

Ready Set Violin 2025
Including Teaching Wee Violinists Teacher Training with Crystal
June 23 - 28, 2025

“This was the best teacher training I’ve ever been to! The lectures, the observation, the hands on teaching, the daily feedback, was instrumental in shaping me. I highly recommend this course to any teacher who wants to expand their toolbox in teaching wee violinists!” - course participant 2024

Discover the joy of introducing young children to the violin in a dynamic, play-based, and music-immersive camp. This season, we are delighted to offer a specialized teacher training program, crafted for dedicated educators passionate about nurturing the next generation of musicians.

Over the course of six engaging days, you will explore the comprehensive **Wee Violin** curriculum. This program is designed to provide you with practical tools and deep insights to confidently guide young students from their very first lesson to mastering *Twinkle*.

This unique training goes beyond theory. You’ll have the chance to work directly with children before and after daily lectures, gaining hands-on teaching experience and receiving immediate, constructive feedback. By the end of the program, you’ll leave transformed, with new skills and perspectives to bring to your teaching practice.

The retreat integrates the philosophies and methodologies of Suzuki, Rolland, Kodály, Dalcroze, and Gordon, along with the expertise of your trainer, Crystal Boyack. This holistic approach ensures a well-rounded and impactful training experience, drawing from the best practices in violin pedagogy.

Join us for this unparalleled opportunity to refine your teaching skills, embrace innovative approaches, and inspire a new generation of joyful violinists.

Application

- Enrollment limited. Only 8 slots available.
- Application and Payment due April 1
- Application available [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScB9WmEUBIEk4R0uZD_A9eq83Ea0gqN3iboRxxv6P6s9YTMrbQ/viewform?usp=header)

Requirements

- Find joy in working with young children
- Currently teaching violin in a studio or school
- Proficient on violin
- (preferred) Suzuki book 1 training

Schedule

Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28	
8:00 a.m.	Orientation (8:30 Tuesday-Friday)
8:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m.	Report to assist in 9:00 and 10:30 classes
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Lecture
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	Break for nap, homework, practice, etc.
3:45 p.m., 5:15 p.m.	Report to assist in 4:00 and 5:30 classes
6:45 p.m.	Done for the day
Saturday, June 29	
8:00 a.m.	Report to Amphitheater
9:00 a.m.	Assist in Playdown
11:00 a.m.	Done for the week

Lecture Schedule (subject to change)

Monday:

- Principles behind Wee Violin
- Tools for Working with Young Children

Tuesday:

- Developing Gross Motor, Fine Motor Skills
- Using Props in Lessons
- Activity Planning

Wednesday:

- Developing Foundational Five
- Mountain Posture, Violin Seat, Right Hand, Left Hand, Quiet Center

Thursday:

- Developing Rhythm
- Developing the Bow Arm

Friday:

- Developing Pitch
- Developing Left Hand
- Preparing for Twinkle

Expectations

- Assist in four classes each day and attend lectures each afternoon.
- Adjust students' posture, pass out then collect props, encourage students and parents.
- Assist parents in regulating children by inviting them to a quiet corner and encouraging parents to follow their child's cues

Tuition

- Tuition: \$295
- Registration Deadline: April 1
- Payment Deadline: April 15

Housing and Transportation

- Participants are responsible for their own housing and transportation.
- The nearest airport is Albuquerque Sunport International - airport code ABQ

Locations

- Classes and Lectures will be held at the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Building
4407 Menaul Blvd NE Albuquerque, NM 87110
- Saturday morning playdown will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building,
1100 Louisiana Blvd SE Albuquerque NM, 87108