



Summer Camp Information

Camp Dates | June 7-13, 2026

** Auditions will be held *Sunday, April 12, 2026 from 2:00-5:00 pm at DSU* **

Location | Dickinson State University May Hall, Stickney Auditorium

Ages | students ages 8-19 years old.

Times | Camp days will run from 12:30-8:30 PM

Tuition

\$375 | *Early Bird* (by March 15)

\$450 | *Regular* (by March 31)

\$500 | *Late* (by April 12)

Tuition includes:

- Instruction for Camp Week
- 1 Private Voice Lesson
- 2 Performances with Costuming
- Script (to keep)
- Digital Music
- 2 Complimentary Tickets per performer
- Badlands Opera Apparel
- Pre-Show Opening Act for the *2026 Medora Musical!*
- Snacks and Select Evening Meals

A **\$100 deposit** will be invoiced to you after registration. The remaining tuition will be invoiced after *auditions on Sunday, April 12, 2026*.

Scholarships & Fundraising Update

In previous years, Badlands Opera Summer Camp offered a volunteer point system that allowed families to earn tuition discounts. This year, we've simplified our model to make registration more accessible and flexible for everyone.

Instead of volunteer points, we have **lowered tuition across all registration tiers:**

- **Early Bird tuition reduced by \$75**
- **Regular and Late registration reduced by \$50**

In addition, we are offering the option to set up an **individual camper fundraising page through GiveButter**. Fundraising allows our available scholarship funds to stretch further and helps us support as many campers as possible.

Participation in fundraising is **optional**, and **scholarship assistance is available but limited**. Families in need of additional support are encouraged to apply early.

Cancellations

Cancellation will result in a \$100 non-refundable fee after *April 1st, 2026*.

Communication

During the rehearsal process, it is important to create an atmosphere free of unnecessary distractions so campers can fully focus on learning, creating, and collaborating. Campers who bring cell phones will be asked to turn them in at daily check-in. Phones may be checked out during breaks. This policy also encourages campers to build meaningful, face-to-face relationships with one another.

All camp announcements, schedule updates, media files, and general communication will be shared through **GroupMe**. Parents and/or students are encouraged to join the group to stay up-to-date leading up to and throughout the week of camp.

Join the GroupMe here:

https://groupme.com/join_group/112463839/DeTnBzPI

Before the Camp Week

After casting is announced, performers will have a few weeks to memorize the script and songs.

Memorization has to be done in advance at home! Camp Week will be spent polishing and putting it all together.

Materials

You will receive a script book and access to digital accompaniment tracks (instruments only) and vocal tracks (vocal demos) of each song.

Students will need to bring:

- scripts (can be marked in, highlighted, etc.)
- pencil
- water bottle
- black pants/leggings & a solid black t-shirt
- Females- tan or black flats, OR ballet shoes, OR tan or black character shoes. BOP has limited sizes available to borrow.
- Male- black jazz shoes OR black dress shoes. BOP has limited sizes available to borrow.
- Students should wear clothing that is comfortable and easy to move in.

Costumes

This year, many costumes will be provided by the Dickinson State University Theatre Department. In addition, select costume pieces will be purchased for campers to keep as part of their performance experience.

Performances

We have 2 performances scheduled for *Saturday, June 13th at 2pm and 7pm*. The performances will be in the Dickinson State University Stickney Auditorium.

Tickets & Performances

Each student will receive **two complimentary tickets** to be used for either performance. Let the ticketing agents know when you arrive to the performance if you need a comp ticket- we will check you off our list at that time!

Additional tickets may be purchased **in advance online** or **at the door**. Please note that **ticket prices increase at the door**.

Advance Ticket Prices:

- Preschool & younger: **Free**
- Students (K–12): **\$10**
- Adults: **\$15**

Ticket sales will begin **45 minutes prior to showtime**, with **doors opening 30 minutes before the performance**.

Both performances are **open to the public**.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding the camp, auditions or any matters regarding the production, please

feel free to contact us via email at contact@badlandsopera.org

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