

What is AMP?

AMP is an intensive music performance and music industry camp for students entering grades 6 through 12 living in the Coachella Valley. The program focuses on playing in bands, instrumental/vocal/stage skills, collaboration, creativity, and performance.

When and where is AMP?

AMP 2017 will be held at Shadow Hills High School in Indio. The program runs Monday through Friday, June 26-July 21 (4 weeks). Students accepted to the program are expected to attend all dates from 10AM-5PM. Please note: No session on Tuesday July 4th and the final performance will be Saturday July 22nd. [AMP Open Call Auditions will be held on Saturday, April 8th at Indio High School Performing Arts Center and Sunday, May 7th at Shadow Hills High School Performing Arts Center.](#)

How much does it cost?

AMP is made possible by the generous seed funding of Goldenvoice and the incredible support of the Coachella Valley community. Last summer, students were asked to pay a small fee to help cover a small portion of the expenses. Scholarships were available so that no student was turned away.

However, this summer we do not want ability to pay to be an inhibitor in participating in this program. For Summer 2017, Goldenvoice has again shown their generosity by providing the tuition funds for each student accepted into this four week all day summer program.. Additional funds donated by the parents and the community will allow the Academy to provide year round rehearsals, band mentoring, and performance opportunities.

How do I be considered for a scholarship?

This year it is not necessary to complete a scholarship form as all accepted applicants will have their tuition covered.

What instruments/genres should audition?

AMP is open to all musicians/vocalists interested in playing in bands, performance, creating, collaborating, and looking to gain experience in the music industry

How do I audition?

[Open Call Auditions will be held on Saturday, April 8th at Indio High School Performing Arts Center and Sunday, May 7th at Shadow Hills High School Performing Arts Center.](#) Please return to our home page to sign up for the April or May auditions.

I am interested in audio production, stage management, and technical aspects of the music industry. How do I audition?

If you are not an instrumentalist or vocalist but seriously interested in music creation, production, stage and sound, or electronic music, please sign up for an audition time and be prepared to present your skill set, tools, and a brief portfolio of your interests. The audition panel will consider making a place in the program for anyone looking to create and collaborate.

What do you do in AMP?

In short, AMP will involve long days of workshops, masterclasses, gigs, teambuilding, jam sessions, creating, collaborating, and performance. And lunch.

Will there be a concert?

Yes! The final concert presented AMP bands in a final showcase on Saturday July 22nd for the 2017 Summer Camp. .

Do you provide private lessons?

Throughout the camp session, lessons specialists will conduct group classes and provide some individual instruction. Most of the vocal/instrumental instruction will be in groups.

Can I attend only part of AMP?

It is our hope that all participants will be able to attend all of the dates. If you anticipate a conflict, please let the audition panel know at open call.

I play a wind/non-rock-band instrument. Should I audition?

Yes. Although a typical "rock band" format is one of the other vehicles for the AMP program, we want to encourage musical experimentation, alternative musical styles and genres, and each participant to find their own musical voice. That being said, accordion, banjo, harmonica, ukulele, concert band and orchestra instruments and any other instruments are welcome to apply.

I have never played in a band. Will I fit in?

If you have been playing an instrument or singing on your own but never in a group this is a perfect opportunity for you.

I have never played an instrument and would like to start. Is this a good opportunity for me to start?

Probably not. This year we expect some level of proficiency to play and communicate with your band. It would not be easy for a total beginner to commit to 4 weeks of 7 hour days playing music with no experience.

Do you provide instruments?

Amps, piano, drumset, and microphones (a backline) will be provided for audition. The AMP camp provides a backline for rehearsal studios for the camp, but each musician is responsible for bringing his/her own instruments.

More questions? Please send them to: academyofmusicalperformance@gmail.com