

Fiddlehead Music Program



We would like to welcome all our new music students who are joining us and extend a big welcome back to each of our returning music students! There are so many benefits for signing up for music lessons. Studies have indicated that music may help increase mathematical ability, improve reading comprehension, help students learn responsibility, concentration, perseverance and self-discipline, among many other benefits.

You should know that by making the decision to sign up for music lessons for yourself or your student, you are entering into an experience that will have a lasting impact. We have a carefully selected team of professional and experienced music instructors that are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable music lesson experience.

Please carefully read the following information. These policies are in effect to foster and promote the pursuit of musical excellence at the Fiddlehead Center for the Arts- Scarborough. When you establish a lesson time, you have reserved the time of a highly trained professional. Make every effort to attend your lessons on a regular basis. Your musical progress and enjoyment increase with regular instruction and consistent practice routine at home.



Fiddlehead Music Information, Policies and Procedures

Available Lessons: Fiddlehead has the following music lessons available: banjo, bass guitar, clarinet, fiddle, flute, guitar (acoustic or electric), mandolin, piano, saxophone, ukulele, viola, violin, voice lessons. Lessons are held at the same day and time for the duration of a music session or trial music session.

Student Age: Fiddlehead offers lessons for school age and adult learners. Starting age is very dependent on students' individual needs. We recommend that they be able to focus during the entire lesson with the instructor, can commit to practice at home between lessons, and recommended to be reading ready for learning notes or reading music. Our youngest students typically are entering Kindergarten or older.



Instruments and Materials: Students are responsible for acquiring their own instruments, books and other materials needed for the lessons. Music instructors will make a recommendation for a book for use during lessons and practice, however they are not responsible for providing them personally. It is also recommended students have a dedicated music folder or three ring binder for storing music material.

Rental Options: It is important students have their own instrument for lessons and practicing at home. For instrument rentals, please call:

Music Center	Mallside Plaza, South Portland	(207) 822-9822	Guitar, ukulele, keyboard
Music & Arts	106 Gray Rd, Falmouth	(207) 797-3494	Cello, violin & wind
Buckdancer's Choice	248 St John St, Portland	(207) 774-2219	Guitar, mandolin
Frost Gully	15 Mill St, Brunswick	(207) 865-0818	Violin, cello



You may also consider using Craigslist, or Facebook "Yard Sale" sites for occasional great deals on keyboards, pianos and other music equipment. Our music instructors are also available to assist with questions. If you need more information about acquiring an instrument, please contact Fiddlehead Staff. (207)883-5720 or music@fiddleheadscarborough.org.

Trial Lesson Package

Three 30-minute lessons with the instructor. Option to continue for remaining lessons.

New Student Trial Lessons: Fiddlehead offers a Trial Lesson Package which covers three private lessons for students unsure if they would like to commit to a full music session. After the three trial lessons, students have the option to continue for the remaining music session.

Trial Lesson Fee: \$90

Lesson Length and Fees: Fiddlehead offers one-on-one lessons for 30 minute, 45 minute or 1-hour.



Lesson Length	Per Lesson Pricing
30 Minutes	\$30 per lesson
45 Minutes	\$45 per lesson
1 hour	\$60 per lesson



Billing: Fiddlehead has the following payment options for music lesson

Trial Lesson Package (New Students Only)	NEW Automatic Monthly Payments	Full Payment
Allows you to book three lessons and the option to continue for the remaining lessons in the music session.	Enroll in the new automatic payment system. Invoices will be broken up by month and automatically withdrawn from a checking account, credit or debit card. See sample invoice below.	Many families prefer to pay for an entire session of lessons up front. Fiddlehead accepts check, cash, credit or debit card. Please call for any billing questions (207)883-5720.

Sample Invoice: Enroll with convenient automatic payments with a credit, debit or checking account.

Monthly payments will be determined by the number of lessons for the given month. For this sample invoice, September would be a \$90 charge, October \$120, November \$60.

