



Frustrated Maestros - Eastern Sharps & Flats December 2024 Newsletter



Happy Holidays -- HO-HO-HO

Just what you needed this time of year—one more thing to think about when your mind is most likely on overload with all you have to get done. Believe me, I felt the same way when I realized the urgency to get this Newsletter put together and distributed before Christmas; but here it is. The choice of Myrtle Beach for both the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) and Music Camp, while very exciting news as a rally choice, has some urgency strings attached. The late October/early November time frame is a very busy period in Myrtle Beach. GEAR has 300 spots guaranteed and Music Camp has 20. Both events are likely to sell out. GEAR already has 80 reservations on the books. So, as you get together with friends and family this time of year to make your travel plans for 2025, bear in mind that you need to make your reservations sooner than later if you plan to participate in either or both of these.



Music Camp 2025 Returns to South Carolina

With the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) being held at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC in 2025 it means Music Camp will return to SC as well. Holding Music Camp at Ocean Lakes was not an option, but with the help of Bill Murton, David Fowler (Eastern Area VP) and others, we have zeroed in on a great location which is less than 5 miles from Ocean Lakes. Hideaway RV Resort has everything we could ask for in a location for Music Camp. You can check it out by going to their WEB site at hideawayrvresort.com.



We have also chosen to remain at Hideaway for what would be the normal 3 days of rehearsal prior to GEAR. The Eastern Area is not covering the cost of the normal 3 days of early arrival for volunteers so there is no advantage in moving to Ocean Lakes on Sunday. We will instead be staying at Hideaway for those 3 rehearsal days and moving to Ocean Lakes on Tuesday. The cost at Hideaway is a couple of dollars less per night than Ocean Lakes. Here are the details:

- * Normal arrival, Tuesday, October 28, 2025 (earlier arrival OK depending on availability)
- * Departure (to move to Ocean Lakes) Tuesday, November 4, 2025
- * Discounted nightly rate of \$48 + tax; water front \$53 + tax (not on hold and subject to availability)
- * Reservation deposit—one night
- * Cancellations--\$35 if over 30 days; full deposit (one night) within 30 days
- * Discounted rate will be honored for both longer stays or shorter stays based on availability.
- * 20 sites will be held until March 31st
- * The Activity Building will be available to us for our entire stay
- * Call **843-444-2119** to make a reservation

You must make your own reservations for Hideaway and pay camping fees directly to them. Make sure you identify yourself as part of the Frustrated Maestro group. In addition, we will probably have a small fee for miscellaneous costs of Music Camp—most likely \$10-15 per coach. We will collect it when you arrive.

Keep in mind that the Myrtle Beach Area is a destination location and October is one of the busiest months. Also, the week of Music Camp includes Halloween (Friday the 31st) making it an even more prime time spot. Site availability may disappear quickly once they are released from hold at the end of March.

Myrtle Beach has much to offer in addition to the obvious draw of the beach. There are great restaurants (especially seafood), shopping opportunities (including an outlet mall) and great entertainment venues. The Music Camp Committee will be checking out some possible group activities. If you are familiar with the area and have a favorite recommendation, please pass it along to them.

With the cancellation of GEAR 2024 due to hurricane Helene, the Eastern Area is expecting a very good turnout in Myrtle Beach. The Music Camp committee is likewise expecting a big turnout. Make your reservation early to assure you get a site.



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Here is information from the Eastern Area WEB site (www.fmca-ea.com):

“We have reserved 300 full hook-up sites at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. The sites will be available from Sunday November 2 until departure on November 9, 2025. The dates for GEAR will be November 5th to 9th.

Site reservations for GEAR 25 are available now by calling Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly. Use the name “2025 FMCA Eastern Area” when making site reservations. This is for site locations only. Registration for GEAR 25 will be separate from the site registration. Chapters that want to be close to each other please review the map of Ocean Lakes and decide what sites you want before you make your reservation. There is no guarantee that the sites will be available.

The price for GEAR 25 has not been established at this time and the program is still in the planning stage. We hope you will join us in Myrtle Beach.”

According to David Fowler, the Eastern Area VP, the sites reserved for GEAR are in Sections HH, H, and area 2000. He advised that about 80 reservations are already in and that sites in section HH are sold out. Cost per night is \$55.12 for concrete pads. There are a few gravel sites available for \$48.40, but most are concrete.

Ocean Lakes cannot (will not) block off specific sites for chapters that wish to be parked together. If the Maestros wished to be parked together we would need to pick an area with open sites and then individually



call to reserve sites from that group of sites before those sites were booked to someone else. That’s just not going to work, so look at the site maps when you call to make a reservation and chose a site that works for you. We will find other ways to get together for social activities.

