

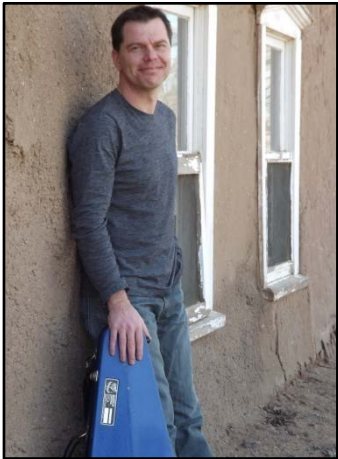
# Great Lakes Mandolin Camp 2018

To reserve your spot, print page 5, complete and mail it along with your deposit.

## Overview

The 2nd annual **Great Lakes Mandolin Camp** on **September 13 - 15, 2018** will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The instructors are Camp founder **Brian Oberlin** (swing, bluegrass and classical), **Don Stiernberg** (swing and jazz) and **Emory Lester** (bluegrass). During the three days of mandolin immersion, each Camper will experience six workshops from all three teachers, ensemble rehearsals, mass mandolin orchestra rehearsals, Q & A sessions with all teachers, a special workshop learning the teacher's favorite "licks and tricks", structured and non-structured jams, and perform with the mass orchestra and ensemble of their choice at the student and faculty concert. The maximum student capacity is 45, which makes for smaller classes from some of the best mandolin players and teachers in the world. The cost is an affordable \$400.

## Mandolin Instructors



**Brian Oberlin**, the creator and director of the **Great Lakes Mandolin Camp**, has been performing and teaching mandolin for 18 years. As an educator, Brian teaches nearly one hundred mandolin workshops each year at festivals, arts centers, and academies around the world. Brian was a faculty member in 2012, 2013 and 2017 at the Accademia Internazionale di Mandolino in Italy. Most recently, Brian released his 20th album (and 5th solo album) in 2016 and was inducted into his hometown High School's Hall of Fame in Rockford, Michigan. Brian is the founder and musical director emeritus of the Oregon Mandolin Orchestra and performs as a soloist with other orchestras. Brian is also the founder of **The River of the West Mandolin** in Oregon now on its 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.



**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 second year at the **Great Lakes Mandolin Camp**, and he is a regular staff member at the **River of the West Mandolin Camp**, 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).

## Mandolin Instructors, continued

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This is **Emory Lester's** first year at the **Great Lakes Mandolin Camp**. He is one of this day's foremost exponents of the acoustic mandolin. His landmark recording projects have placed him among the elite mandolinists of our time. His most recent solo CD 'At Dusk' showcases Emory's multi-instrumentalist musical creativity and skills. Undeniably, his clean, clear, fast and efficient mandolin techniques continue to influence many modern day mandolinists. Emory has toured all across the U.S., and has been featured on several performances with Steve Martin, most notably on the 'Late Night with David Letterman' television show in September of 2012. Emory also currently performs with his partner Jill Jones in the new 'Emory Lester & Jill Jones Band', at upcoming concerts and festivals, as well as with the bluegrass band 'Wayne Taylor and Appaloosa', doing shows across the U.S., Canada, Europe and the U.K. Emory has also been a music instructor since 1978 and was an instructor at the **2016 River of the West Mandolin Camp**.

## Camp Schedule

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- Thursday, September 13th** Campers should arrive at the Crowne Plaza Hotel between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for check in. **At 1:00, there will be an opening ceremony.** At 2:00, classes and ensemble rehearsals will commence and end at 8:30 p.m. Lunch and dinner breaks (90 minutes) are built into the schedule throughout the Camp.
- Friday, September 14th** Students will attend many workshops and ensemble rehearsals beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending with structured and non-structured jams at 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 15th** Workshops and ensemble rehearsals will run 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **The Camp finale will be a student and faculty concert in the Thornapple room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 7:30 p.m.** This concert is open to the public with a suggested donation.

## Student Level and Capacity

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The maximum capacity of the Great Lakes Mandolin Camp is 45 students (ages 14 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. **In other words, an attendee at the Camp is someone who can, at least, play an open G, C, and D chord, keep a rhythm, and have basic knowledge of how to read tablature or music notation.** Traditionally, there are about 10 beginners, 10 intermediate, and 10 advanced players attending the Camp. The instructors teach their classes accordingly. Most of the materials and concepts are playable and accessible to any level player, while a small portion is challenging for even the most advanced players. The GLMC Camp philosophy is to ensure that every student is learning and engaged throughout the Camp. This mission is successful because the instructors are primarily excellent teachers, as well as top-notch players.

# Workshops (Classes) and Ensembles

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Each student will attend the same number of workshops at the GLMC Camp, totaling six – 90 minute workshops from all three teachers. This makes for a wide variety of learning and is one of the unique aspects of GLMC. However, each student can self-assign to an ensemble of their choice. During the Camp, there will be several rehearsals for the ensembles and the music played is arranged and/or written by the specific teacher. Students can sign up for their preferred ensemble on page 5. There is also a Mass Orchestra which all Campers will participate. This Orchestra plays one or two fun pieces of music that will be performed at the faculty and student concert. **GLMC II also has a few special workshops**; a chance for Q & A with the teachers while they are playing tunes, and a workshop where teachers will share their innermost and favorite licks and tricks on the mandolin.

## 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 (airport code -GRR) and the Hotel provides a free shuttle.**

The cost of the rooms (regardless if it is one or two beds) is \$112 per night. Please use the special group code “Great Lakes Mandolin Camp” in order to receive this reduced rate.

**Campers MUST book their room by September 1, 2018 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. Most of the hotel rooms **DO NOT** have refrigerators so plan accordingly. There are many restaurants (Panera Bread is a favorite) 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 \$400 which includes all activities from Thursday, September 13 through Saturday, September 15. The cost for Commuters is \$400.

## How and when to Pay

To secure your spot as a Camper or Commuter, a \$150 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 (\$250) is due by August 17, 2018.**

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made before **July 26, 2018** will be charged a \$25 fee.

Cancellations made **July 27 - August 15, 2018** will be charged 75% of tuition paid.

Cancellations made **August 16, 2018** or after will not receive a refund

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



# Great Lakes Mandolin Camp 2018 Application

Please send the application and write check payments to:

Brian Oberlin  
P.O. Box 272  
Rockford, MI 49341

\*Checks written to Great Lakes Mandolin Camp CANNOT be processed. Write all checks payable to: Brian Oberlin.\*

## Contact Information

Full name of registrant:		
Mailing address:		
Home phone:	Cell phone:	
Email address:		
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Age: (Um...beg your pardon)	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 check your ensemble preference:	<input type="checkbox"/> Brian's	<input type="checkbox"/> Don's	<input type="checkbox"/> Emory'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