

NTTDS Fiddler's Dream 2018 — Attendee Information letter

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For Facilities-related emergency issues, call the Camp office: (580) 564-2505. Jeff Hiller, Director.

Location: Cross Point Methodist Camp, 7310 Rock Creek Rd, Kingston, OK, 73439

Look for notices, announcements, schedule changes, etc. in the Entrance Hall to the Main Dining Room throughout the weekend.

The Schedule should be attached in the same email as this letter. Do know that adjustments or trades can and probably will be made between now and the weekend. Band and Caller assignments are listed. All musicians are invited to play in the All Camp band. Not sure of the interest in Scramble Band, so we'll verify interest the first night. Practice times for these will be on the schedule. When you arrive at the camp you will see the latest Version of the Schedule posted in the hallway with spaces to write in requests and offerings.

Sunday Night: Fiesta décor and dress. The dress theme is voluntary. Search YouTube for videos for costume ideas.

Workshops: Some spaces on the schedule will be left open so you can offer to lead a workshop or special activity. When you arrive Friday night, and as long as spaces are open (the sooner the better, though!), please fill in the blank spaces on the schedule by writing your name and the name of the workshop you would lead. And another spot we'll have for additional requests.

WHAT TO BRING

- Pillows and ALL Linens:** pillowcases, sheets, blankets, towels, washcloths. Think about: raingear, layers for warmth, extra blankets, socks, slippers, sweatpants if you tend to be colder than your cabin mate. Cabins ARE heated, water is hot, and there are electric outlets in the sleeping portions and in the restrooms.
- Toiletries:** Hand soap, shampoo, toothpaste. (Scent-free) hand cream. (Feel free to bring some travel-size toiletries to drop in the big basket at the Registration table; these are for folks who are more forgetful than you.)
- Shelves, Coat racks?** – If you have a coat rack and extra hangers, please bring it for the Dining / Dance Hall to keep the clutter to a minimum. Shelves are good to bring to store shoes, etc.
- Extra t-shirts** If you are prone to heavy sweating on the dance floor, multiple changes of shirts may be in order.
- Flash light** – there are some floodlights around the grounds at night but they do not illuminate the entire area.
- Song Books/Sheets** – If you would like to organize or take part in a song circle or singing workshop, bring lyrics. Bring your "Rise up Singing" songbooks, if you have them.
- Bring more than one pair** of dance shoes to give yourself a comfort and friction option. Please help protect our dance floor and minimize dust by wiping off your feet well each time you enter the main building. Do not wear your dance shoes outside at all, if possible. Bring tennis shoes for a walk in the woods.
- Your Own Personal Drinking Vessel** for between meal drinks. Help reduce trash and our expenses. Please write your name on and reuse your cup. Bring and donate a mug to another camper to use for the weekend.
- Games** - Board or card games for those too tired to dance or for the insomniacs.
- Medicines:** Allergy medicine? Analgesic cream? Bandages? EmergenC? Allergy sufferers beware and come prepared. Especially those who are allergic to dust or cedar, or the out of doors.

What NOT to bring

- Remember the camp has **a no alcohol policy.**
- No pets allowed.
- Please, refrain from bringing any colognes, perfumes, scented after-shaves or scented body lotions.

MEALS: The Camp will serve 7 meals, starting with Saturday Morning Breakfast and ending with MONDAY Brunch.

HOWEVER: Sandwich fixings with sides will be available FRIDAY NIGHT come and go, and are for ALL

CAMPERS regardless of your registration level. *Please consider bringing a side dish for Friday night's light meal spread.* The regular meal **serv**ing time is **only 45 minutes** from start of meal time (as per the schedule). Beyond the 45

minutes is more time to continue eating and chatting. But don't be late. Also, please remember to use **ONLY ONE dinner plate for each meal.** Take your first plate through the line for seconds. Come reckoning time on the last day, the kitchen crew will

have counted plates washed at each meal to see if it matches the numbers I give them. It's their way of keeping their clients honest. The meals are made to feed large groups of people at a reasonable cost, not for our individual dietary needs. Please do not make "special requests" to the kitchen at any time. If you have any particular dietary needs and you have signed up for the meal plan, come prepared to supplement/replace your meals if needed. We will most likely have a microwave available in the dining hall for those bringing their own and there is refrigerator space in Dean's and Madill's cabins and in Cabins 15 & 16.

SNACKS: Please bring your favorite snacks to share, but no chips, please. Most dancers prefer healthy or home-made snacks. If your snacks (like cheeses or dips) need to be kept cool, please bring a small cooler where they can be stored until put on the table, or store them in a refrigerator available in some of the cabins. We need some **volunteers** to help replenish the snack table throughout the weekend. If you would like a carbonated beverage you may buy a can from the vending machine, OR you may bring your own cooler with soda.

CABINS: They are for sleeping, showering and changing. Please be very quiet at all times while in the cabin. In respect for your neighbors, please take conversations outside. Some folks can and will try to nap at any time of the day.

CAMP SHOWERS: (Warning!) To prevent scalding, the hot water is on a timer. Look for a red button on or near the showerhead. Do not turn only the hot water on to let it run, thinking you'll wait for it to heat up or while you're undressing because it will cut itself off. If you run hot and cold water together this won't happen. If you forget, simply push that red button and it releases the hot water again.

VOLUNTEER JOBS:

- **Setting up the camp**, needs about 2-3 hours before supper on Friday. If you expect to arrive at the camp before 4 PM Friday, we can use you. Glenn Manuel will be in charge of setting up the sound system. He can use a few helpers. We will be getting the registration table ready, decorating the hall, putting a few signs up around the building and grounds. That's all there is to "setting up camp".
- **Welcome a new neighbor:** If you're a seasoned Fiddlers Dream participant and you see a new face, say "hello" and thank them for coming. Offer to be of assistance. Ask them to dance. Make them feel welcome.
- **For every meal**, we'll need **EVERYONE** to pitch in and help set up tables and chairs before the meal and wipe tables, put them and the chairs away after the meal. Dancers and non-musicians will set up and tear down tables and chairs. Musicians who are next up or involved in the All Camp Band will be excused from setting up for the meals when they are practicing together or tuning up during that time.
- **Water:** The camp will make several igloos available to us to fill with water. The camp provides ice. We will want volunteers to be responsible for them, dividing up the duty by morning, afternoon and evening segments for each day. Even if you don't sign up for this duty, please keep your eye on the drink jugs, to see if they need refilling.
- **Snack Table:** People will be bringing snacks, which will be stored in the kitchen area of one of the nearby cabins. We will want volunteers to be responsible for replenishing the snack table, dividing up the duty by morning, afternoon and evening segments for each day. Even if you don't sign up for this duty, please keep your eye on the snack table, to see if it needs replenishing.
- **Sweeping the dance floor** – the camp has big brooms. Mopping may be needed at times also. This needs to be done a few times during the day, during breaks or right after a meal.
- **Jam Sessions:** Please tidy up the rooms when you leave a jam or workshop.
- **Clean up camp** on the last day means helping tear down the sound equipment, remove decorations, posted maps, schedules, picking up trash, and helping load equipment and supplies back into the cars. Make sure to take home your personal belongings!

CALLERS:

Please prepare the dances you want to call before showing up at camp! They should be dances you've called before so you know how they work! Be as professional as possible for the benefit of all the campers coming to dance.

MUSICIANS:

TUNE LIST to help with the All Camp Band: Look for tune list on our www.NTTDS.org website. Bring a **RECORDING DEVICE** and **TUNE LIST!** If you don't have the latter, jot some of your repertoire down. This will help when we choose tunes for the All Camp Band or in sessions.

- Please also bring your **Portland** and **O'Flaherty** tune books or any others to use in the jam sessions.
- Bring Music stands if needed.
- **ALL CAMP BAND** – All players are welcome. The All Camp Band will play one 90 minute contra dance segment. Some possible tunes are at www.nttds.org/dfream/All-Camp-Band-2017.pdf and you are encouraged to become familiar with them in advance. The tunes are also available online at www.thesession.org, or in Vol 1 or 2 of the Portland Collection tune books.
- **BAND SCRAMBLE:** Is there sufficient interest this year? Alternatives are to use the practice times for jam sessions and the play time for Open Band. If there is interest, when you arrive on Friday night, if you are a musician and want to participate in the scramble, you will write your name AND choice of instrument on a piece of paper, and drop it into one of 2 boxes: **MELODY** or **RHYTHM** depending on your instrument. There will be just 2 bands.
 - **The band leaders** have not been chosen to lead these 2 bands. But their job is to facilitate all members' participation in the scramble bands noting the instruments and playing levels of members.
 - **We will divide up the names** on Friday evening and post the bands list on the wall somewhere, and we'll announce where and when.
 - **Practice/Performance:** You will have just two (2) scheduled practice times and will perform Saturday afternoon. You will prepare to play for 3 individual dances only.
- **Mics:** For the ease of the Sound Crew, for the larger bands, such as the All Camp and Scramble Bands, we will have mics set up to amplify the band as a whole and possibly the band leaders. We can't take the time to directly amplify all individual members. You will need to be ready to walk on 'stage' with instruments out, tuned up and ready to play. When you finish, please clear this area quickly so the next band can walk on.

SOUND CREW:

You will find your slot already on the schedule. We have fewer sound volunteers this year so you're spread pretty thin. You may of course arrange to trade with another sound person.

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Thanks and we will see you at camp.

Web Site: www.nttds.org/dfream/home.html