

Welcome to the 2019 Balkanalia Balkan Music & Dance Workshop!

4:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 to 11:00 a.m. Monday, Sept. 2

Camp Angelos, Corbett, Oregon

Here are details about your accommodations, what to bring, and how to get to Balkanalia. If you need to contact us, call (503) 662-7895 or e-mail balkanalia@gmail.com.

Registration and refunds – We accept mailed registrations through August 19. After that, please visit balkanalia.org to register on-line. Sorry, but we cannot accept drop-in overnight registrants. There is no part-time registration for Balkanalia. If you find you must cancel, please contact us to arrange a refund.

Evening parties – **Members of the general public** may join us for an evening party on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday night. They should arrive after 8 p.m. and pay **\$25 per person at the kafana, located in the Kalamata Lodge**. Guests are welcome to stay until 2:30 a.m.

Work exchanges – For available work exchanges or info, call Dina at (503) 662-7895 or e-mail balkanalia@gmail.com.

Arrival and departure – Camp opens at **4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30. Please check in at the registration table at the Kalamata Lodge** to pick up your packet and badge and get your housing assignment. After you unload your gear, please move your car to one of the designated parking areas. **Dinner is at 6:30.** If you arrive late, check in at the **kafana** in the **dining hall** to let us know you've arrived and to receive your cabin assignment. If you expect to arrive late (after the evening party has ended), please contact us by **August 24** to make specific arrangements. **Campers must depart by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 2.**

Ride coordination – Although you are responsible for getting yourself to camp, we can try to help. To carpool, e-mail balkanalia@gmail.com. If you have space in your car for riders, let us know. We will try to help you arrange transportation from Portland International Airport or connect you with others arriving at PDX to share a rental car. But please plan on making your own arrangements, as we *cannot guarantee rides* for campers. **We must accommodate teaching staff first.** If you are willing to pick somebody up at the airport and drive them to camp, let us know. Many of our staff will arrive this way. *See page 3 for detailed directions to Camp Angelos.* **Campers MUST leave Camp Angelos by 11 a.m. Monday.**

About the facility – **Camp Angelos** is a beautiful, well-equipped camp nestled against the Sandy River. It is located 3 miles south of the tiny town of Springdale, Oregon. Camp Angelos is operated by volunteers of the Greek community of Oregon. It is modern and handicapped-accessible and has large cabins with heat and electricity. In front of the lodge is a large meadow suitable for soccer and other games. Behind the lodge is a terrace where people gather for Happy Hour activities on Saturday and Sunday. The camp boasts several beautiful outdoor spaces, including a beach on the

Sandy River. The Kalamata Lodge is located at one end of the meadow, and a small courtyard with a covered breezeway is at the other. Evening parties and kafana activities are held in the lodge and on the terrace. There is a covered area behind the lodge, and the space is open in the evenings for acoustic music and socializing.

Housing – Camp accommodations are divided into two clusters of spacious 12-person cabins, equipped with bunks and mattresses. Between the cabin clusters is a large lavatory/shower facility. There are no closets, but it's easy to hang up clothes if you bring along some clothesline or bungee cord. There is plenty of space for tenting in the wooded areas. We encourage those who are so inclined for reasons of comfort or privacy to plan to bring tents as either your only accommodation or as an adjunct to your cabin assignment. At Camp Angelos, **RVs and campers are welcome!** There are no hook-ups, but there's plenty of space.

Telephones – Your cell phone MIGHT work here, but service is pretty spotty. You'll be on vacation, so we hope you don't have to use it! **The camp can be contacted in an emergency at (503) 695-5388.**

Skinny-dipping prohibited – The Sandy River is actually a pretty challenging place to swim, but people might be tempted to wade around close to the beach. There will be a lifeguard on duty for a couple of hours each day – check the schedule at camp. If you do decide to get wet, bring a suit. The camp strictly prohibits public nudity.

Pets – Camp Angelos does not allow pets, so please leave them at home.

Alcohol – There is no sale of alcohol at Balkanalia.

What to bring – This is Oregon, so it could rain, but we expect days in the high 70s and somewhat chilly nights (40s or 50s). Bring a warm sleeping bag, pillow, towels, toiletries, and rain gear. Pack a warm coat or sweater you can wear as you walk outside in the evening. You'll also want to bring an alarm clock, flashlight, earplugs, insect repellent, and a beach towel, swimsuit, and flip-flops for sunning in the meadow or on the beach. Also, bring a water bottle and/or personal coffee mug if you like. Spontaneous parties might just break out, so if you wish, bring party clothes – ethnic or otherwise – and get festive!

For music classes, you will need your musical instruments. A music stand may be useful. An audio recorder with media and batteries is also a valuable learning aid at instrumental and singing classes.

For dancing, bring comfortable clothes and clean-soled dance shoes. Remember, even though the night is chilly it can get pretty warm in the dance hall! Although the lodge has air conditioning, it has to work pretty hard to keep up with Balkan dancers.

Be prepared for all kinds of weather: warm or cool, dry or wet, and don't forget your flashlight! Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have questions about what to bring.

Camp life – Smoking is allowed ONLY in

designated areas! Fire danger is high – Camp Angelos does not allow fires of any kind. There is a fenced pool on site, but it is off limits for Balkanalia. There's also a catch-and-release trout pond, but it's for fish, not humans. The river is open and can be freely accessed by children who want to get there. Parents are advised to consider that the water could be quite attractive and dangerous to small children.

In class, ask your teacher's permission before video or audio recording. We have an open recording policy outside classes, but please be as sensitive and unobtrusive as possible.

