

March 20, 1989

Dear Fellow Morris and Sword Dancers,

Yes, for the low, low price of \$52.99, you may register for the 1989 Midwest Morris Ale. But this offer is only good through May 1. So act now, operators are not standing by. Instead, you may order by simply filling out the enclosed registration form and sending us your check or money order (credit cards not accepted). Plus, the first 200 people who register will receive a free Morris button with their name handwritten upon it. So write us now while there are still some left.

Cost: While the fee is up somewhat over last year's original price, we have worked extremely hard to bring it down to this. Through a grant from the city of Boulder and their subsequent agreement to allow us to use Boulder school buses, we were able to save over \$10 dollars a person. Thus, our final cost will be \$52.99 per adult, \$27 for children over six, and free for children 6 and under. T-shirts are \$7 and may only be ordered before the Ale. So get yours while they are hot.

Travel: If you are coming by car or chartered bus, we will send you a map and directions when you register. If you are flying, the closest airport is Stapleton International in Denver. We will have someone meet your plane, take your luggage (if you wish), and direct you to the Boulder bus (cost \$2, time 75 minutes) which leaves from the airport. In Boulder, someone else will meet you, drop you at our central clearinghouse for eventual transport to Gold Hill and a reunion with your luggage. If you come early, we will provide some form of pick-up and a place to crash that night in Boulder/Denver. By train or bus, the plan will be the same except that you will catch the Boulder bus from the Denver bus station, which is two blocks from the train station. We apologize for not picking you up individually, but the numbers would overwhelm our resources.

Please be sure when you register to let us know the details of your flight (or train) -- airline, flight number, departure point and arrival time. And we would also appreciate your wearing some form of Morris attire, such as a hat, so we can identify you as you arrive.

Accommodations: The key point about accommodations is that we have only 150 beds in camp, which we will allocate on a first registered, first served basis. If you are not planning on tent camping, get your applications in early. There is plenty of room for tent camping, for those who wish. Be forewarned that Gold Hill is at 8000 ft., so lows will probably be around 35 degrees F. Bring the heavy sleeping bag. Unfortunately, as the camp cost is on an in camp basis, there is no difference in price for beds or camping.

As for the sleeping facilities themselves, there are 5 outlying cabins holding 15 to 40 persons each and some dormitory style rooms in the main building. If you want quieter sleeping quarters (i.e. in a cabin) please mark it on the registration form and we will try to accommodate you. There are hot showers both in the main building and in the cabins, and a swimming pool which we are hoping to have open.

Food: We will provide party type snacks Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, three meals on Saturday and Sunday, and a good-bye breakfast on Monday. Please indicate your preference for vegetarian meals on the registration form. If you require any other special diet, please indicate it on the back of the registration form and we will try to accommodate you. Beer will be both home brew provided by the Maroon Bells brewmeister, Bill Hall, and regular beer, but we drew the line at Coors. So sorry.



Official Airlines: For those of you wishing to fly Continental, the official airlines of the 1989 MMA, the number to call is 1-800-468-7022. This is not their normal 800 number. You then make your reservation and tell them that you are with plan # EZ 5P28. The savings are 5% off of their normal supersaver fares. This will also hold true for Eastern if they are flying. For non-Supersaver fares the percentage savings are greater -- up to 50%, but the cost will still be greater than Supersaver. The situation in which this will save the most is if you decide to fly at the last minute.

Registration: Please fill out BOTH sides of the registration form. Print names clearly and the way you want them to appear on your Ale button. Make your checks payable to Colorado Morris and send your checks and the registration form to Sharon LaTourrette at the address printed on the form. When you arrive at the camp, we will have a registration booth in the main building together with a place to pick up your T-shirts and your buttons.

Late Registration: Registration forms are due May 1. Late registrations should include an extra \$5 per person. This cost reflects the added expense associated with last minute changes.

#### Miscellany. . . . .

1. Sharon and I will be out of town between May 3 and May 22. Our assistant registrar will be picking up our mail, so any registration forms sent late will still be registered. However, if you have any questions about your registration during that period, please feel free to call Debbie Lienhart at (303) 669-3637. If you need answers during that period about the music, dances, or general Ale questions, please call Steve Winograd at (303) 447-8578.

2. Bring all the obvious needs for a weekend of camping (flashlights, rain gear, band-aids, towels, Don't panic buttons, etc.....) but you can leave your bug spray behind you as our mosquitos should not be out yet. Please remember that you will be camping at 8000 feet and pack some warm gear for the evenings.

Also, do remember that even at 5000 feet, much less 8000, ultraviolet rays pack a wallop -- so bring your suntan lotion. Even relatively cool days in Colorado can give people bad cases of sunburn.

Teams are responsible for their own FIRST AID on tour and in camp. For medical emergencies, we will have a doctor (a dancer in his residency) present.

3. We will not be providing child care. At camp, we will provide a list of other parents bringing children. We encourage you to get together to provide for your needs.

If you have any further questions on anything relating to the Ale, please write them on the registration form and we will get back to you. If you need an immediate answer, you can call us at (303)663-5031 except for the dates listed.

We are looking forward to seeing you all shortly. Be there. Aloha.

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