

April 30, 1993

Dear 1993 Midwest Morris Ale Participants:

We're delighted you're coming to the Midwest Ale. This letter contains a great deal of information, some of it very detailed, so reading it closely is advised. You may also want to make copies and distribute them to your teammates. This could forestall many questions later. **IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE: REMEMBER YOUR RAINGEAR AND MOSQUITO REPELLENT!**

- **SITE:** Our facilities at Camp Algonquin are very beautiful, and the management has asked us all to abide by their rules in order to keep it that way. **Please note: there will be no smoking outdoors anywhere in the camp (or in sleeping areas)!** We will set aside some indoor space for smokers. Also, animals encountered on the camp grounds are not to be approached. If an animal appears injured, you may notify the manager on duty. There is to be no overt consumption of alcoholic beverages outdoors. Use your discretion.
- **FEES & REGISTRATION:** Due to the quality of the site, and prices in the greater Chicago area, the fee for this Ale will be higher than in years past. **Due to space and logistics limitations, Ale registration will be capped at 200!** **Please note, first come, first served.** The fee will be \$80 per person if paid before April 15, \$90 thereafter. Children under 4 may attend for no charge, and the fee for children 4-12 will be \$35. From 12 and up, the adult fee applies. **Please make your checks (one check per team) payable to "Midwest Morris Ale."** There is a limited amount of "family housing" (designated quiet space). Please indicate on the registration form who and how many will need it.
- **TOURING:** We have planned tours in the city of Chicago on Saturday, and short tours to local towns on Sunday morning. Two important points regarding touring: the bus rides on Saturday to and from the city will be L-O-N-G, so plan on songs, tunes, naps, etc. to pass the time. Also, state laws forbid children under 3 from riding on school buses. If you are a child under 3, ask your parents to take you in their car, or to make other arrangements for you. If your team needs to tour with a certain other team (ie, you are sharing dancers or musicians), let us know in advance, on your registration form.
- **WORKSHOPS:** Four simultaneous workshop sessions are planned. Two volunteers have come forward to teach rapper and Lancaster Processional (Northwest clog), respectively. BYO clogs and rappers. Also, for the Northwest workshop, Jan has asked that participants bring two wooden dowels, about 12" long, decorated with ribbons, etc. Jan also needs musicians to volunteer for the workshop and for a possible mass Lancaster, if everything goes all right. Negotiations are underway with two other workshop leaders as well.
- **MISC:** There will be a contra dance in camp one night and skits the following night. If you would like to call for the contra dance, please indicate this on the registration form. If you want to use original or unusual music (ie, something other than standards), please enclose a copy of the sheet music. Regarding skits, there are two rules: **Only 1 skit per team, and only 5-10 minutes per skit.** These rules are for everyone's safety and comfort. T shirts will be available primarily in large and extra-large, with a limited number of mediums. They will be all cotton, and are \$10 each. Indicate sizes and quantities on the registration form. Also indicate air travel plans if you need someone from the Ale to pick you up at the airport or Algonquin commuter rail station.

Camp address and phone (emergency only!): Camp Algonquin, 1889 Cary Road,
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TEAMS EXPECTED FOR 1993 MIDWEST ALE

Ann Arbor Morris & Sword

Bloomington Quarry Morris

Winnipeg Mountain Morris

Olentangy Motley Morris & Sword

Oak Apple Morris

Grand Rapids Reformed Morris

Merry Heymakers

Bells of the North

Uptown-on-Calhoun

Prairie Waves Morris

Sourwood Morris

Muddy Creek Morris

Cornell College Morris

Greenwood Morris

Minnesota Traditional Morris

Malt Mill Morris

Green Fiddle Morris

(quite an impressive bunch, eh?)

Tentative Schedule for Midwest Ale 1993

Friday evening: welcome in, final registration, set-up, mass dance practice, general partying

Saturday: brief mass dancing in camp, depart for tours in Chicago, lunch & pub stops on tour, mass dancing at Buckingham Fountain, ride home, showers, dinner, contra dance, pick-up morris, singing, general partying

Sunday: tours in the beautiful, rural area surrounding camp, lunch on tour, mass dancing, ride home, workshops, dinner, skits, pick-up morris, singing, general partying

Monday morning: breakfast, clean-up (volunteers will be kissed and hugged enthusiastically), farewells (sniff), little to no partying