Parents & kids – We value and welcome children at our workshops, but please remember that your kids are your responsibility at all times. This is particularly important around the water. We truly value the role that children have in our community, and want their (and your) experience at Balkanalia to be a pleasant one. Please note that in the event a child is allowed to remain unsupervised in a dangerous situation after being warned by a BFNW board member, the board member has the authority to require the family to leave the camp.

There will be a mandatory 15-minute meeting right after dinner on Friday (around 7:30) for all kids under 18 and their accompanying parents or guardians. We'll meet each other, set some ground rules for the weekend and get to know who belongs to whom.

Volunteers – We need everyone's cooperation clearing tables after meals and keeping common areas free of clutter. Also, during the weekend all campers are expected to sign up for a couple of volunteer tasks. These may include assisting with set-up before meals, clean-up after meals, or serving meals. In order to keep our costs down, we rely on your assistance in these simple (and often fun) volunteer tasks. Please sign up at registration.

We will also need everyone's assistance in final clean-up at the end of camp. Be prepared to bag all of the trash from your cabin and put it on your porch, and to sweep out your cabin. We will also ask your assistance in cleaning up the common areas and in bringing lost and found items to a central location. If each person spends half an hour at the end of camp tidying up their area and part of the common areas, the task won't fall on just a few (undoubtedly weary) shoulders. *Thanks!*

Vendors – Folks with items (recordings, books, costumes, jewelry, etc.) or services (e.g. massage) to sell at camp are considered to be vendors. If you did not do so on your registration form, let us know right away if you are planning to be a vendor. At camp, please check in at registration to be assigned a space to display your wares. Please keep the ambiance informal. We neither encourage nor discourage vendors, but we do require a 10% commission on your gross sales, which will be collected at the end of camp. You keep the books.

Food – We are delighted that Chef **Hristo Kolev** will be cooking for us again this year. An ovo-lactarian (occasional dairy & eggs) vegetarian option will be available for those who requested it on the

registration form. Please provide for yourself regarding other dietary requirements.

Extra pocket money – Your registration fee covers all the essentials – housing, food, classes, and activities. You might want to bring extra cash for the late-night Kafana, which provides great snacks at no charge and has a cash soft drink/Turkish coffee bar. The wares of various vendors will also be on sale.

Instruments – Bring your own instrument or arrange privately to borrow one for camp. There is no instrument coordinator for this camp and no lending program.

Tell your friends – We especially want to invite our fellow Pacific Northwesterners to participate in a unique music and dance experience. Many of us have attended workshops at Mendocino and on the East Coast and have appreciated the full-tilt Balkan atmosphere. We want to share this with our friends who may not have attended a camp before. The music and dance will be accessible to (and certainly enjoyable for) dancers of any level. We invite you and your family to enjoy this unique local event!

What you can expect at Balkanalia

- **Classes & Workshops** – Outstanding teachers work with small groups on instruments, musical ensembles, singing, and dancing – something for everyone!
- **Happy Hour** – Socialize with old and new friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Music will happen. Group singing will happen. A student concert on Sunday!
- **Dance Parties Nightly** – Featuring terrific bands as listed on our website, as well as some put together just for the weekend!
- **Kafana** – In the evening the kafana opens with a cash soft drink/Turkish coffee bar and free snacks.
- **Music** – Until the wee hours!
- **Spontaneity** – Great unplanned stuff can happen! We've witnessed gajda-thons in the meadow, women dancing on glasses in the dining hall, psychic readings of Turkish coffee grounds, soccer, howling at the moon...
- **Friendliness** – This is a group of great people who truly welcome newcomers and children. We want our community to grow and flourish, with YOU as part of it.

Important Contact Information

balkanalia@gmail.com | (503) 662-7895

Camp Angelos emergency number (503) 695-5388

Rides to/from Balkanalia (see details under Ride Coordination): balkanalia@gmail.com

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GETTING TO CAMP ANGELOS

From The West (PORTLAND AND I-5 NORTH/SOUTH)

It's 22 miles from the junction of I-5/I-84 to camp, so allow at least 25 minutes from Portland. Take I-84 East to Exit 18. As you come off of the exit, turn left at the stop sign onto Jordan Road. Set your odometer to 0.

You will pass Lewis & Clark State Park on your left.

Stop at the stop sign. Continue straight onto Columbia River Highway. At 3.0 miles you'll pass the Stark Street Bridge. (Keep going straight, please!) Then go through the hamlet of Springdale.

Turn right at the flashing yellow light. Take right fork onto Hurlburt Road.

Turn right onto Christensen Road. The road takes a hard right and turns into Stevens Road.

Entrance to Camp Angelos — wasn't that easy? Follow *balkanalia!* signs.

From The East (HOOD RIVER, THE DALLES)

Take I-84 West to Exit 18 (Lewis and Clark State Park) and follow the little road off the exit. It turns left and goes under the freeway. As you come out from under the freeway, set your odometer to 0.0. Keep on going straight (you're on Jordan Road).

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- ☐ warm bedding
- ☐ pillow
- ☐ towels
- ☐ toiletries
- ☐ shower shoes
- ☐ sunblock
- ☐ swimsuit
- ☐ vitamins
- ☐ bandaids
- ☐ comfortable shoes
- ☐ tissues
- ☐ hangers
- ☐ battery-powered clock
- ☐ flashlight
- ☐ extra batteries
- ☐ earplugs
- ☐ travel mug
- ☐ party clothes
- ☐ warm jacket

For classes, etc.

- ☐ instruments
- ☐ recorder, w/ batteries
- ☐ music stand
- ☐ dancing shoes
- ☐ folding chair or cushion for class activities for your children

and though we hate to say it...

- ☐ mosquito repellent
- ☐ something for irritation from insects/stinging nettles/poison oak
- ☐ rain gear, umbrella

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