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CHARLESTON, IL --More than 800 junior and senior high school students will participate in 11 music camps at Eastern Illinois University from July 12 to Aug. 1.

Sponsored by the Music Department, camps will include senior band, senior chorus, junior band, junior chorus, intermediate keyboard, senior keyboard, jazz band, swing choir, senior and junior strings, and flag and rifle corps.

Joseph Martin, Director, said, "boys and girls from throughout Illinois come to spend a week to learn and to grow together musically, educationally, and socially. The experience covers a wide variety of offerings that appeal to many interests and age levels."

The daily life of a music camper starts with a residence hall breakfast. The morning and afternoon is filled with rehearsals, classes, private practice and small group meetings. Recreation is from 4 p.m. until dinner.

Each evening is filled with musical performances or social activities. Counselors get to know the students during evening "get togethers." Keyboard campers, the only groups that spend 10 days on campus, get to know the campus and staff even better through the special attention given through private lessons.

Climax of each week is a public concert or recital for the benefit of all campers and the general public.

Music camps at Eastern started under the leadership of the late Dr. Leo J. Dvorak in the early 1950s. A feature of the camps in the 50s and 60s was rehearsals under a tent which was erected where the new wing of the University Union stands.