

# SUMMER IN THE ARTS AT NORTHERN

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS AND PARENTS

### Housing

Campers stay in Gilbert Hall, a recently renovated residence hall located on the east side of campus close to the Music Building and adjacent to the Art Building. Campers usually sleep two to a room, although occasionally an uneven number of girls or boys make this impossible. A roommate of the same or similar age is assigned to campers who did not specify the name of a roommate on the registration form. Male and female counselors sleep on the floors with the campers in a ratio of at least one counselor for every 13 campers. Each room has a microfridge (includes a microwave, freezer, and refrigerator), and closet and drawer space. The rooms are air-conditioned; it is recommended that campers bring a fan and a sweatshirt. Security is tight in the residence halls with a key card needed to access the hallways with camper rooms. More information about Gilbert Hall is available on the camp website under *general information* at [www.artscamps.niu.edu](http://www.artscamps.niu.edu).

### Parking for Parents and Campers

**Drop Off and Pick Up Days:** Parents arriving with campers may park in Lot 3, the lot immediately south of the Music and Art Buildings. There is no fee and no need for a pass if you park in Lot 3. On Pick Up Day, it is recommended that you either use Lot 3 (free) or the Visitor's Lot near the Holmes Student Center (paid), as all other lots on campus allow parking by permit only until 7 pm Monday – Friday. There is limited parking in front of Gilbert Hall (on Gilbert Dr.) for luggage drop off/pick-up, so be prepared to move your vehicle to Lot 3 immediately after unloading.

**Campers' cars:** Campers who drive themselves to camp are not permitted to drive cars during the week and must request a visitor's pass from the office at least a week before camp begins. It is recommended that campers park in Lot 2E (near Anderson Building across Lucinda Rd.) until the end of camp. Campers who request a visitor's parking pass ahead of time will find one waiting at check-in. Those who do not do this must request that a counselor go to Parking Services with them on Monday to purchase one for \$10.00.

**Camp check-in:** Camp check-in for packets, teeshirts, schedules, etc. is in the Music Building and for room keys is in Gilbert Hall. Details about how this works are in the camper letter.

### How to Find Gilbert Hall

Travel north on Annie Glidden Road, turn right onto Lucinda Road and right onto Gilbert Drive. You can find maps and more detailed directions to campus and the residence halls on our website at [www.artscamps.niu.edu](http://www.artscamps.niu.edu). For GPS, use 383 Gilbert Dr. as the address.

### Linens

All campers need to bring towels, sheets, pillowcase/s, a blanket, and pillow. The beds are standard length.

### Meals

Campers eat all three meals in Gilbert Hall. Campers may eat an unlimited amount of food from a cafeteria-style service. Food may not be taken out of the cafeteria.

### Replacement Key Cards

The cost of replacing a lost key card is \$10.00. This amount will be billed to a camper's family at the conclusion of camp.

### Unscheduled Absence of Campers

Parents are required to provide notification in writing of any unscheduled pick-up of children during the week. The letter should provide details, such as the name of the person picking up the child, as well as pick-up and drop-off date and times. Be prepared to show identification to camp personnel at the time of pick-up. Camp staff have been instructed that a camper is not to be released with advance written permission. This is for your child's safety.

### Contact Information

The lobby desk of the residence hall is staffed 24 hours a day. The number for main desk of Gilbert Hall is (815) 753-3110. If parents need to reach a child during the day, call the Office of External Programs at (815) 753-1450 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mail should be sent to campers in care of Gilbert Hall, 383 Gilbert Drive, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. Be sure to write the name of the camp on the envelope.