

# NATIONAL CELLO INSTITUTE

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## 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

### NCI 2026 SCHEDULE

- **Sunday June 21**
  - 12:00pm – Check-in begins at Oldenborg Center. No lunch will be served on opening Sunday. Please make your own arrangements for that meal.
  - 3:00pm – Ensemble coachings for all CELLO STUDENTS enrolled in Course I or Course II
  - 7:15pm – Opening remarks and recital
- **Monday June 22 to Friday June 26**
  - Daily classes 9:00am to 4:00pm, with a lunch break midday
  - Daily recitals at 4:15pm and 7:15pm (no evening concert on Wednesday)
  - Friday Finale Concerts at 4:15pm and 7:15 featuring student ensembles and orchestra
- **Saturday, June 27**
  - There are no classes on Saturday, but Room & Board extends through Saturday at 11:00am, with breakfast served for those who choose to stay in the dorms Friday night.

## **INSTITUTE LOCATION**

The summer session of the National Cello Institute is held on the campus of Pomona College in Claremont, CA. The Oldenborg Center serves as the NCI registration center and our central office during the week. This office opens at 12:00pm on Sunday June 22nd.

Harwood Court  
144 E Bonita Ave, Claremont, CA 91711

The suggested parking area is southeast of Harwood Court, in the South Campus Parking Structure

295 E 1st St, Claremont, CA 91711

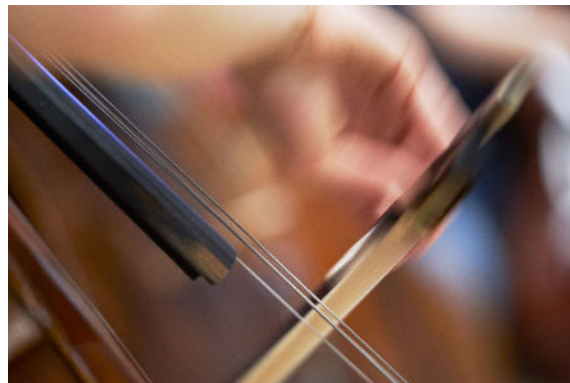
If you are flying to the NCI, we recommend a flight directly to Ontario International Airport. If you arrive in Ontario between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm on Sunday June 21st, you can be picked up by an NCI shuttle.

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.

## **HOW TO DRESS**

**Classes:** Summer informal (be prepared for hot weather). Bring sunblock and hats as needed.

**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.

If you want to play on one of the afternoon recitals, **submit a solo video** by June 1st, 2026. Your chosen piece must be a **polished piece, ready to be performed at NCI**. Submit YouTube videos (unlisted or private is fine) to [registration@nationalcelloinstitute.com](mailto:registration@nationalcelloinstitute.com) for review. It is our hope that this process will encourage preparation, not discourage performing. We want every musician to perform 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@dslextreme.com](mailto:jbviolin@dslextreme.com). Subject to availability – contact them right away!

## Bring These from Home:

**Please bring your own music and ACCOMPANIMENT PARTS** for use in your classes at the NCI.

**BRING A ROCK STOP.** Some floors at the college are very fine hardwood, and all cellists must use endpin stops.

Young students who play on small chairs should **bring their own chairs** from home. If for any reason this is not possible, please contact us 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 21st through breakfast on Saturday, June 27th. 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!**