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1991 Midwest Morris Ale Tenth Anniversary 1981-1991

May 1, 1991

GREETINGS FROM KANSAS CITY!

You are now officially registered for the 1991 Midwest Morris Ale. In this Mailing you will find information regarding important people and numbers, travel details, a tentative Ale schedule, details about the accommodations and the site, suggested accouterments, and other information.

Contact & Emergency Numbers:

You may contact either Carol Doms (913) 432-6582 or Tom & Janet Stewart at (816) 587-7320 until Thursday before the Ale. Camp Shawnee's phone number is (816) 891-9772 and is good from Friday through Monday during the Ale.

Travel Details:

Enclosed is a map and directions to Camp Shawnee. If you are coming by common carrier (airline, bus, or Amtrack) and have not yet sent us specific nformation on how to meet you, we would like to receive it by May 17 or efore. Without enough advance notice we can not guarantee that your pickup will be as efficient as one might hope. At the airport we will be picking up people with a vehicle with green ribbons 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:

Cabins are arranged in groups with approximately 40 beds per group. Cabins range from 4 to 20 cots per cabin. All cabins are of uninsulated wood frame construction and have glass windows, except for one group which has canvas shutters over screened windows. The cabins are not heated and have minimal or no electricity. It is highly recommended that you bring warm blankets and/or sleeping bags, since we can not guarantee that the weather will be nice during our stay. Also flashlights are a must since some of the cabins do not have any electricity or have only one light for the entire cabin. Don't even think of using high power blow driers in the cabins. You may bring lamps (Battery powered or propane lights. No liquid fueled portables please. (Fire safety.)

Each group of cabins has hot showers in an outdoor facility along with flush toilets and sinks. There are also indoor toilets and shower facilities near the dining hall available for our use.

Things to bring:

Bring all the obvious needs for a weekend of camping (flashlights, batteries, bug spray, rain gear, appropriate clothing, sleeping bags, first aid kit, etc.) and Morris Dancing (Kit, bells, hankies, sticks, rapper swords [if you have 'em] etc.)

Odds & ends:

- * The weather in Kansas City over Memorial Weekend should be warm, <u>However</u> the weather does whatever it pleases, regardless of what we would like for the Ale. It would be wise to pack warm clothes along with lighter clothing.
- * The gates to Camp Shawnee will be locked after 10 PM. For those coming in late on Friday, <u>don't panic!</u> we will have someone on hand to open the gate for you.
- * Registration at the camp will be open at 12:00 noon on Friday.
- * The Contra Dance and the Mass dance practice will be at the dining hall. The floor is poured, painted concrete.
- * If you have <u>First Aid Training</u> please let us know when you check in.
- * No smoking is allowed in any of the structures.
- * The swimming pool is off limits.
- * Notes and Music for South Australia are courtesy of Bells of the North.
- * Our thanks to the Prairie Waves for noticing that we sent the wrong variation of the music for Black Joke, Constant Billy, and Lads-a-Buncham. They have supplied us with the correct music which is enclosed.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Carol Doms, Chair

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Tenative Ale Schedule

Friday, May 24

(As needed) Pick up teams from common carriers.

12:00 Noon: Registration opens. 10:00 PM: Mass Dance practice.

Saturday, May 25

7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast.

8:30 AM: Squires' Meeting

9:00-11:00 AM: Mass Dance at the camp.

11:00-12:00: Lunch. 12:30-6:30 PM: Touring. 6:30-7:30 PM: Dinner

8:00-11:30 PM: Contra Dance.

Sunday, May 26

7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast. 9:00-11:00 AM: Workshops. 11:30-12:30: Lunch.

12:30-6:30 PM: Touring. 6:30-7:30 PM: Dinner

8:00-???: Skit/Awards Night.

Monday, May 27

7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast.

(As needed) Drop off teams at the common carriers.

8:30-???: Camp Cleanup.

12:00 Noon: Camp closes.

