

Summer Fun and Income

Clever Themes and Tools for Summer Camps and Lessons

Income can dip during the summer months even if your policy requires lessons.

A break from the routine can be just the ticket to reinvigorate student learning and teacher earnings. It could attract new students and start a new crop of beginners.



Here's a spread of my favorite tech tools and off-bench activities. I'm beginning with the WHAT before the HOW. I'd like you to take a look at what's available and get your creative juices flowing for developing your own summer camp or theme, then we'll discuss details!

Discover the latest tech tools and off bench activities and develop a summer camp theme that engages, motivates and meets the needs of *your* studio.

Teach creativity and teach creatively!

What to Do?

Ice Breakers

Beach Ball: *Would You Rather*

<https://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/have-a-ball-at-group-lessons/>

Drink Carrier: *Spell the Chord*

<http://88pianokeys.me/product/10-ways-to-use-drink-carriers/>

Sid Shuffle

Apps: *Incredibox, Loopimal, The Most Addicting Sheep Game, Audio Ninja*

Rhythm and Note Values

Rhythm Produce: Build counting skills

<http://88pianokeys.me/product/rhythm-produce-bundle/>

Rhythm on a Roll: Master note values

<https://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/new-game-reinforce-note-values-with-rhythm-on-a-roll/>

Rhythm Cups: Make original routines

Bucket Drumming: Isolate and develop rhythm skills

<http://88pianokeys.me/product/lets-drum-this/>

Apps: *MyRhythm, Rhythm Lab, Decide Now, Rhythm Swing*

Manipulatives: Body Beat Cards, Lids and Straws, Rhythm Cups, Parachute, Guiro Frogs

Pitch and Reading

1) Keyboard and Alphabet Cards: Master alphabet, relate pitch to keyboard, circle of keys, key sigs

2) Sight Read: Focus on reading at first sight and ensembles

3) Composition: Notate an original composition or make an arrangement

Apps: *Flashnote Derby, Note Rush, Staff Wars, Show Me Interactive White Board, Ningenius, MusiClock, Octavian*

Manipulatives: Drawing Aerobics, Hal Leonard Flash Cards, Baa's Keys, Fabric keyboard



Scales and Chords

1) Circle the Keys: Reinforce the circle of keys and it's importance

2) Heart and Soul: Learn, play, spell and create with four chords

<https://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/the-heart-and-soul-of-pop-music/>

3) Lead Sheets: Go further with melody and chords

Apps: *Dragon Scales, Hook Theory, Yamaha Chord Tracker, Tin Pan Rhythm, Garage Band, Noteflight*

Manipulatives: Boomwhackers, Palm Pipes, Lead Sheets, Mason Jar Lids and Rings

Music History, Terms and Form

1) *The Remarkable Farkle McBride*: Introduce instruments, orchestra and conducting

2) *Go Baroque*: Focus on one style period <https://88pianokeys.me/product/go-baroque/>

Apps: *Quizlet, Heads Up, Thinglink, Decide Now, AnyTune, Notability, Loopimal, Incredibox, Book Creator*

Manipulatives: Flashlights, Graph Paper

What Themes?

Jammin' Across the Centuries

Take a brief survey of the style periods by learning, analyzing and improvising a standard piece from each period. Discover facts about the music style periods and collect them in *Thinglink*. Listen and discern between music excerpts from each period. Name and know facts about top composers.

Go Baroque Focus on the Baroque by listening and learning music from the time period. Discover how to add ornaments to repertoire, how the art of the time relates to the music and learn how to improvise with the help of Pachelbel. <https://88pianokeys.me/product/go-baroque/>

Four Chord Wonders

Unlock the secret of most pop songs with the "Heart and Soul" pattern and design a camp around tunes using that chord progression and others commonly found in pop songs.

<http://88pianokeys.me/product/four-secrets-to-harmonizing-pop-tune/>

Music Craft

Echoing the popular construction-based video game, hear, play and identify the fundamental building blocks of music and create with them. Compose a 16-bar piece with melodic patterns in 4/4 time, in C major and add a simple harmony.

Creation Camp

Teach early music elements and piano skills and design creative activities around them geared for beginners.

Invention Camp

Compose an original composition using "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" as the foundation and discover how unique each masterpiece sounds.

Piano Olympics

Collect all the music games and ideas you have and build a camp around them. Follow this link for a handout with more details.



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Worship Team Workshop

Prepare pianists to play keyboard in a worship band or any band. Follow this link for excellent advice and ideas from a longtime worship leader in the *Essentials for the Worship Team Pianist Webinar*.

<https://88creativekeys.com/2017-webinar-replays/>

Nut Cracker Camp

Consider holding a camp during Christmas break.

How does this work?

Why Camps?

Earn extra income during a normally lean time.

Focus on gaps in learning with a fresh approach.

Add social opportunities to an often lonely learning environment.

Include variety to keep you and your students excited about learning music through exploration and experience.

What to include

Customize your summer plans to suit your needs.

Borrow ideas from others.

Team up with another teacher.

When to hold the camps

Select days that work for you.

Ask students to choose all possible dates and then create groups and a schedule.

Consider holding a 4-day camp, two hours each day.

Where to hold camps

Make room in your studio, backyard or garage.

Rent a church basement.

What equipment is needed?

iPad (optional)

HDTV (optional)

Any items listed above.

Challenge yourself to repurpose household items and the resources you already have.

