



PIANO Camp

July 14 - 17, 2025
Village Music Academy



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Level 1: Around the World

VILLAGE MUSIC ACADEMY
15 On the Mall, Prairie Village, KS

Who should sign up?

Students ages 7+ who are currently enrolled in piano lessons AND are currently working in or near the Level 1 Faber Piano Adventures method books or an equivalent level are invited to sign up! Lesson plans for this camp are custom designed for students at this level of study.

When is it?

July 14th – July 17th, 2025
Monday – Thursday Mornings
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

What activities will be included?

Our core focus will be learning to play 3 folk songs from around the world from lead sheets. Playing off of lead sheets is a skill that is not always taught in regular private lessons but plays a crucial role in forming a holistic understanding of the keyboard and how music works. This area of study is perfectly suited for group learning as students will spend time sharing a keyboard with a partner while learning the left hand chords, then the right hand melodies, and then putting hands together and playing with the group in a “piano chorus”!

Students will also enjoy breaks from the keyboard while participating in music enrichment activities including traditional folk dances, Rhythm Cup Explorations (copyright ComposeCreate), Rhythm and Note Name Relay Races, Music Bingo, and Music Reflection activities.

Who are the teachers?

Leslie Newlin

Leslie Newlin holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education and has over 10 years of experience teaching piano. She is committed to providing a space where learning music is fun and inspiring. In addition to private teaching, Leslie serves as the choral accompanist at Bonner Springs High School, working daily in the classroom setting to support the learning and music performance goals of her students. Leslie is also actively involved in the local professional organizations OMTA and KCMTA (Olathe Music Teachers Association and Kansas City Music Teacher's Association). She recently attended the Music Teacher's National Association Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN, where she participated in a wide array of professional development sessions, and is eager to put into practice all that she learned!

Alyssa Murray

With over 15 years of teaching experience, Alyssa has been helping students confidently share the music they love, both casually and professionally. Her degree in jazz studies from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, coupled with years of classical training, equip her with a versatile skill set that helps her cater to students of all levels and many interests. Alyssa aims to keep her students enthusiastic and motivated by using a combination of the Faber and Hal Leonard series, her own songbooks, and customized charts. When she isn't teaching, Alyssa is focused on recording and performing taking after some of the very best art-pop mainstays, electronic wizards, and west coast beat makers. She also has 10+ years of experience as a dance accompanist with Kansas City Ballet's 'Reach Out And Dance' and Owen-Cox Dance Group's 'Take the Stage'.

What is the registration fee?

\$200 per student.

An invoice will be emailed to you upon registration and may be paid online.

Deadline to register: June 13th, 2025

*This camp must have at least 6 students register. If fewer than 6 students register, the camp will be canceled and fees will be refunded. The camp will be capped at 12 students, creating a maximum 6:1 student-teacher ratio.

**Registration
Form:**

