

Welcome to *balkanalia*!

Balkan Music & Dance Workshop!

Here are details about your accommodations, what to bring, and how to get to *balkanalia*. If you need to contact us, call 503/234-9088 or email Susan at reagel@spiritone.com.

Registration and Refunds

Space is available at camp, so tell your friends! We'll accept mailed registrations through August 17. After that, contact Susan for availability and instructions. Sorry, but we cannot accept drop-in overnight registrants. There is no part-time registration for *balkanalia*! Your full-time registration is for **Friday at 4 p.m. until Monday at 11 a.m.** We hope to see you for the entire weekend. If you do arrive late, please pick up a packet and your button at the Registration Table near the Dining Hall, then check in at the **Kafana** to let us know you've arrived and to receive your cabin assignment.

Evening Parties

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. Guests may leave any time before 2:30 a.m.

Work Exchanges

We have work exchanges available. For information on these, call Susan Reagel at 503/234-9088 or email at reagel@spiritone.com.

Arrival and Departure

The Workshop begins on **Friday** afternoon, **Aug. 31. Registration begins at 4 p.m.** Follow the signs to the **Registration Table** to register and get your housing assignment. After you unload your gear, please move your car to the designated parking spaces. If you arrive after the evening orientation session begins (about 8:30 p.m.) and the evening party is still going on, go to the **Kafana** in the **Dance Hall** to get your registration materials and housing assignment. If you expect to arrive late (after the evening party has ended), please call Susan by August 24 to make specific arrangements. Although you are responsible for getting yourself to camp, we can try to help. To carpool, contact our staff **Ride Coordinator**, Jamie Webster: **jamiei.webster@yahoo.com** for a list of

campers registered in your area. If you have space in your car for riders, let Jamie 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 any campers. We must accommodate teaching staff first. If you are willing to pick somebody up at the airport and drive them to camp, let Jamie know. See *back page 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 charming sandy 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, and this year we'll enjoy the firepit behind the Lodge and offer up the space for acoustic music and socializing.

Housing

Camp accommodations are divided into two cabin clusters of spacious 12-person cabins equipped with bunks and mattresses. Between the cabin clusters is a large lavatory/ shower facility (divided by gender, of course!) There are no closets, but it's easy to hang up clothes if you bring along some bungee cord. There is plenty of space for tenting. A large open space at the upper edge of the camp has been designated as the tenting area. We encourage those who are so inclined for reasons of comfort or privacy to plan to bring tents as either

THINGS TO BRING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> warm bedding | <input type="checkbox"/> hangers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> battery-powered clock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> towels | <input type="checkbox"/> flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shower shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> earplugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sunblock | <input type="checkbox"/> travel mug |
| <input type="checkbox"/> swimsuit | <input type="checkbox"/> party clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vitamins | <input type="checkbox"/> warm jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bandaids | For classes, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> comfortable shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> instruments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> recorder, w/ batteries |

- ☐ dancing shoes
- ☐ EEFC songbook
- ☐ 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

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. So might your beeper... but you'll be on vacation, so we hope you don't have to bring them!

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. 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. The camp dog will enjoy your attention!

Alcohol

There is no sale of alcohol at *balkanalia*. The Kafana and Happy Hour is nonalcoholic. Discrete use of alcohol in moderation by adults is condoned, but keep in mind that this is a family camp.

What to Bring

This is Oregon, so it could rain, but we expect days in the high 70's and somewhat chilly nights (40's or 50's). Bring a warm sleeping bag, pillow, towels, toiletries, and rain gear. Pack a warm coat you can wear as you walk outside in the evening. Those of you coming from sunny California will want to sport the layered look for maximum temperature control! You'll also want to bring a battery-powered alarm clock, flashlight, earplugs,

insect repellent, and a beach towel, swimsuit, and flipflops for sunning in the meadow or on the beach. Also, bring a water bottle and/or personal coffee mug if you like. For those of you who have not attended a music camp, spontaneous parties might just break out. So, if you wish, bring party clothes – ethnic or otherwise – and get festive! For classes, you will also need your musical instruments, a recorder with media and batteries (a valuable learning aid at instrumental and singing classes). Bring your EEFC Balkan FolkSongs book for possible group sings. 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! Be prepared for all kinds of weather: warm or cool, dry or wet, and don't forget your flashlight! Please feel free to call Susan if you have any more questions about what to bring.