Imagination

Flexibility

Articles with additional ideas

Fifty Ways to Use Decide Now

<http://88pianokeys.me/product/50-ways-to-use-decide-now/>

Go Green for Your Summer Camp

<http://88pianokeys.me/group-lessons/go-green-for-your-summer-piano-camp/>

Group Lessons 101

<http://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/group-lessons-101-your-students-will-thank-you/>

Make More Teach Less

<http://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/how-to-make-more-and-teach-less-this-summer/>

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Multi-Level Group Lessons

<http://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/multi-level-group-lessons-with-a-touch-of-technology/>

New Ways to Use All those Cups

<http://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/new-ways-to-use-all-those-cups/>

Rhythm Make it Count

<http://88pianokeys.me/product/rhythm-make-it-count/>

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Ten Red-Hot Resources for Cool Summer Lessons

<http://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/10-red-hot-resources-for-cool-summer-lessons/>

Ten Things to Rock your Summer Lessons

<http://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/ten-things-guaranteed-to-rock-your-summer-lessons/>

Two Games that Guarantee Group Lesson Fun

<http://88pianokeys.me/rhythm/two-games-that-guarantee-group-lesson-fun/>

What are Piano Olympics?

<http://88pianokeys.me/fresh-ideas/what-are-piano-olympics/>

Why Fun in Learning is Important

<http://www.growthengineering.co.uk/why-fun-in-learning-is-important/>

Resource Links

Bea's Keys <http://www.beaskeys.com/>**Beat Box** <https://youtu.be/U0MCXDy0J0g>**Body Beat Cards** http://www.ubdrumcircles.com/products_bodybeat.html**Boomwhackers** <http://amzn.to/2il8JG6>**Clear Pockets** <http://amzn.to/2il1ZrJ><https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLi6G7xnbPMgKAoPI7wZGwD9FeOpHgW6I6>**Frog Guiro** <http://amzn.to/2il6D95>**Hal Leonard Flashcards** <http://amzn.to/2hV1pd7>**Kreative Keyboard** https://www.kjos.com/detail.php?division=5&table=product&prod_id=TW608**Nutcracker Camp** <http://musiceducatorresources.com/2010/10/28/nutcracker-christmas-camp/>**Palm Pipes** <https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/store/palm-pipes-1604.html>**Parachute** <http://amzn.to/2j81VjZ>**Parachutes, Rhythms and Scarves, Oh My!** <http://amzn.to/2hV0iFz>**Rhythm Cup Explorations** <http://composecreate.com/store/rhythm-cup-explorations/>**Sid Shuffle** <https://youtu.be/uMuJxd2Gpxo?list=PLi6G7xnbPMgKAoPI7wZGwD9FeOpHgW6I6>**The Remarkable Farkle McBride** <http://amzn.to/2hV3ghT>

Links to Apps

~Anytune - Slow down any tune in your iTunes Library

<http://www.anytune.us>

~Book Creator - App to create interactive e-books

<http://bookcreator.com/>

~Decide Now - Versatile decision maker

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/decide-now!/id383718755?mt=8>

~Dragon Scales - Spell scales before consumed by dragon fire

<http://dragonscalesapp.com/>

~FlashNote Derby - Note recognition horse race

<https://flashnotederby.com/>

~Heads Up - Addicting, customizable game to help review terms

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/heads-up!/id623592465?mt=8>

~iReal Pro - Lead sheet generator -- the new Band'n a Box

<http://irealpro.com>



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- ~Loopimal - Create loops and patterns and teach form with dancing animals
<http://www.yatato.com/loopimal/>
- ~MusiClock - Hip styles for scale improvisation
<http://mymusiclock.com/>
- ~Ningenius - Learn pitch names and fingering
<http://www.ningenius.net/>
- ~Notability - Duplicate state theory practice tests with no ink or paper
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/notability/id360593530?mt=8>
- ~noteflight.com - Best kid-friendly notation program
<https://www.noteflight.com/login>
- ~NoteRush - Pitch recognition game with various themes
<http://www.noterushapp.com/>
- ~Octavian Basics - A terrific student reference tool for theory and technique
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/octavian-basics/id556764791?mt=8>
- ~Piano Maestro - Sight reading with backing tracks, feed back and FUN!
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/piano-mania-by-joytunes/id604699751?>
- ~Rhythm Lab - Tons of rhythm reading drills with an option to print worksheets
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/rhythm-lab/id589129345?mt=8>
- ~Rhythm Swing - A brand new, well-supported app that teaches and drills rhythms
<http://rhythmswing.com/>
- ~Show Me Interactive White Board - Use as a chalk board by reflecting your iPad onto a HDTV
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/showme-interactive-whiteboard/id445066279?mt=8>
- ~The Most Addicting Sheep Game - A silly, addicting app that reinforces a steady pulse
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-most-addicting-sheep-game/id550921301?mt=8>
- Staff Wars - Pitch recognition app with a Star Wars theme
<http://www.themusicinteractive.com/>
- ~Tenuto - Basic to advanced theory drills and ear training
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tenuto/id459313476?mt=8>
- ~ Thinglink - Add text and videos to graphics
<https://www.thinglink.com>
- ~Tin Pan Rhythm - Create chord progressions and loops
<http://www.tin-pan.com/>

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- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/clviss>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/leilaviss/?hl=en>
- YouTube: Clever Tools YouTube Playlist—the videos in the session are posted here
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLi6G7xnbPMgKAoPI7wZGwD9FeOpHgW6I6>

Stay cool and teach creatively!

