



# NATIONAL CELLO INSTITUTE

Peter Kibbe, Managing Director  
[www.nationalcelloinstitute.com](http://www.nationalcelloinstitute.com)

---

## INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS

Thank you for your National Cello Institute registration. This is all the information you will need prior to arriving at Pomona College. Please read it carefully and print it out for reference.

After reading *all* of the information if you still have questions, please contact Managing Director Peter Kibbe at [info@nationalcelloinstitute.com](mailto:info@nationalcelloinstitute.com).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### NEW COVID PROTOCOLS FOR 2024

- Pomona College encourages the use of masks by all *unvaccinated* persons attending the NCI.
- If you feel ANY symptoms, or have recently been ill, please contact the NCI before attending. The institute is prepared to quarantine and send home anyone that tests positive for Covid-19 (consult our health and safety plan for more information [www.nationalcelloinstitute.com/covid-policy/](http://www.nationalcelloinstitute.com/covid-policy/))

### INSTITUTE LOCATION

The summer session of the National Cello Institute is held on the campus of Pomona College in Claremont, CA. The Oldenburg Center serves as the NCI registration center and our central office during the week.

This office opens at 12:00pm on Sunday June 23rd.

Oldenburg Center  
350 N College Way, Claremont, CA 91711

The suggested parking area is southeast of the Oldenburg Center, as indicated on our map. Parking is free.

If you are flying to the NCI, we recommend a flight directly to Ontario International Airport. If you arrive in Ontario between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm on Sunday June 23rd, you can be picked up by an NCI shuttle. Please email your arrival and departure information and your cell phone number in advance of the Institute to [info@nationalcelloinstitute.com](mailto:info@nationalcelloinstitute.com). Once confirmed, we will send someone to pick you up.

## NCI SCHEDULE

Registration will be during the afternoon of Sunday, June 23rd. Two weeks before the Institute you will be sent an email with more specific info. **All Cello Students except those enrolled in the Beginner's Course will be scheduled to meet for a short time with their ensemble teachers.** After the teachers hear you play at this meeting, they will pick music and assign parts. Bring your cello and be prepared to do a little sight-reading. It is very important for you to arrive in time for this meeting. (NOTE: cellists enrolled in the Beginner's Course and violinists do NOT have a meeting Sunday afternoon.)

- No lunch will be served on opening Sunday. Please make your own arrangements for that meal.
- The evening concert on Sunday will begin at 7:15 PM.
- Classes will begin at 9:00 AM Monday morning and the NCI will officially end after the evening concert on Friday, June 28th. There will be no classes on Saturday, but breakfast will be served for those who choose to stay in the dorm Friday night.
- There is a 5k Run held every year on the final Saturday of June. This will limit motor traffic on and off campus on June 29th in the morning, but we have been assured there will be a way for us to bypass the 5k.
- Concerts — Every day (except on Wednesday) the NCI will have two concerts, one at 4:15pm and one at 7:15pm. On Wednesday there will be no evening concert, instead the pool is free to use! Bring your swimsuit.

## HOW TO DRESS

**Classes:** Summer informal (be prepared for hot weather).

**Performances:** Please wear good clothes, but coats and ties or formal dresses are not necessary.

---

## Do These in Advance:

**Sign and return** the required Medical Release for Pomona College, and the Supplemental Medical Info Form if needed.

The Supplemental **Medical Information Form** only needs to be returned *if there is a special medical condition that we should know about* (e.g. allergies -- especially for food).

Students staying on campus without their parents (the Teen Dorm) must **fill out and return the NCI Ground Rules Form**.

If you want to play on one of the afternoon recitals, **submit the Solo Form** by June 1st, 2024. Read and follow the instructions on the form carefully! Your chosen piece must be **a polished piece, ready to be performed at NCI**.

For your Lesson Class, **have a polished piece ready to play for your NCI teacher**. This way you will not waste your time at the NCI learning notes. Please bring your own music and ACCOMPANIMENT PARTS for use in your classes at the NCI.

Please **put your name on all music, cello cases, end-pin stops, etc.** These things are often identical in appearance and are easily mixed up.

If you are traveling to the NCI by plane and want to **rent a cello** here, please contact Jim Brown Violins at (909) 624-0849 or [jbviolin@dslextrreme.com](mailto:jbviolin@dslextrreme.com). Subject to availability – contact them right away!

# Bring These from Home:

As stated above, **please bring your own music and ACCOMPANIMENT PARTS** for use in your classes at the NCI.

Young students who play on small chairs should **bring their own chairs** from home. If for any reason this is not possible, please contact Rick Mooney in advance of the NCI so special arrangements can be made.

You should *not need a music stand* for your classes but you might **bring one for your personal use** outside of class time.

## **Important information for people signed up for Room and Board on Campus**

At Pomona College the dorm is run on a “no linen plan”. This means your bed will be furnished with a pillow and blanket only. **You must bring your own sheets, pillowcases, towels, etc.** The beds are slightly longer than normal so flat sheets work best. Most people seem to find it useful to have a reading lamp or desk lamp in their dorm room so bring one with you from home. Clothes hangers are also useful. Meals are served from dinner Sunday, June 23rd through breakfast on Saturday, June 29th. Individual meals are available on a cash basis to commuters and guests. Room and Board is offered for the duration of the NCI only. No refunds will be given for early departures or missed meals.

## **Receiving Mail at the NCI**

Forget something? During the institute mail may be sent to:

Conferences and Events – National Cello Institute  
Bridges Auditorium  
450 N. College Way  
Claremont, CA, 91711

We look forward to seeing you at the NCI!

