

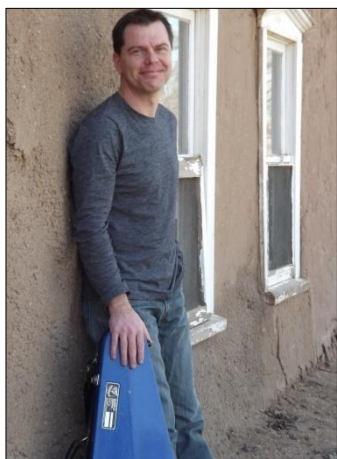
# Great Lakes Mandolin Camp 2017

To reserve your spot, print page 4, complete and mail it along with your deposit.

## Overview

The 1st annual **Great Lakes Mandolin Camp** on **October 5 - 7, 2017** will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The instructors are Camp founder **Brian Oberlin** (teaching swing, bluegrass and classical) and **Don Stiernberg** (teaching swing and jazz.) During the three days of mandolin immersion, each Camper will experience six workshops from Brian and Don, four ensemble rehearsals, structured and non-structured jams and perform in the student and faculty concert. The maximum student capacity is 30, which makes for smaller classes from some of the best mandolin players and teachers in the world. The cost is an affordable \$300. The GLMC sponsors have offered **gift packages to the first 20 students** that sign up for the Camp. Go to [www.mandoberlin.com](http://www.mandoberlin.com) for full details.

## Mandolin Instructors



**Brian Oberlin**, the creator and director of the River of the West Mandolin Camp and the Great Lakes Mandolin Camp, has been performing and teaching mandolin for 16 years. As an educator, Brian teaches nearly one hundred mandolin workshops each year at festivals, arts centers, and academies around the world. A faculty member in 2012 and 2013, Brian will again teach at the 2017 Accademia Internazionale di Mandolino in Savona, Italy. Most recently, Brian released his 20<sup>th</sup> album (and 5<sup>th</sup> solo album) in 2016 and was inducted into his hometown High School's Hall of Fame in Rockford, Michigan. Brian is the founder and director of the Oregon Mandolin Orchestra and performs as a soloist with other orchestras. Brian continues to delve into the mandolin education field by starting the Great Lakes Mandolin Camp which will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan during the first weekend of October, 2017.



**Don Stiernberg** learned to play the mandolin from the influential and innovative virtuoso Jethro Burns. Jethro referred to Don as his "graduate student", hired him to play in his band, and guided him into a lifelong career in music. A leading exponent of jazz mandolin style, Don has eight recording projects of his own and appears on many others by a variety of artists in all styles. In addition to touring from coast to coast and abroad with his own trio, he stays busy with freelance performing and recording session work in and around his native Chicago. This is Don's ninth year at the River of the West Mandolin Camp, and he is a regular staff member at the Mandolin Symposium, Kaufman Kamp, Swannanoa, Mando Camp North, Cape Cod Mandolin Camp, Ashokan Swing Week, Accademia Internazionale di Mandolino, European Mandoline Akademy, Momento Rio Bandolim. [www.donstiernberg.com](http://www.donstiernberg.com)

# Camp Schedule

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- Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ Campers should arrive at the Crowne Plaza Hotel between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. for check in. At 6:00, there will be an opening ceremony and at 7:00, classes will begin.
- Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ Students will attend three classes and two ensemble rehearsals as well as structured and non-structured jams.
- Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ Classes and ensemble rehearsals will take place until 5:00. At 7:30, there will be a student and faculty concert open to the public. At 7:30, there will be a student and faculty concert in the Thornapple room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This concert is open to the public with a suggested donation.
- Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_ There may be an opportunity to take 30-minute, one-on-one master classes with Brian and Don. This is yet to be decided.

## Student Level and Capacity

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The maximum capacity of the Great Lakes Mandolin Camp is 30 students (ages 12 and older). Although the Camp is intended for all levels of mandolinists, absolute beginners (people who have no idea how to play anything on the mandolin) are encouraged to take private lessons before attending the Camp. The primary focus of the teaching materials will be swing, jazz, bluegrass, and technique for the beginner to intermediate mandolin player. Students will be organized into two different groups of people that have their same mandolin playing abilities. So, beginners will benefit from a slower pace in the classroom while the intermediate players will be challenged by the instructors.

## Lodging

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Each Camper is encouraged to stay at the Hotel and will receive a special discount for rooms. Folks attending can certainly commute each day but the best experience is at the hotel with the other Campers and instructors. The hotel is just 4 miles from Grand Rapids International Airport and they provide a free shuttle.

The cost of the rooms (regardless if it is one or two beds) is \$105 per night. Please use the special group code "GMC" in order to receive this reduced rate.

**Campers MUST book their room by September 13, 2017 in order to receive the discounted rate.**

Contact the Hotel....

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
5700 28th St. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
(616) 957-1770

<http://www.cpgrandrapids.com/>

## Meals

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Campers will be responsible for their own meals. There are many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel as well as a Meijer's grocery store across the street. The Hotel also offers a full bar and menu in their "Aryana Restaurant and Lounge."

# What to Bring

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Campers are welcome to bring any instrument, but all instruction will be focused on mandolin. The necessities are a **portable music stand and writing utensils**. Optional items include snacks, beverages and small recording devices. The hotel does not allow outside alcoholic beverages to be carried around the hotel. If you intend on buying merchandise that the instructors will be selling, please bring cash or check.

# Cost and Deposit

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The cost of the Great Lakes Mandolin Camp is \$300 which includes all activities from Thursday, October 5 – Saturday, October 7. The cost for Commuters is \$300.

# How and when to Pay

To secure your spot as a Camper or Commuter, a \$100 deposit with your completed application must be mailed to the address...

Brian Oberlin  
Great Lakes Mandolin Camp  
P.O. Box 272  
Rockford, MI 49341

If you would like to pay by using PAYPAL, please submit your payment to [brian@mandoberlin.com](mailto:brian@mandoberlin.com) and email a PDF of your application to the same address.

**The balance of the tuition (\$200) is due by September 8, 2017.**

# Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made before **August 18, 2017** will be charged a \$25 fee

Cancellations made **August 19 – September 7, 2017** will be charged 75% of tuition paid.

Cancellations made **September 8, 2017** or after will not receive a refund.

If you have any questions, e-mail Brian Oberlin ([brian@mandoberlin.com](mailto:brian@mandoberlin.com)).

# Please support the 2017 Great Lakes Mandolin Camp Sponsors



# Great Lakes Mandolin Camp 2017 Application

## Contact Information

Full name of registrant:		
Mailing address:		
Home phone:	Cell phone:	
Email address:		
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Age:	Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Camper/staying at hotel <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter

*If under the age of 18, please provide the contact information of a parent or legal guardian:*

Name:	Relationship to you:
Mailing address:	
Home phone:	Cell phone:

*All registrants, please provide an emergency contact:*

Name:	Relationship to you:
Home phone:	Cell phone:

## Camp Preferences

Please circle or check your ensemble preference:	<input type="checkbox"/> Brian's	<input type="checkbox"/> Don's		
How would you like your name (first name only) to appear on your name tag?				
Please check one of the following that best describes your mandolin-playing ability:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner/Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate/Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced