were treated to a surprise performance by local jazz singer, Kelly Nelson, and renowned jazz trumpeter, Charlie “Top” Hines, who performed “Summertime” for the girls.

The MusicGirl Showcase!

MusicGirls aged 9 to 17, took classes in guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bass, piano, ukulele, dulcimer, world drumming, clogging, singing, and songwriting. At the conclusion of camp on Wednesday, each class was given the opportunity to perform at what we call the “MusicGirl Showcase”. It was impressive to see girls who had never played an instrument, play along on a song in the showcase! Several girls performed on more than one instrument. The girls also sang a song written during camp by Musicgirl, Abigail Eckstein.



Free Lunch!

Lunches both days were provided as a donation by [Restaurants Against Hunger](#) and Grant Buche. While the girls were chowing down, Grant pulled out his ukulele and sang them a couple of tunes. A big salad was also donated by [Manny's Chop House](#) thanks to the effort of Steve "Redwood" Wilson. Tom Welch of Jacksonville displayed and demonstrated native American flutes in the lobby.

MusicGirls Rising Up!

This year, we also initiated using advanced MusicGirls to help instructors teach

their classes. Catherine Sager assisted Cricket Moros teach Fiddle, and Amelia Ingley assisted Mary Beth Campbell teach Beginning Guitar. Ashley Rutherford of Haines City assisted Elva Mattox teach *Learning to Play Piano by Ear*. Lily O'Neill was the Official MusicGirl photographer for the event.



Catherine Sager



Amelia Ingley



Ashley Rutherford.



Lily O'Neil



Uke Donors!

Special thanks go out to the eleven MusicGirl supporters who donated 14 ukuleles. Thanks also to Nat and Jane West of Winter Haven, who made possible the use of 22 mountain dulcimers for the camp. These generous folks made it possible for MusicGirls who didn't own their own instruments, to take ukulele and dulcimer classes this year.

Now it's Dulcimers!

We are now in need of dulcimers so that we can offer continuing classes in dulcimer this fall. If you have a dulcimer under your bed or in your closet that is gathering dust, please consider donating it to Sandy's MusicGirls. We have a MusicGirl who wants to play it! Send a reply to this email, and we'll figure out how to get it from you – and thank you!

More MusicGirl Opportunities Ahead!

We have already lined up a good selection of opportunities to build on the experiences of camp. We have organized group classes, private instruction, and one-day workshops. Check out Sandy's MusicGirls Facebook Page for specific details!

THANK YOU - THANK YOU- THANK YOU

We were able to provide the Summer Camp without charge to participants' families again this year thanks to the financial support of you great folks out there.

A big round of applause for these folks who helped make MusicGirl Camp so great this year:

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Our Fabulous Instructors

Marybeth Campbell	Carolyn Dunn
Susan Grandy	Bari Litschauer
Elva Mattox	Siliva Medina
Marissa Kimpano	Kricket Moros
Maribeth Mundell	Catherine Price
Melanie Robertson	Stacey Smeyhl
Olivia Vertoli	

Camp Director: Jim Robertson

Music Girl Founder: Steve Morrison

We would also like to thank:

Grant & Donna Buche

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Thank you for the ukulele donations.

Nancy Lasseter	Bob Higginbotham	Thelma Garner
Penny Updike	Rodney Welch	Debbie Jamieson
Mary Beth Campbell	Rae Christy	Bill Losh

Nancy Buchanan

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