Payments and Credits: The full balance of the three-lesson trial package, music deposit or full balance is due for ALL students when starting lessons or at the start of a new music session.

Payment can be made with checks made out to "Fiddlehead Scarborough" or using any of the major credit or debit cards. Any student with an outstanding balance cannot register for any additional music classes or other programming.

Fall 2018 Session	SAMPLE INVOICE
September Lessons Mondays at 4:00pm	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons 1: September 10 Lesson 2: September 17 Lesson 3: September 24 	Subtotal: \$90
October Lessons for Mondays at 4:00pm	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons 4: October 1 NO LESSONS: October 8 Lesson 5: October 15 Lesson 6: October 22 Lesson 7: October 29 	Subtotal: \$120
November Lessons for Mondays at 4:00pm	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons 8: November 5 NO LESSONS: October 12 for Veterans Day Lesson 9: November 19 Makeup Lesson Date: November 26 for any lessons missed by the music instructor or cancelled by Fiddlehead Staff. 	Subtotal: \$60
	Total: \$270

Required Paperwork: Fiddlehead requires contact information, medical and parental approval forms for each student attending music lessons. These can be filled out by visiting <http://bit.ly/FHMusicReg>

Practicing: Each instructor will recommend how much practice is ideal for their students and will encourage students in their practicing. Nevertheless, once the lesson is complete it is up to the student to do their own practicing. Progress will be made most quickly by those students who maintain the recommended practicing time. Parents are also encouraged to be involved in their students practice. Taking the time to listen to your child play their weekly songs or creating a set time for practicing in the student's daily routine are good ways to become involved.

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

Attendance Information: Students are responsible for attending their time slot with Fiddlehead instructors. If a student is not available for their weekly lesson for any reason it is not the responsibility of the teacher to make up the missed lesson, or the responsibility of Fiddlehead to reimburse the student for the missed lesson. In addition to this, students are asked to contact their teacher or the Fiddlehead office 24 hours in advance if a student will be unavailable for their lesson. It is a courtesy to the teachers to not have they drive to any lesson that will not be taking place.

Drop Off and Pick Up: It is the responsibility of the student or parent to arrive on time for the lesson. We are unable to make up any time missed by the student for any reason. If the lesson is delayed by the instructor or Fiddlehead staff, the time of the interruption will be made up or credited. Children should not be left unattended before or after lessons. Parents or guardians who leave students unattended for more than 10 minutes before a lesson or 10 minutes after a music lesson ends, without prior arrangement with Fiddlehead staff, may be charged an additional child care fee.

Makeup and Cancellation Policy: Makeup lessons are offered ONLY if the music instructor is absent for the lesson, or if the Fiddlehead Center is forced to closed. These makeup lessons are held at the end of the regular music session. If more than one cancellation takes place in a music session, one lesson will be made up at the end of the session and the additional missed lessons will be credited or refunded.

If you need to cancel lessons in the middle of a music session, Fiddlehead requires two weeks' notice before the last lesson so we can advertise for a replacement student. A 100% refund, less the 2 weeks of lessons, is granted for cancellation notices received promptly. No refund is granted for students who withdraw with less than two weeks remaining in a music session.

Holidays and Weather Cancellations Fiddlehead generally follows the public school open/close schedule for Scarborough Schools. There are no lessons on planned on vacations, teacher workshop days or holiday no-school-days based on the Scarborough Schools calendar. Please refer to the Fiddlehead Music Calendar for all lesson dates at [www. http://fiddleheadscarborough.org/music/](http://fiddleheadscarborough.org/music/)



In the event of inclement weather, Fiddlehead will contact all families to let them know of cancelled lessons. You can also find closing information posted on the Fiddlehead Facebook page or on the three major local channels 6, 8 and 13.

First Day of Lessons: Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early for the first day of lessons. Upon arrival, all student paperwork must be fully completed and your music deposit or trial music balance must be paid in full. Check in will be faster if all paperwork is filled out prior to the first day of lessons.