The entire map of Ocean Lakes is found on page 3 of this Newsletter and the breakout for section H and for section 2000 are on page 4. You can also find these maps on the Ocean Lakes WEB Site: Oceanlakes.com. **Click on “Book Now”; Click on the center step “online maps”; it will then give you a choice of the entire map or different sections.**

MUSIC CAMP & GEAR DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Tues, Oct 28	Music Camp Arrival	Hideaway RV
Wed-Fri, Oct 29-31	Music Camp	Hideaway RV
Sat-Mon, Nov 1-3	GEAR Rehearsals	Hideaway RV
Tues, Nov 4	Move to GEAR site	Ocean Lakes CG
Wed AM, Nov 5	Setup and sound check	Ocean Lakes CG
Wed-Sat, Nov 5-8	GEAR	Ocean Lakes CG
Sun, Nov 9	Departure	

MUSIC CAMP COMMITTEE 2024—2025

National Director: Bill Murton	843 442-4147
Music Director: Ron Hazelett	330 701-7523
Music Director: Sue Siegler	516 637 4376
Secretary: Kathy Fuller	803 467-2594
Vice President: Elisabeth Schultz	478 733 3134
President: Bruce Taylor	706 255-4081



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Ocean Lakes FAMILY CAMPGROUND

Learn More about OLFC in our digital Magazine & Newsletter!

SYMBOLS & LEGEND

- BATHOUSES & FAMILY
- ATM & VENDING
- WATER & AIR
- DOGgie DOO BAGS
- FISHING LINE RECYCLE
- SCARE RECYCLING
- EV CHARGING STATION
- AED
- HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Welcome to Ocean Lakes Family Campground!
 Rentals: Check-in: 10 AM • Check-out: 4 PM
 Campsites: Check-in: 11 AM • Check-out: 11 PM
 Please review all policies (see additional terms/policies attached)
 Please Recycle! ♻️
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CAMPERS: PLEASE READ THESE RULES:
 Campsites are 10' x 15' (except for 10' x 20').
 Campsites are first-come, first-served. No reservations are accepted.
 If you cannot fit in more days before your arrival date, all reservations must be a minimum of 4 days from now to 15 days before 11:59 PM on any other date of year. Campsite reservations can be made up to 18 months in advance. One unit per site. Monthly rate \$8.00 per day/season.

PRESTWICK CLUB DRIVE

South Kings Highway

17 **344**

BOOK CAMPSITES ONLINE OR CALL: 1-800-222-1351
BOOK RENTALS ONLINE OR CALL: 1-800-332-2222

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Campsites Oceanfront Sections HH, H, I, K

Map showing sections HH, H, I, and K. Drives include GULL DRIVE, PERIWINKLE DRIVE, SHELL DRIVE, SOUTH SAND DUNE DRIVE, and OCEAN LAKES DRIVE. Amenities include SANDY'S COFFEE & CREAMERY, SKATEPARK, SANDY HARBOR, MINI GOLF, WASH 'N' WAG!, LAKESIDE PAWS N' PLAY, MEET N'EAT, and SOAPY SURF.

Section 2000

Map showing Section 2000. Drive: SEASIDE DRIVE. Amenities include A, B, and a wheelchair icon.

2015	2030	2045	2059	2074	2089	2104	2119	2134	2149	2164	2178	2193	2208	2223
2014	2029	2044	2058	2073	2088	2103	2118	2133	2148	2163	2177	2192	2207	2222
2013	2028	2043	2057	2072	2087	2102	2117	2132	2147	2162	2176	2191	2206	2221
2012	2027	2042	2056	2071	2086	2101	2116	2131	2146	2161	2175	2190	2205	2220
2011	2026	2041	2055	2070	2085	2100	2115	2130	2145	2160	2174	2189	2204	2219
2010	2025	2040	2054	2069	2084	2099	2114	2129	2143	2158	2172	2187	2202	2217
2009	2024	2039	2053	2068	2083	2098	2113	2128	2142	2157	2171	2186	2201	2216
2008	2023	2038	2052	2067	2082	2097	2112	2127	2141	2156	2170	2185	2200	2215
2007	2022	2037	2051	2066	2081	2096	2111	2126	2140	2155	2169	2184	2199	2214
2006	2021	2036	2050	2065	2080	2095	2110	2125	2139	2154	2168	2183	2198	2213
2005	2020	2035	2049	2064	2079	2094	2109	2124	2138	2153	2167	2182	2197	2212
2004	2019	2034	2048	2063	2078	2093	2108	2123	2137	2152	2166	2181	2196	2211
2003	2018	2033	2047	2062	2077	2092	2107	2122	2136	2151	2165	2180	2195	2210
2002	2017	2032	2046	2061	2076	2091	2106	2121	2135	2150	2165	2180	2194	2209
2001	2016	2031	2046	2061	2076	2091	2106	2121	2135	2150	2165	2180	2194	2209

DRIVE: NORTH SAND DUNE DRIVE