



MICHIGAN DANCE HERITAGE
25th ANNIVERSARY FALL WEEKEND CAMP
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FALL DANCE WEEKEND
#25

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WELCOME TO FALL CAMP!

Here are a few notes about camp life that we hope will add to your comfort and fun, promote a sense of camp community and preserve the camp environment.

PROGRAM

It is an outstanding program for our twenty-fifth anniversary fall camp!

Our multi-talented **MICHIGAN CALLERS AND MUSICIANS** are sharing the program with our dynamic headliners:

KATHY ANDERSON will have us dancing to her flowing contras and high-energy squares for all experience levels,

LAURA LIGHT AND THE AVANT GARDENERS will enthrall dancers with their deep grooves that will get us moving and keep us moving all weekend, and

CATHY STEPHENS will host Cathy's Lounge and teach One-Step and Two-Step.

Callers, musicians and workshop leaders include (in alphabetical order): **Donna Baird, Peter, Baker, Brad Battey, Beth Battey, Hal Breidenbach, David DiGiuseppe, Betsy Foote, Myron Grant, Bob Hubbach, Debbie Jackson, Arlene Kindel, Laura Light, Susie Lorand, Drake Meadow, Robert Messer, Glen Morningstar, Judi Morningstar, Loren Oppenheimer, George Paul, Kendall Rogers, Bob Stein, Laura Stein, Cathy Stephens and David West.**

WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR MORE DANCERS AT CAMP

As of August 31st, camp is filling up but we do still have space for more dancers. Encourage your dancing friends to join you for a fun and memorable weekend!

The registration form is available at the website:

<http://www.mdh-online.org/Fall/RegistrationForm.htm>. You may also email Steve Johgart at mdhfallregistrar@me.com or call him at (734) 904-4936 to register by phone.

We did not make an attempt to gender balance this year's camp. Currently we are accepting dancers regardless of gender.

FRIDAY NIGHT BLASTOFF!! Registration at Camp begins at 6pm on Friday evening, September 16th, in the Dining Hall (see the enclosed camp map). At registration, you will receive your weekend nametag, a final program schedule and a detailed description of the classes offered. You will also make your cabin selection and get many warm greetings from people who are excited that you are there. **The Friday night dance begins at 8pm with your snacks served during the dance.**

As a reminder, dinner will not be served on Friday evening.

A sound check will be conducted in the Main Lodge from 7pm until 7:50pm on Friday evening. The Main Lodge is not accessible until the sound check is finished – at around 7:50pm Friday evening.

WATERFRONT ACCESS

As in prior years, the waterfront is closed for swimming.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The cabins at Camp Cavell are heated and have 8 to 10 single metal frame cots with foam mattresses in an open common area. There are private toilets and showers in most cabins, and a common toilet and shower house near the more secluded group of cabins (Brookside).

Cabins are not pre-assigned, but are selected by participants on a first-come basis during registration. Your indication of cabin selection will enable us to locate you in case of an emergency. If you change your cabin selection after signing up, please correct the listing. If you wish to room with a particular person or group, but will arrive at different times, have the first person who registers pick a cabin space for all.

If you move any of the cabin furniture during the weekend, please move it back before you leave. Also, before you leave camp on Sunday, please sweep the cabins and bag the trash.

For those wanting more privacy, camping and tenting space is available south of Brookside and on the beach.

The water at camp is state-tested well water. We are working on improving the taste of the water by the use of a filter in the Dining Hall. However, if you have doubts, please bring your own bottled water.

CAMPERS WITH ALLERGIES TAKE NOTE! We cannot promise that the cabins (or the camp) will be allergy-free so ... bring whatever you need to control any allergic reactions (particularly dust and/or mold).

WHAT TO BRING

- Essentials to bring include bedding (including a blanket and a sheet or a sleeping bag), pillow, earplugs (to silence snoring as we guarantee at least one snorer per cabin), toilet articles, towel(s), rain gear, a good flashlight (as it is very dark at night and there are few outside lights), and a jacket.
- **YOU MUST BRING A PAIR OF SHOES TO BE WORN ONLY FOR DANCING.** This will prevent dirt from being tracked onto the dance floor and knocking out folks with dust allergies.
- A snack to share at our evening dances (see list below).
- A silent auction item (or two or three) – see the Silent Auction section on page 3.

SNACKS

To provide snacks during the Friday and Saturday night dances, **each camper is requested to bring a special treat.** Please bring prewashed, clean, fresh and ready-to-serve items. Although the camp kitchen/dining area is nut-free, nuts are OK in the snack area. (Thanks a bunch!)

If your last name is
within

PLEASE BRING

Alderman	to	Austin	broccoli (1 pound – cut into strips or pieces)
Baker	to	Brehm	bananas (one large bunch)
Breidenbach	to	Burton	apples (1 pound bag)
Cafferty	to	Demers	candy, non-chocolate (large bag or box)
Dinoto	to	Durkee, J.	carrots (1 pound – cut into pieces)
Durkee, R.	to	Featherstone	cauliflower (1 pound – cut into pieces)
Foote	to	Green	celery (1 pound – cut into strips)
Hagan	to	Hickman	cheese (1 pound – cut into bite size pieces)
Humpert	to	Junck	chocolate (your favorite)
Kadau	to	King	cookies (3-4 dozen)

Konstantinov	to	Maclean	crackers (1 box)
Martin	to	Messer	dip (1 large container – your choice)
Micks	to	Morgenstein, H.	grapes (1 – 2 pounds)
Morgenstein, J	to	O’Kelly	hummus (1 container)
Peters	to	Ratledge	oranges (1 dozen)
Raymond	to	Schoen	peppers (1 pound – cut into strips or pieces)
Slater	to	Stein, B.	pita bread (1 bag – cut into pieces)
Stein, L.	to	Swartz, F.	potato chips (1 large bag)
Swartz, J.	to	Szumski	pretzels (1 large bag)
VanderKolk	to	Zurbriggen	tortilla chips (1 large bag)

If your name does not fall into any on the list, you may bring one (1) item of your choice. If you are coming from Canada and we’ve asked you to bring an item that cannot be brought across the border, please bring one (1) item of your choice (that you can legally bring across the border).

CAMPER JOBS

Thank you for agreeing to provide a 30 minute segment of your weekend to complete a camper job. This helps us keep your costs down and enables the camp to run smoothly. At the time you register, please sign up for a camper job.

NEW CAMPERS

What does a gold star on a nametag indicate? A first-time camper! If the first-time camper doesn’t want to be identified as a new camper, simply peel off the star. If you are new and we forgot to put on a star, ask us for one. The star on the name tag is a signal to all the returning campers that we were all first-time campers once. A warm smile and a kind word can do a lot to ease someone’s way. Let’s all do our part to be welcoming.

DANCE FLOORS

The sandy soil at Camp Cavell is great on the beach but contributes to dusty and slippery wood dance floors. Please help us minimize the problems by wiping your shoes at the Main Lodge (Dance Hall) entrance and by CHANGING FROM “STREET SHOES” TO “DANCING SHOES”. Keeping food and beverages away from the wood dance floors will also help preserve their quality. An area adjacent to the Dance Hall has been set up as a shoe changing room.

AUCTION

We will have a silent auction this weekend to raise funds for MDH. PLEASE BRING YOUR AUCTION ITEMS or descriptions of services to the registration area Friday night. When you drop off your item(s) fill out an auction slip and attach it to your item. Past donations have included dance clothing, computer art, song and dance books, a kissing manual, food items, craft items, a vacuum cleaner, CDs and tapes. Foot massages, auto repair and breakfast in bed are examples of services offered and bid on in the past. Look around your home – there is an auction item nearby.

The auction will begin at breakfast on Saturday on the Dining Hall porch (on the beautiful lake end of the dining hall – the east end). Items will be on display with a bid sheet next to each item. Some items do have minimum bids so read each bid sheet carefully. If you are interested in the item, write your name and bid on the bid sheet. Throughout the day, all are welcome to view the item and to “outbid” each other.

On Sunday morning shortly before noon, check the auction table and see if you have made the highest bid on the items that you are hoping to buy. When the “final call” is given promptly at noon, all bidding will stop. Check the bid sheet. If you have the last and highest entry, the item is yours! Take the item with you, but turn in the bid sheet to the auctioneer and pay for the item at the auction table on Sunday after lunch.

If you brought an auction item that did not sell, please take your item home with you.

FOOD

The camp will serve a buffet style breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday with early bird coffee available before breakfast. Saturday supper will be served "sit down". Vegetarian entrees are available at all meals. *(If you are vegetarian and did not note that on your registration, please contact Arlene Kindel at (734) 646-4835 or email at arkindel@comcast.net.)* If you have questions about the menu, please contact Arlene for more information.

A late breakfast dining area will be located on the Dining Hall porch.

NOTE: As of 2010, the kitchen/dining hall of Camp Cavell is a NUT-FREE ZONE!! Please do not bring any nuts or nut products to the dining hall with you. Peanut butter alternatives will be available at meals.

INSTRUMENT WORKSHOPS

On the tentative program there is a slow jam workshop and a contra band workshop. There will also be many opportunities for unscheduled slow jams, so bring your instruments!

SING, SING, SING A SONG

We are fortunate to have a wealth of wonderful voices on staff. Look forward to doing a lot of singing – both formally and informally. If you have a special song to share or a songbook like "Rise Up Singing" that you enjoy singing from, bring it with you and share it with the other singers. The DESIGNATED LATE-NIGHT SINGING SITE on Friday night is the Brookside Unit House (south of the Dance Hall and across the stream). Singing may occur there at any time of the day or night – singers from all over camp are invited to gather 'round the fireplace.

Friday night after the dance there will be a campfire scheduled near the new pavilion near the dining hall (weather permitting). Look forward to singing there, too.

BOOKSTORE

Many of the staff members have tapes, CDs, books, etc. which are available for purchase at the bookstore. This year the store is located adjacent to the shoe changing room in the Dance Hall. Feel free to choose and bag up your desired purchases during any free time. The bookstore workers will calculate the amount you owe for your purchases. Cash and checks (payable to MDH) will be accepted. Sorry, no credit cards. The store will be open for purchases at posted times (see the tentative program schedule enclosed).

LOST AND FOUND

The "lost and found" is located in the bookstore. All items not claimed will be retained for a month by Joan Hellmann. Please call Joan promptly at (734) 769-1052 or email her at hellmann@umich.edu if you leave something behind.

MESSAGE BOARD

A message board will be located in the Shoe Changing Room in the Main Lodge and will contain updates in schedules, etc.

PHONES

If you need to make an outgoing phone call, a pay phone is located in the Main Lodge hallway. The phone does not accept incoming calls. Cell phone reception in the Camp Cavell area in past years has been spotty.

The EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS for babysitters and others who may need to contact you this weekend are as follows: (810) 359-2267 and (810) 359-8040. Both numbers have answering machines and ring in the camp director's home at night. The phone that rings in the kitchen is (810) 359-8960 and is a good way to reach a person while the kitchen is open (approximately 7am to 7pm).

FIRST AID

The Health Center is a separate building located next to the Main Lodge. If you need assistance, please contact any staff member.

SMOKING

Smoking areas are not provided on the porches of the Dining Hall and the Main Lodge. Smoking is not permitted in any of the camp's buildings or on the camp's grounds. The only designated smoking area is on the waterfront, well away from the dune grass, but please, carry away with you any cigarette debris.

GENERAL

No illegal drugs or other controlled substances. No firearms, explosives, or dangerous materials. Shaving cream has been outlawed at camp except for shaving, it destroys paint on buildings and cars; whipped cream is welcome (away from buildings). After midnight, please be considerate of other campers and lower noise levels (e.g., close windows and contain your hooting and hollering).

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXTRA DAY OR TWO AT CAMP

It's not a secret ... for the past several years, a small group of relaxing and fun seeking folks have gone to camp on THURSDAY NIGHT to FORGET THE WORK WEEK in preparation for a great weekend. This group also has taken advantage of their time together to have a GREAT BREAKFAST POTLUCK on Friday morning. Having eaten so well, this same group LEISURELY HELPS PREPARE THE CAMP for the coming weekend. WOW! But wait, YOU, TOO, CAN JOIN IN THE FUN. Just to keep the lid on this a little bit, we are opening up this opportunity to up to 10 more folks to join the 10 who are already planning to be there this year.

If you would like to arrive on Thursday after the work day, relax, sleep in a warm heated cabin, enjoy Friday's breakfast and assist with camp preparation, PLEASE CONTACT Martha Vander Kolk to roster in and designate what you will bring for either the breakfast or lunch potluck. Martha's contact information is (734) 658-8228 phone or email at mjvk@umich.edu. Hope to see you early!

We also need help to break down camp after 3pm on Sunday. You may select to help break down camp in lieu of a camper job. If you are willing to help us break down camp after camp close on Sunday afternoon, PLEASE contact Peter Baker at (734) 476-4650 or peterbaker.aka.walkingwolf@gmail.com to roster in for camp teardown. We do need help!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP AND A MAP OF THE CAMP

Please see the enclosed sheet. Keep in mind that road construction season is in full swing in Michigan so you may want to check to see if there is any road construction on your route to camp.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Look at the enclosed schedule and start making your plans now. SO MANY CHOICES

LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATIONS

Please contact Steve Johgart at (734) 904-4936 or via email at mdhfallregistrar@me.com. Cancellations after September 1st will not allow a refund of your registration fee.

FURTHER QUESTIONS???

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call or email me or any of the Planning Committee members listed on the first page of this letter.

I look forward to seeing you at camp!

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Enclosures:
Directions to Camp
Map of Camp
Tentative Schedule

To be distributed at Registration:
Name Badge
Roster of Attendees
Final Schedule
Detailed Descriptions of Classes