



Attention String Players!

Join us for the 23rd Season of the

South Kingstown Summer String Orchestras!

Students and adults with at least one year of instruction are invited to participate. This is a once-a-week program that runs for 7 weeks. Advanced musicians will have the opportunity to perform in the Chamber Orchestra. To ensure that you or your child has the best musical experience with us, there are sometimes ensemble switches after we review applications. We will reach out if we switched your child out of the group they had originally signed up for.

Registration forms must be completed and returned to the South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department by **Friday, June 19th, 2026**. Late applications will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Rehearsals

When: Thursday evenings, July 2nd – August 6th, 2025

♪ Groups 1-3 – 5:30-6:45pm

♪ Chamber Ensemble – 6:45-7:45pm

Where: Neighborhood Guild ~ 325 Columbia St, South Kingstown, RI 02879

Performance

The concert will be held on August 13th at South Kingstown High School (215 Columbia Street, Wakefield, RI, 02879). We will keep you up to date on any group placement changes and rehearsal and concert information via email, please make sure to add skssso.ri@gmail.com to your contacts!

Fee

South Kingstown Residents: \$130

Non-Residents: \$140

T-Shirt design contest ~ Designs due by Thursday, July 16th!

Please make checks payable to "SK Parks and Recreation"

Please return the attached application form, along with the fee, no later than June 19, 2026 to:

SKSSO
c/o South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department
325 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI 02879

For more information, please contact Emily Chen at skssso.ri@gmail.com or 401-203-7324.

South Kingstown Summer String Orchestras 2026 Application

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c/o South Kingstown Parks and
Recreation Department
325 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI 02879

Code: AGG5000

Participant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Instrument (circle one): Violin Viola Cello Bass

Address _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Phone _____

Email _____

*** We will use this email to keep you up to date regarding any program changes. Please add skssso.ri@gmail.com to your contacts!

Current School _____ Current Grade _____

Private teacher (if applicable) _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL

Does your child have ensemble experience? Yes / No

Orchestra (circle one): 1 2 3 - Please see back page for orchestra requirements!

Chamber Orchestra: Yes / No (open to advanced players and players in group 3)

Name of Participant: _____

Description of Orchestra Requirements

Please have your teacher assist you in choosing the appropriate group according to the following criteria with help from the checklist at the bottom of the page:

Orchestra 1 (beginners): All instruments: ability to read music notation is required – the D and A strings (D E F# G A B C# and D), quarter, half, and eighth notes, and rests. This group may do some limited playing on other strings and may introduce F and C naturals. Rehearses 5:30-6:45pm.

Orchestra 2 (intermediate): All instruments: can read and play notes on all strings including Bb, Eb, G#, and D#. Should be comfortable with dotted rhythms and sixteenth notes. Some beginning 3rd position for first violins. Rehearses 5:30-6:45pm.

Orchestra 3 (advanced): Violins and violas should be comfortable playing in 3rd position (5th position for first violins), cello and bass: 1st through 4th positions. Should be familiar with keys up through 4 flats and 4 sharps, be comfortable playing syncopated rhythms, and using various bowing styles. Rehearses 5:30-6:45pm.

Chamber Orchestra: All of criteria from Orchestra 3, plus the following: Violins and violas: knowledge of 5th, possibly 7th for first violins. Cello: comfortable up to 7th position. Bases: Comfortable with shifting and scales up to thumb position. Rehearses 6:45-7:45pm and must participate in Orchestra 3.

Teachers: Please complete the checklist below to help figure out placement for your student. Use a checkmark for all concepts and techniques the student is *comfortable* playing in. Mark an “S” if your student is just starting the technique or concept. Please sign the bottom for us when you’re done!

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Strings</u>	<u>Notes/Rests</u>	<u>Time Signatures</u>
___ I	___ C	___ Quarter	___ 4/4
___ II	___ G	___ Half	___ 2/4
___ III	___ D	___ Whole	___ 3/4
___ IV	___ A	___ Eighth	___ Mixed Meter
___ V	___ E	___ Sixteenth	___ (6/8, 9/8, 12/8)
___ VI and above		___ Dotted rhythms	
___ Thumb		___ Syncopations	

<u>Violin/Viola</u>	<u>Cello</u>	<u>Bass</u>
___ Low 2	___ Second finger	___ 1 octave D major scale
___ High 3	___ Forward extensions	___ 2 octave G major scale
___ Low 4	___ Back extensions	
___ Low 1		

Can student read notation for their level fluently? Y / N

Is there anything we can do that would help make this experience a great one for this student? _____

(You can send this form to your teacher! <https://tinyurl.com/4kx4kw5p>) Teacher signature: _____