



## Lauren, 14

**camp:** Power Chord Academy's Music Camp

**ages:** 12-18

**location:** San Diego, California, St. Louis, Missouri, and New York, New York

**web 411:** [powerchordacademy.com](http://powerchordacademy.com)

### *Take us through a typical week.*

We have one or two seminars every day when we learn about different aspects of the music industry, like touring and recording. It's really helpful. Then we have five jam sessions for about 1 or 2 hours [each] when we play with our band and work on our songs. Sometimes we have free time at the end of the night. One day during the week a real band comes in to play and afterwards we can ask them questions. Last year it was Rise Against.

### *How is your camp different from others?*

If you really like rock, it's the best camp. My favorite part was having the concerts at the end of the week—we play one on Friday and another on Saturday. For the first one, you get to play a song with anybody from camp, it can be a cover or something original. On Saturday, they invite the parents to hear you perform.

### *What about the other campers?*

They're all really nice. We make lots of friends and get phone numbers and e-mails.

### *Do you have an "At band camp..." story?*

The first time my friends and I went, we played a song called "Orange Julius." Everybody else was singing about love stories and we sang about a drink, so everyone knows us by that song. Whenever we go back now, people are like, "Hey, Orange Julius is here!" Last summer, another band played our song during the concert as a surprise.

