

## Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School – 2010 VITAL INFORMATION!!!!

**Greetings, All – Please read this important information about this year's camp.** Check our web site for information about our instructors - [www.valleyofthemoon.org](http://www.valleyofthemoon.org). This letter, the schedule, and directions for getting to Camp Campbell are also posted on the web site.

**Where:** YMCA Camp Campbell, 16275 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006. (See attached map)

**When:** Registration starting at 4:00 pm, **Friday, August 27**, Departure by 11 am, **Saturday, September 4** (See preliminary schedule, attached and on web site)

**Emergency phone number:** Camp office during business hours on weekdays only – 831-338-2128

**No drop-ins:** Please don't ask friends or family to visit you at camp during the week.

**Camp Shuttle:** If you are flying into the Bay Area and are using the camp shuttle, be sure Larry Espinosa has your flight information. (Detailed information about the shuttle, a reservation form, and information about public transportation alternatives are posted on the web site.)

**Things to bring:** In addition to clothing, personal articles and musical instrument, you'll need a **sleeping bag, pillow, soap and towel, a mug and/or cup for beverages**, flashlight, jacket or sweater for cool nights and mornings, bathing suit, comfortable shoes for walking and dancing, a **device for making recordings in class**, extra strings, batteries, tapes, etc. You'll be sorry if you don't bring extra money to buy music and CDs at the camp store (VISA and Master Card credit cards also accepted, but a personal check or cash is preferred). If you have small items you'd like to donate for sale at the store to raise money for the Scholarship Fund, bring those as well. Some people like to bring a seat cushion. **Please do not bring your pets**; make arrangements for them before you leave home. **Please put your name on all your belongings** to the extent possible.

**Housing:** Rustic cabins, housing 8-12 people in bunk beds (ear plugs are often useful). Cabins have electric lights and an outlet. They are clustered around central restroom/shower facilities. There is limited space for RVs (no hook-ups, no generators), and tents can be pitched throughout the camp.

### **Fiddle Classes:**

Basic Beginning for those who have never played the Fiddle – Adults and kids in separate classes – kids taught by Deby Benton-Grosjean, adults by Janette Duncan

All other classes based on the rate of learning tunes by ear:

Slow class for people who need more time to learn tunes by ear – Hanneke Cassel and Laura Risk

One Moderate and two Fast classes taught in rotation every day by Alasdair Fraser, Kimberley Fraser and Darol Anger

**Other Classes:** Percussion, Dance and Singing for all levels

Accompaniment on Cello, Piano, Guitar and Mandolin for people **who have had experience playing those instruments. Piano students driving to camp are strongly encouraged to bring keyboards if possible.**

**Evening Activities:** nightly slow jams and dances, an Instructors' demonstration, a ceilidh night (a party where we share songs, stories, tunes and skits), a banquet and dance on Thursday (no theme yet, but you can probably use any costume items or finery you'd like to bring), and impromptu sessions throughout the week.

**Volunteer opportunities:** At the beginning of camp, we'll ask for volunteers to sign up to assist at the bar/refreshment table and the camp store. Throughout the week there will be impromptu calls for help in moving and setting up chairs for evening activities. At the end of camp we'll need some help

in making sure we all get out of camp on time with all our belongings, leaving things in order as we go. Please check the list on the accompanying form for these and other things you can do to help make the camp run smoothly.

**Minors:** Attendees under the age of 18, **not being accompanied by a parent or legal guardian**, must provide two forms that their parents need to fill out and return, a Health History and a Guardian Designation Form. Their designated guardians also need to sign Guardian Agreement forms. Download these forms from our web site using the Forms link on the home page. **Please note that both the student/parents and guardian need to file a form; please communicate with your guardian about his/her responsibility. We need to receive all of these forms by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Final Camp Concert:** Friday, September 3, 8:00 pm, at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
Everyone is encouraged to participate; Friday morning will be devoted to an all-camp rehearsal. (See address list for information on getting tickets for your friends. Camp attendees will not need tickets.)  
• After the concert, we will return to camp for a farewell midnight supper. Because it is our last chance to be together as a group and acknowledge our week together, **we ask that you not invite any friends or family to come back to camp after the concert.**

**Pleasanton Games:** Sunday, September 5, the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers will host a fiddle rally, giving three performances at the Highland Games in Pleasanton. Some VOM participants like to stay over for the games and join the rally. A limited number of rooms has been reserved at the Marriott Hotel in Pleasanton (11950 Dublin Canyon Road), for Saturday and Sunday nights: two night minimum, \$85 per room/night, all rooms non-smoking. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Call (925) 847-6000, and be sure to say that you are with "SF Scottish Fiddlers" to get the agreed rate. Reservations require a major credit card, and you should make them as soon as possible to be assured of a place to stay. If you have any problems, contact Pat Gregory ((408)257-2294, [plowers@pacbell.net](mailto:plowers@pacbell.net)).

**≈ Address list for information ≈**

- For general registration questions, camp accommodations, and other general questions:  
Cherry Clark, 1281 Fifth Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122 vom@sonic.net (415) 566-4355
- For transportation information or special transportation problems (**by August 1st**):  
Larry Espinosa, 19240 Reavis Way, Salinas, CA 93907, [espinosa@cwo.com](mailto:espinosa@cwo.com), (831) 663-2753
- For information and advance tickets to the camp participants' concert to be held September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 pm: Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St, Santa Cruz, CA <http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pr/civic/> Ticket Office (831) 420-5260  
Prices: \$18 in advance, \$20 the day of the concert and \$10 each for groups of ten or more (adv. only). Students & seniors: \$15 in advance, \$17 the day of the concert. (not including box office service charge)
- Camp shop consignments:  
Terry Hallows, 11803 Occidental Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472, [terryhallowes@gmail.com](mailto:terryhallowes@gmail.com), 707-889-8283

**There will be a concert** by camp instructors in Berkeley, CA on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like further information or would like to order tickets (it always sells out), call the Freight & Salvage Coffee house at (510) 548-1761 or visit their web site at <http://www.thefreight.org>. The show starts at 8 pm.

In order to help things run smoothly and to avoid last minute problems, please fill out the and **return it with your check for the balance due by June 30th to Cherry. If you do not pay the balance on time, we cannot guarantee your space.**