Camp Life

No smoking is allowed in any buildings or on any porches. There is a fenced pool on site, but we will not be using it. There's also a catch-and-release pond, but it's for trout, 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 for permission to video- or audio tape. We have an open taping 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 their (and your) experience at *balkanalia!* is a pleasant one. Please note that: *"In the event a child is allowed to remain unsupervised in a dangerous situation after being warned by the Site Manager, the Site Manager has the authority at her discretion to require that the family 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 surrogate parents. We'll meet each other, set some ground rules for the weekend and get to know who belongs to whom.

Volunteers (and you ARE one!)

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, cleanup 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 his or her area and part of the common areas, the task won't fall on just a few (undoubtedly weary) shoulders. *Thanks!*

Vendors

Those folks with items (recordings, books, costumes, jewelry, etc.) or services (massage, instrument repair, etc.) to sell at camp are considered to be vendors. If you did not do so on your registration form, let us know now if you are planning to be a vendor. Please check in with Susan Reagel at camp so she can assign space for you 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 Head Chef **Hristo Kolev** of the Oakland restaurant *Bulgaria At Night* and crew 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 (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 loaning program.

Tell your friends!!

We especially want to invite our fellow Pacific Northwesterners to participate in a unique music experience. Many of us have attended workshops at Mendocino and 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 and Workshops** – Outstanding teachers will work with small groups on instrument, musical ensemble, singing, and dancing. There will be something for everyone.
- **Happy Hour** – A chance to 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** – Feature terrific bands – described on our web site, and some put together just for the weekend!
- **Kafana Parties Nightly** – Later in the evening the Kafana will open. This will be more of a nightclub atmo-

sphere, with a cash soft drink/Turkish coffee bar and free midnight snacks. We'll make music until the wee hours, with dancers very welcome!

- **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, and other wonderful, silly stuff!
- **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.

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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. (If you need to go to the store or gas up the car, do it in Troutdale (Exit 17) or before you leave Portland.)

- From I-5 North (from Eugene) or I-205 South (from Seattle) take I-84 East.
- From I-84 East take Exit #18 (Lewis and Clark State Park)

As you come off the exit you'll get to a stop sign. Turn left onto Jordan Road and set your odometer to 0.0.

- Left (South) onto Jordan Road. You will pass Lewis & Clark State Park on your left. If you like to watch people climb rocks, you might want to stop for a minute.

- Stop at the stop sign. Continue straight onto Columbia River Highway. At 3.0 you'll pass the Stark Street Bridge (keep going straight, please!). Then go through the hamlet of Springdale. If you forgot something, there's a slim chance they'll have it at Big Bear's Country Market.

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

Those are raspberry fields on your right. Those are cows on your left. The road takes a hard right and turns into Stevens Road. *Go with the flow, man.*

- Entrance to Camp Angelos—wasn't that easy?
- Follow *balkanalia!* signs to register, unload your baggage, and park.

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, turn your odometer to 0.0, keep on going straight (you're on Jordan Road), and start obeying the directions given above from there on out.

FROM PDX (PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

It's 20 miles from PDX to camp, so allow at least 25 minutes. Stop at Exit 17 (Troutdale) if you need gas or a large store. It's 13 miles from PDX to Exit 18.

- You get spit out of PDX onto Airport Way.
- Take Airport Way to I-205 South (Salem, Portland).
- From I-205 South take I-84 East (The Dalles).

. Continue on I-84 East to Exit 18 (Lewis & Clark State Park). As you come off the exit you'll get to a stop sign.

- Turn left onto Jordan Road and set your odometer to 0.0.
- Start obeying the directions given above from here on out.

THE RETURN FROM CAMP ANGELOS TO PDX (PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

- Retrace your steps from Camp Angelos to I-84 West (Portland).
- I-84 West to I-205 North (Seattle).
- From here just follow the signs to the Airport. They want you to find it. It's well-marked all the way.