What is a Pipe Organ Encounter?
POE is a week-long summer camp that provides a chance for young pianists and organists to explore and gain exposure to pipe organs and pipe organ repertoire.

Who is it for?
It is designed for teenagers, ages 13-18, who have achieved an intermediate level of keyboard proficiency. *Special consideration with regards to age and training may be allowed by the POE Committee on an individual basis.

What if I’ve never played a pipe organ?
No worries! Previous organ study is not required.

What if I’m already an organ student?
Wonderful! More advanced students will have a chance to grow their skills, as well.

Look inside for more information!
Pipe organs have been an important part of the cultural life in Winston-Salem since 1762, when Moravian settlers first brought a tiny pipe organ into what was then wilderness. With the renowned organ program at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and its sister program at Salem College, Winston-Salem has a long tradition of producing some of the finest organists in the US!

Highlights of the week in Piedmont, NC

- Daily concerts, from silly to serious to Silent Film accompaniment
- Visit to John Farmer’s shop, a local organ builder
- A look inside Wayne Leupold Editions archives and music publishing facilities
- Seeing the organ at use in various worship styles: Moravian Lovefeast/Candletea, Evensong, and more!
- Organ literature overview with daily classes in historical styles of organ music
- Daily improvisation workshops with Robert Nicholls

Instruction

Private instruction is at the heart of every POE. Each student will receive a daily hour lesson and an hour of practice time on a suitable organ or piano. Instructors will include local, regional, and national organists.

Accommodations

Students and chaperones will stay on the campus of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, within walking distance of Salem College and Historic Old Salem and within a short distance of downtown Winston-Salem. Student rooms are double occupancy. Meals will be included with lodging. Travel to Winston-Salem can be made by air or bus from Greensboro, NC, or other airports in the state. The POE committee can assist with travel questions and connections.

Application Process

The Piedmont POE has a maximum enrollment of 24 students. The online application is available at www.agohq.org/education/poe/poe/. Applications will be forwarded to the POE registrar of the Piedmont Chapter. Applications are acknowledged by e-mail or letter. If the student meets the requirements, the full registration fee is required before the student is enrolled. Students who do not meet the requirements will be notified that they have not been accepted.

Student Registration

STEP ONE:

Registration for all POE events is exclusively available online. Please visit: https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/poe/

STEP TWO:

--Payment Form--

Student Name: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________________
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Parent Name: _________________________________
Email: __________________________
Cell Phone: ___________________________

POE Registration Fee: $500
Early Bird Registration Fee: $450 if registered by April 15

The final registration deadline is June 1. Full payment is due at the time of registration.*

Please make checks payable to: Piedmont NC Chapter AGO POE

Please send this form and check to the POE Treasurer:

Susan Keck Foster
2228 King George Ct
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Questions and inquiries may be made to the POE Director:
Timothy Olsen
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*Applicants who plan to apply for a scholarship should contact the POE director if advance payment of registration is not possible.