

20th Anniversary
FOLK SONG WEEKEND 2009
AT JOURNEY'S END FARM
Labor Day Weekend
September 4, 5, & 6

Folk Song Weekend

FSW has been held since 1989 at the home of the Curtis Family -- Journey's End Farm in Sterling, PA. Tim Curtis started the annual gathering, inviting members of the Folklore Society of N.E. PA (www.folkloresocietynepa.esmartweb.com) to come to the farm for a weekend of song. Participants arrive Friday afternoon and stay until Sunday afternoon, sharing the gifts of song, storytelling, and community, as well as many other talents on this special weekend. We hope you will join us! <http://www.journeysendfarm.org/folksong.html>

Food

To keep costs down and to simplify meals, we use a 'Stone Soup' model for many of our meals. Simplicity works best when facilitated by willing minds and hands, so we count on each of you to help prepare food, get meals on the table, and clean up afterward. Look for sign-up opportunities on the south wall of the dining room. General meal plans are:

Dinner on Friday: Potluck -- Bring what you like to make, please label your containers.

Breakfast Sat. and Sun.: We'll create a Journey's End breakfast on site.

Lunch Saturday: Journey's End has peanut butter to share. We ask that others bring a loaf of bread to share, some jam, or something else you'd enjoy eating. Label it "lunch" and put it on the kitchen counter/in the area of the fridge dedicated to lunch.

Dinner Saturday: Everyone bring a box of spaghetti and a jar or can of your favorite pasta sauce and we'll put together a vegetarian and a non-vegetarian pot of sauce. Bring a dessert to share. Label your containers.

Garlic Bread will be provided. Journey's End may supply some garden produce depending on what is in season.

Lunch Sunday: Bring hot dogs and buns and/or something else to cook over the campfire (no grill available, but we could precook hamburgers inside if you bring them). Bring some of your healthiest snack food. We'll add leftovers and lemonade to this meal.

Plates and utensils as well as condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, etc.) will be available.

Food can be brought to the kitchen upon arrival. ****Please take responsibility for any special food needs, and please label your food.*** Journey's End always has a selection of teas available next to the hot water in the dining room. However, we don't have coffee so we depend on whoever wants it to bring whatever is necessary and desirable for coffee drinkers.

Bunk houses **must** be free of food to discourage rodents (ever seen a discouraged rodent?)

In the spirit of **Zero Waste** that we encourage at Journey's End we ask that everyone help themselves only to the amount of food they can eat. **Please take home leftovers.** Parents, please supervise your children at all meals.

COST

The cost for the entire weekend is **\$40 per person or \$20 per night**. Children up to age 3 are free. Children age 4 to 7 will be \$15 and age 7 to 17 will be \$35 (up through age 17 must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them).

WHERE TO SLEEP

You can sleep in the camp bunkhouses or bring your own tent or camper. There are a few indoor bedrooms available for \$12 extra per bed for one night, \$18 extra for two nights. Kristin will make up the beds unless you tell her that you're bringing your own bedding.

WHAT ELSE TO BRING

- food (see food section)
- unbreakable mug or cup labeled with your name
- towel
- flashlight
- toiletries
- rain gear
- swimsuit
- sheets, blankets, pillow (for bunkhouses)
- sleeping bag
- songs and stories and photos to share
- rubber boots (optional but really handy, esp. for dewy mornings)
- non-aerosol insect repellent
- swimsuit
- hat
- cotton shirt for silkscreening (optional)
- instruments

PLEASE, NO ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS

NO PETS ALLOWED

Weekend Schedule: *Friday:* 5-6 pm: arrive and settle in 6:30 pm: Potluck supper. 8 pm: Open sing. *Saturday:* Starting with an 8am breakfast, we will enjoy a variety of activities and songs throughout the day ending with a Contra dance and songs & stories around the campfire. *Sunday:* 8:30 am: Breakfast. 10 am: spirituals, gospel, hymns & sacred rounds
12:10 pm: Lunch preceded by a farewell song.

Workshops: (subject to change, but current as of this e-mailing) Cooperative Games, Silkscreen Art Project, Parodies, Guitar, Children's Songs and Lullabies, Barbershop Quartet, Instrumental Waltzes, Pete Seeger's Songs, Hula-hooping, Beatles' Songs, Harry Chapin's Songs,

Sea Chanteys, and Sunday's Gospels, Spirituals and Hymns. Bring songs to share, and let the facilitator(s) of each workshop know that you have something to share. Songs about "Town and Country" is an alternate. Tony is looking for a replacement to lead Cooperative Games. Anyone interested? If you feel led to facilitate a workshop on a particular topic bring your ideas to the scheduling session for next year.

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Everyone's help is needed to ensure that things run smoothly and on time. Working together allows us to keep the cost of the weekend to a minimum and gives us more chances to visit (and sing) with each other.

SIGN UP FOR A CHORE (OR 2 OR 3) WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Watch for opportunities to help set up chairs, put things away after a meal, entertain a child for a tired parent, sweep a floor, empty a 'chicken bucket', or lead an activity. Adults are expected to spend 3 hrs in community service, teens at least 1 hr.

Directions Friends, please use these directions instead of what Google maps or your GPS may tell you. If you must rely on something other than what's written here, know that our street address (364 Sterling Road) is located in the village of Sterling in southern Wayne County on State Route 196, not in Newfoundland (even though our mail is delivered from the Nfld. Post Office – confusing but true)

- From I-84: Take EXIT 17 to PA 191 north to PA 196, then south 2.5 mi. We are located 1.2 mi. south of Sterling, PA on PA 196, and 15 mi north of Mt. Pocono, a blue farmhouse in the valley between two small concrete bridges.
- From D.C. & MD: Take interstates/Beltway I-495 to I-95 North, to I-695 north (Baltimore), to I-83 north to PA near Harrisburg; then I-81 north to Scranton, then I-380/84 east to EXIT 17. (See above)
- From Philadelphia: Take I-476 north to I-80 (Pocono Exit), I-80 east to Exit 293 for I-380 North toward Scranton, 6 miles to Exit 8 Tobyhanna. Right on PA 423 north through stoplight, follow turns, continue about 4 and a half miles to where PA 423 intersects with PA 196 north. Turn left and follow PA 196 about 8 miles. Journey's End is on the right (blue farmhouse) in a valley between 2 small concrete bridges.
- From NY/NJ: I-80 W to Exit 293 – I-380 North – toward Scranton (follow directions above from Phila.)

Print this portion and send to
Folk Song Weekend, PO Box 23, Sterling, PA 18463

Send check payable to Journey's End Farm Camp
Include SASE if you need confirmation

Please send this in time to reach us by August 31.

Please reserve space for _____ adults _____ children ages _____
(Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

I/we will be staying: _____ Fri night _____ Sat night

I/we will sleep in: _____ camp bunkhouse _____ own tent _____ own camper

_____ house (if space is available, for an additional charge)

_____ bringing own bedding and pillows (for house)

If staying in house, please call ahead and speak to Kristin. Some rooms are already taken.