

Dear Fellow Ritual Dancers,

You are now officially registered for the 1990 Midwest Morris Ale, and are now privy to all the nitty-gritty information necessary to enjoy this Ale to the max. In this mailing you will find information regarding important people and numbers, travel details, a tentative schedule, details about the accommodations and the site, suggested accourrement, and other and sundry information.

Contact and Emergency Numbers:

Up until the evening of Thursday, May 24, (no later than 10:30 pm CDT, please!) questions can be directed to Beth Hennessy at (612) 522-9465. The morning of Friday, May 25 you could try to reach Beth at home. If not successful, try the camp emergency number: (612) 433-3446. By noon on Friday and through noon Monday, this number will be staffed or will be connected to an answering machine, which will be checked regularly. This number can be given to anyone who might need to contact you during the course of the Ale.

Travel Details:

Enclosed is a map and directions to our beautiful Ale site at Camp Lakamaga. If you are flying, and have not yet sent specific flight information, we'd like to receive it by Friday, May 18, or before. Without enough advance notice we cannot guarantee that your pick-up will be as efficient as one might hope. Upon arrival at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, please proceed to the baggage claim area, gather up your assorted and sundry belongings and repair to the outside door opposite claim areas #6 and #7 (this is also where signs direct you to taxi and limousine service). Approximately 30 minutes after your flight arrival time, you will be met at this door by the "Morris Mobile," identifiable by a green ribbon tied to the antenna. Past experience has proven that it is helpful if you are decked out in appropriate Morris attire - button covered hat, bells or the like.

Accommodations:

Showers: Yes Virginia, there are showers, and, we are told, plenty

of hot water. They take the form of both gang, outdoor showers and a limited number of indoor individual ones, thereby able to meet all exhibitionistic and modesty standards. Housing: The "cabins" are mostly platform tents, consisting of a wooden floor (a few steps up off the ground) and a canvas tent structure on top. There is no mosquito netting, no electricity, and no easy way to hang clothing. Mattresses are provided which will be either on cots or on the floor. Each platform tent sleeps about 4 (more if you are friendly). This may all be very familiar if you were a girl scout/boy scout in a former life. Because of our location near lakes (10,000 as you may have heard), we expect that there will be a few mosquitoes. We highly recommend bringing bug goop and possibly even mosquito netting. The site is fairly spread out and has virtually no outdoor lighting. This combined with it being a time of a new moon, means flashlights are not just a good idea, they are a necessity for nighttime jaunts to the loo. Toilet facilities are comprised of flush toilets in the main buildings and pit privies scattered throughout the site. Cooking Facilities: We will be providing all meals; however, if you have special dietary needs there are several buildings equipped with full kitchens (refrigerator, sink, stove, oven). If you wish to use these facilities, please let us know when you check in.

Things To Bring:

Bring all the obvious needs for a weekend of camping (flashlights and batteries, bug spray/mosquito netting, rain gear, calamine lotion, warm clothes, sleeping bags, alarm clocks) and Morris dancing (kit, hankies, bells, sticks, etc.). We will have some basic First Aid supplies, but it is recommended that teams supplement with their own.

Odds and Ends:

- * If you have First Aid training, please let us know when you check in.
- * Deer ticks this area is known to have Lyme-disease-carrying deer ticks. The registration packet you receive at check-in will include information about this. It is also recommended that all practice appropriate grooming behavior.

* No smoking is allowed in any structures. Also, while we have had rain recently, we are still experiencing drought conditions, so extreme care and caution should be taken with any burning material outside.

* Skits/spoof dances - contact Rick Nagler if you are interested in making a fool of yourself. Please try to limit your creativity to one outburst per team.

We look forward to seeing you. Capers!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE MIDWEST MORRIS ALE 1990

Friday, May 25

3:00 p.m. on Arrival, registration 9:00 p.m. Mass Dance practice

Saturday, May 26

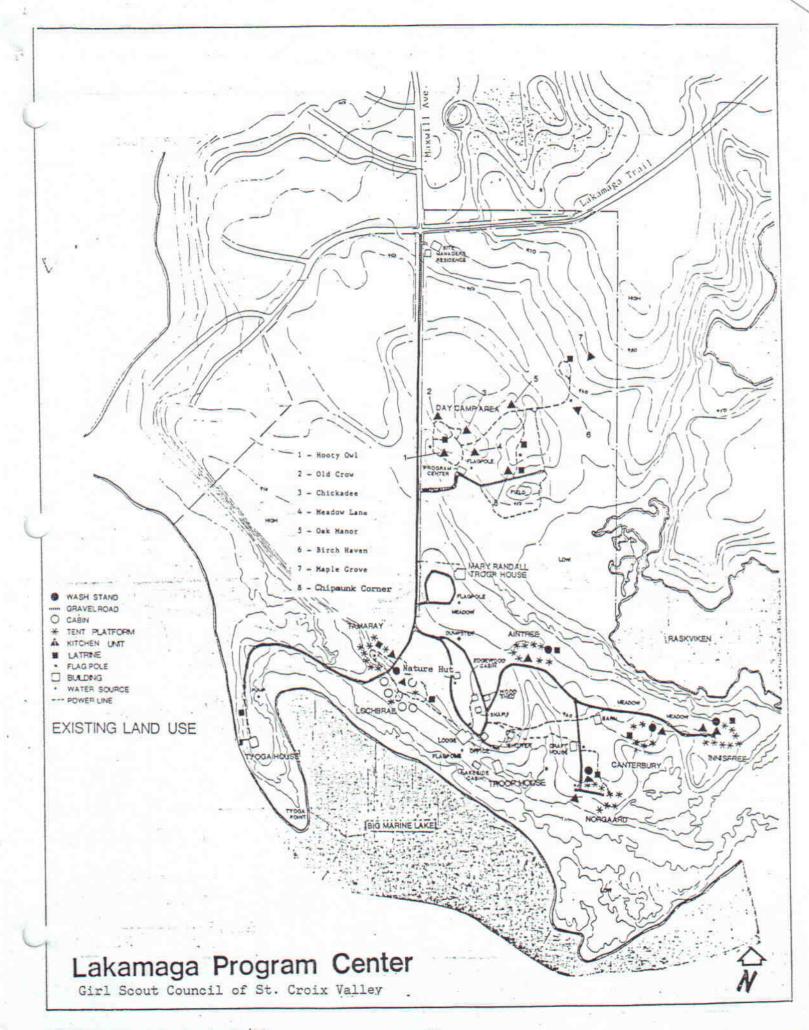
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Squires meeting/musicians meeting
9:15 a.m.	Line up for Soldier Oh processional
9:30 a.m.	Mass Dancing
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (in camp)
12:30 p.m.	Depart camp in buses for tours
7:00 p.m.	Dinner (in camp)
8:30 p.m.	Contra Dance, etc.

Sunday, May 27

8:30 a.		Breakfast
9:30 a.	m.	Workshops
Noon		Lunch (in camp)
1:00 p.		Depart camp in buses for tours
6:30 p.		Squire/Forefolks meeting about future Ales
7:00 p.	m.	Dinner (in camp)
8:30 p.		Fun and frivolity

Monday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Breakfast and farewells

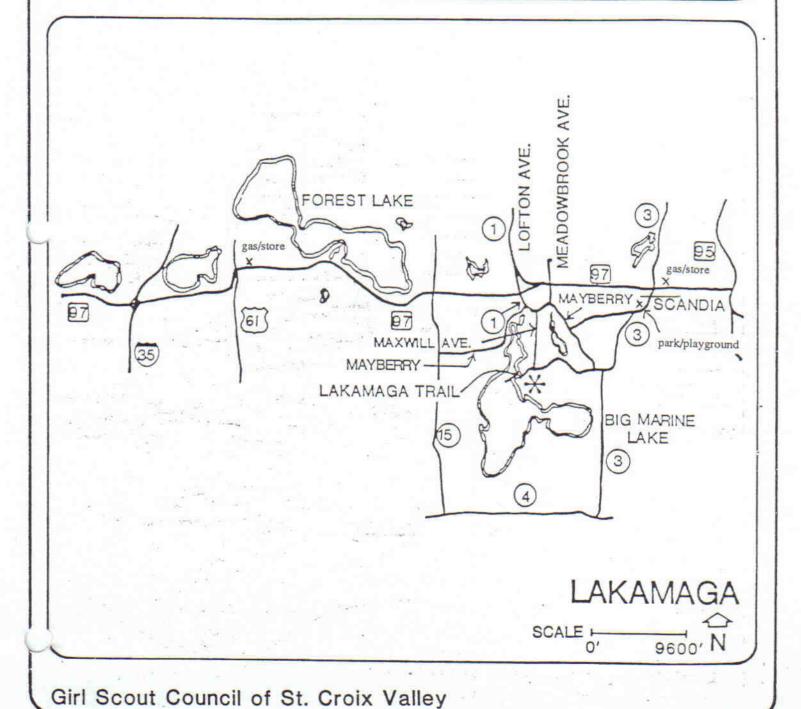


DIRECTIONS

- From the West, South and North: Take I-35 to Highway 97 (2 miles south of Forest Lake, exit # 129). Exit and follow east to County Rd. 1 (about 8 1/2 miles), turn right on gravel road (Lofton Avenue) for 1/4 mile and turn left at fork in the road. After 1/4 mile turn right onto Maxwill Avenue and follow into camp.

- From East: Drive on Highway 95 north from Stillwater, or north on Highway 95 from I-94 near the Hudson Bridge, to Highway 97 (near Scandia), take Highway 97 west to County Rd. 1 (about 4 1/2 miles), turn left (south) onto gravel road (Lofton Avenue),

and follow directions given above from County Road 1.



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