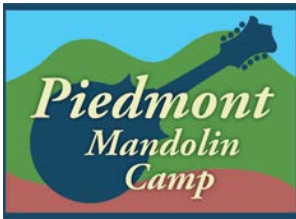


# PIEDMONT MANDOLIN CAMP 2019

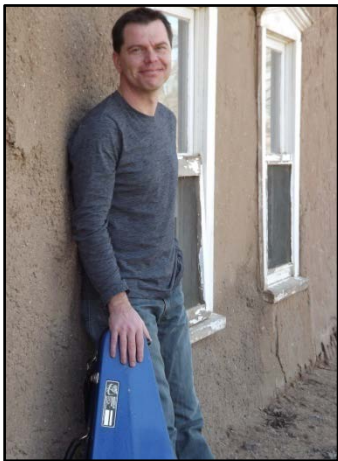
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## OVERVIEW



The 1st annual **Piedmont Mandolin Camp on March 7 - 9, 2019** will be held at the Holiday Inn Athens Hotel in Athens, Georgia. The instructors are Camp founder **Brian Oberlin** (teaching swing, folk and classical) and **Jordan Ramsey** (teaching bluegrass). During the three days of mandolin immersion, each Camper will experience six workshops from Brian and Jordan, ensemble rehearsals, structured and nonstructured 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.

## MANDOLIN INSTRUCTORS



**Brian Oberlin**, the creator and director of the Piedmont 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 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 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 Camp** in Oregon and **the Great Lakes Mandolin Camp** in Michigan.



This is **Jordan Ramsey's** first year at the Piedmont Mandolin Camp. A native of East Tennessee, Jordan lives and teaches mandolin in the Front Range area of Colorado. He graduated the Bluegrass and Country Music Program at East Tennessee State University and played with the school's premiere bluegrass ensemble from 2005 – 2007. He's had the opportunity to share the stage with Porter Wagoner, Ralph Stanley, Curly Seckler, Tater Tate, Alison Krauss, Dan Tyminski, and Adam Steffey. Jordan won the 2016 Winfield National Mandolin Championship and the 2008 RockyGrass Mandolin Championship. He tours the US and Europe with several prominent bluegrass bands. Jordan is a regular faculty member of the **River of the West Mandolin Camp** in Oregon.

# CAMP SCHEDULE

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- Thursday, March 7** Campers should arrive at the Holiday Inn Athens Hotel between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. for check in. At 5:00, there will be an opening ceremony and at 6:00, classes will begin.
- Friday, March 8** Students will attend many classes and ensemble rehearsals as well as structured and non-structured jams.
- Saturday, March 9** Classes and ensemble rehearsals will take place until 5:00. In the early evening, there will be student and faculty concert. Location is TBD.

## WORKSHOPS AND ENSEMBLES

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Each student will attend the same number of workshops at the Piedmont Mandolin Camp, totaling six – 90 minute workshops from the teachers. This makes for a wide variety of learning and is one of the unique aspects of the Camp. 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. The Camp will also feature one or two special workshops yet to be decided.

## STUDENT LEVEL AND CAPACITY

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The **maximum capacity of the Piedmont Mandolin Camp is 30 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.** There is bound to be a mixture of beginner, intermediate and advanced players attending the Camp. These players will be organized into their respective groups and 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 Piedmont Mandolin 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.

# 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 76 miles from the Atlanta International Airport (airport code -ATL). The cost of the rooms (regardless if it is one or two beds) is \$95 per night plus taxes and fees. Please use the special group code "MAN" in order to receive this reduced rate. Campers **MUST** book their room by February 5, 2019 in order to receive the discounted rate. **Be certain to not confuse the Holiday Inn Express (just down the street) with the Holiday Inn Athens where the camp is held.**

## CONTACT THE HOTEL:

Holiday Inn Athens (University area)  
197 E. Broad St.  
Athens, GA 30601  
(706) 549-4433

# MEALS

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Campers will be responsible for their own meals. As the hotel is in the University area of Athens, there are countless restaurants within walking distance. The Hotel also offers a full bar and menu at their in-house Redfearn Grille.

# 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 (with a cooler), and small audio-recording devices. If you intend on buying any merchandise that the instructors will be selling, please bring cash or checks.

# COST AND DEPOSIT

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The cost of the Piedmont Mandolin Camp is \$300 which includes all activities from Thursday, March 7 through Saturday, March 9. The cost for Commuters is \$300.

# COST AND DEPOSIT, CONTINUED

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## 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  
Piedmont 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 February 7, 2019.**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made before January 17, 2019 will be charged a \$25 fee.

Cancellations made January 18 – February 6, 2019 will be charged 75% of tuition paid.

Cancellations made February 7, 2019 or after will not receive a refund.

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



# PIEDMONT MANDOLIN CAMP 2019 APPLICATION



Please send the application and write check payments to:

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

★Checks written to Piedmont 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 the 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:	Phone:
Mailing address:		
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"/> Jordan'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 - Don't be shy!:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner/Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate/Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced