



JOHN C. CAMPBELL
FOLK SCHOOL



Student Handbook

Welcome



We're looking forward to seeing you at the Folk School soon. To make the most of your time, here's some information and resources to help you prepare for your trip.





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Transportation & Getting Around

BRASSTOWN, NC

Brasstown is located in the southwest corner of North Carolina, between Murphy and Hayesville. The Folk School's Main Office is located in Keith House at 4590 Brasstown Road, Brasstown, NC 28902. GPS coordinates: 35° 2' 21.28"N; 83° 57' 50.2" W. Parking is available in the circular drive at Keith House or just across the road at the corner of Brasstown Road and Harshaw Road.

[View our location on Google Maps.](#)



GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Bark chip or gravel walking paths connect the various houses, studios, and main buildings on campus. The terrain can be uneven and hilly. If you are unable to walk several times a day, please plan to provide your own transportation to each activity. Parking (including handicap parking) is available at all studios, student houses, and the dining hall. Brasstown Road runs through the middle of campus and is a major thoroughfare for the area. Please cross only at designated crosswalks, and do not walk on the road.



FIELD TRIPS

Some classes involve off-campus field trips. A Folk School vehicle is typically used for these outings. If you prefer, you can also drive your own vehicle. If you have questions, please contact our Programs Department.

ATLANTA AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Folk School can arrange pick up and drop off transportation from the Atlanta Airport through our contracted shuttle service. Shuttle service reservations must be made at least one week prior to arrival by calling Registration at 828-837-2775, option 1.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

- Pick up from Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport
All sessions: Pick up is from 1–2 p.m. on the session start date (Shuttle departs at 2 p.m.)
- Drop off at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport
(Flights should be scheduled after this time)
Sunday–Saturday sessions: Saturday after 1 p.m.
Sunday–Friday sessions: Friday after 5 p.m.
Weekend sessions: Sunday after 5 p.m.

Shuttle Fees

2026: \$160 each way

2027: \$165 each way

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Eating is not allowed inside shuttle service vehicles. Box lunches provided for Friday and Sunday departures can be eaten at the airport.
- The driver may provide one scheduled stop midway through the drive to and from the airport.



Schedule



ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN

Student check-in takes place in Keith House Community Room from 4–5:30 p.m. for all sessions.

At check-in, you will receive your registration packet and directions to your housing and class studio.

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Student orientation will take place in person in the Keith House Community Room at 5:30–6 p.m. on the day of your arrival. Class will begin after Supper at 7 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Scheduled class times

2026: 9 a.m.–noon, and 1:30–4:30 p.m.

2027: 9 a.m.–noon, and 1:30–5 p.m.

Optional evening studio sessions are allowed while following all safety protocols.

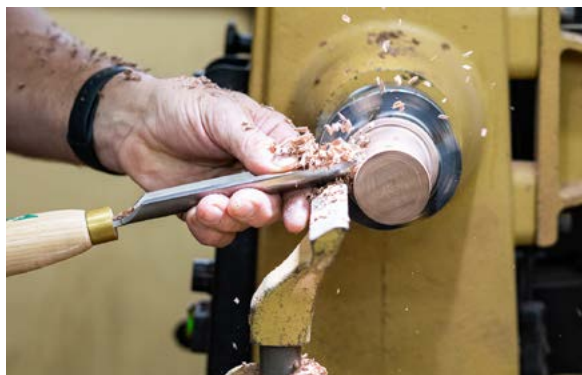
MEAL SCHEDULE

Meals are served at the following times:

- **Breakfast:** 8 a.m.
- **Lunch:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Supper:** 6 p.m.

COLLECTION OF STUDIO FEES

Registration staff collects fees on Friday afternoon for weeklong sessions and on Sunday morning between 9:30 and 10 a.m. for weekend sessions.



CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing Ceremony is a way for students to show off what they've made during the week! You may even hear some music or taste a sampling of treats from a cooking class.

CLOSING CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Closing Ceremony will be held on Fridays in the Keith House Community Room. Closing ceremony for 2027 Long Sessions will take place on a Sunday.

2026 Closing Ceremony Schedule

Sunday-Saturday sessions:

4:30–5 p.m. Setup and Student Exhibit

5–5:30 p.m. Closing Ceremony

Sunday-Friday sessions:

10:30–11 a.m. Setup and Student Exhibit

11–11:30 a.m. Closing Ceremony

Weekend sessions:

No Closing Ceremony

2027 Closing Ceremony Schedule

Weeklong sessions:

11 a.m.–noon Closing Ceremony

Weekend sessions:

11 a.m.–noon Closing Ceremony

Long Sessions:

11 a.m.–noon Closing Ceremony



Food & Drink



MEALS

Regular meals are served in a combination of family-style dining and a self-service hot bar. During the week, breakfast will be available via a self-serve hot bar while lunches and suppers will be served family-style with a self-service soup and salad bar. A continental breakfast is available on the morning of departure. We offer vegetarian and gluten-free options daily. If you have dietary restrictions or requirements, please include this information in your registration online form.

SEATING

Dining Hall indoor seating is limited per table. Outdoor dining tables are available on Keith House back porch, in front of Keith House, by the History Center, near the Keith House greenhouse, and on the Dining Hall porch. Additional picnic tables are available around campus.

DINING HALL ACCESSIBILITY

Handicap accessible parking and entrance are available at the right side of the building of the Dining Hall.

COFFEE

Coffee is available starting at 6:30 a.m. in Keith House Coffee Room.

ATM

An ATM machine is located in the Keith House greenhouse.

SHOPPING

Our Craft Shop has a selection of personal items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, Tylenol and more. There is a Dollar General 1.8 miles away and a variety of stores are located in Murphy and Hayesville, 8–10 miles away.



Housing & Common Areas

HOUSING

All of our student houses are equipped with heating and air conditioning. Unless otherwise requested, housing assignments will default to shared rooms.

Due to limited housing availability, accommodations for individuals with accessibility requirements are given priority. If available, we can assign housing upon request. Room assignments are made at the discretion of the registrar.

If you have special requirements, please contact the registration staff at 828-837-2775 or 800-365-5724 (Option 1). We will do our very best to accommodate all housing requests.

Upon arrival to your room, you'll find a set of sheets and towels at the foot of your bed. Students are responsible for making their beds. Extra blankets can be found in the closet or dresser drawer of each room. Rooms do not include hairdryers, coffee makers, or other typical hotel amenities.

First aid kits are located in the common area of each house.





HOUSEKEEPING

Studios and common rooms are cleaned daily by Housekeeping staff. Housekeepers will not enter your room, unless requested. For towel exchange, trash removal, or any issues in housing or studios (e.g., housekeeping supplies, towels, broken equipment), please place a work order, by sending an email to help@jccfs.on.spiceworks.com with the issue or requirement in the subject line. For more urgent issues, such as water leaks, please call the office or a student host (828-516-7896) followed by a work order. In case of fire, evacuate to a safe outdoor location, call 911, and then notify the office or student host.

LAUNDRY

A washer and dryer is available in the lower level of Keith House. Please bring your own detergent.

COMMON ROOMS

Keith House Community Room, Coffee Room, Living Room, Lower Keith (when not in use), the History Center (Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.), and communal housing spaces are available to registered guests at a limited capacity.

CRAFT SHOP

The Craft Shop is located on the lower level below the Olive Campbell Dining Hall. The Craft Shop will be open Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Friday through Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

A founding member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, our Craft Shop features a diverse selection of fine handcrafted pieces by regional artisans. [You can also shop online at the Craft Shop's website.](#)

OLIVE'S PORCH

Olive's Porch is an extension of the Folk School in downtown Murphy. The location at 27 Peachtree Street features classroom space, art supplies, and a retail shop showcasing the work of Appalachian artists and providing high quality art supplies. Call at 828-837-1885.





Communication & Devices



PHONES & CELL RECEPTION

We have limited cell service on campus depending on which carrier you use. WIFI calling is available. Anyone who needs to reach you may call our Main Office (828-837-2775 or 800-365-5724, option 1); Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Closed for lunch from noon- 1 p.m. After hours, please contact a student host (828-516-7896). All studios are equipped with phones in case of an emergency.



PHOTO USAGE

Our Folk School Marketing staff routinely takes photographs of life on campus for use in catalogs and publicity, including social media. If you do not want your picture used for this purpose, please notify the staff upon arrival to the Folk School. If someone approaches you, and you do not wish to have your photo taken, let the photographer know that you prefer not to be photographed.



OTHER DEVICES

We do not have televisions or radios. We encourage you to enjoy the serenity and beauty of the Folk School and consider reducing screen time.



MAIL

You may receive mail addressed in your name, c/o John C. Campbell Folk School, One Folk School Road, Brasstown NC 28902. For outgoing mail, the Brasstown Post Office is nearby, at 98 Settawig Rd. Hours are: 10 a.m. to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, with lunch closure from 12-12:30 p.m. You can also arrange outgoing FedEx shipments through the Craft Shop.



INTERNET

WiFi is available throughout campus. Please connect to the “JCCFS-Guest” network on your device using the password provided in your student packet. The first time you sign in on a device, you will be prompted to follow the instructions displayed in your browser.

Special Programs



MORNINGSONG

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, we invite you to start your day with the Danish tradition of Morningsong. Learn about the Folk School through music and stories shared in Keith House Community Room from 7:45–8:15 a.m.



DEMONSTRATIONS

Learn about craft, music, and dance through afternoon and evening demonstrations or presentations by instructors. Craft demonstrations, conversations with instructors, and activities will be held at 4:45 p.m. See your weekly schedule for updated information.



CAMPUS TOURS

We host a weekly campus tour on Mondays at 4:45 p.m. weather permitting.



MUSIC & DANCE EVENTS

Dances

Join us Tuesdays in Open House from 7p.m. to 8 p.m. for Dance & Social. Contra and English Country dances will take place occasionally on Saturday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Concerts

Monday Night Concerts will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. See your weekly schedule for updated information.



CRAFT SOCIAL

We will offer a monthly Craft Social from 7–9 p.m. on Friday in Keith House Community Room. See your weekly schedule for updated information.



Health & Safety

FIRST AID KITS

All studios and housing facilities have first aid kits. Please take a moment upon arrival to acquaint yourself with the first aid kit location in your housing and studio.

HEALTH CARE

Doctors and an emergency room are two miles west of the Folk School at Erlanger Western Carolina Medical Center. Urgent care clinics and pharmacies are located in Murphy and Hayesville.





Additional Safety Procedures

- **Visitors:**

Visitors are welcome in Keith House, the Craft Shop, the History Center, and outdoor locations; Studios may be visited during class hours only when posted signage indicates that visitors are permitted.

- **Audio-Visual Tools:**

All studios are equipped with a monitor. Smart phones, microphones and speakers are available upon request.

- **Conflict Resolution & Non-compliance:**

Our [Code of Conduct](#) outlines the type of behavior that we expect everyone on campus to uphold in order for everyone to feel comfortable, safe, and welcome at the Folk School. Please review it at the start of your session. Should you have a conflict that you need help resolving or feel that someone is not upholding the Code of Conduct, please contact Adrianna Quinones at adrianna@folkschool.org.

- **Safety Concerns:**

If you have safety concerns in the studio, please contact the program coordinator for your studio, call the Ops Phone at 828-360-2049, or contact our Studio Manager, Mel Buchanan at mel@folkschool.org.

Other Policies

PETS

Students and Instructors are not permitted to have pets on campus, including emotional support animals. Service animals are an exception. Pets may be allowed in our campground with advance notice. Please refer to our [Folk School Campground Pet Policy](#) for additional information.

ALCOHOL

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all studios. Please confine beverages to your room, or social areas in your housing.

SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed in any buildings.

GUNS

Firearms are not permitted on campus.



Enjoy your stay at the Folk School!

OUR VISION

A community that awakens, enlivens,
and enlightens the world.

OUR MISSION

The Folk School transforms lives, bringing people together
in a nurturing environment for experiences in learning and
community life that spark self-discovery.

OUR VALUES

Joy: We bring originality, creativity and passion to all
endeavors—we sing behind the plow.

Kindness: We treat everyone with respect,
humility, and warmth.

Stewardship: We honor the traditions and spirit of the
Folk School as we guide its evolution and
preserve it for the future.

Non-competitive: We support and affirm
each other in lifelong growth.

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