

20th Annual Midwest Morris Ale

Dear Fellow Morris Dancers,

Plans for the 2000 Midwest Morris Ale are progressing well. We have received positive responses from 21 teams and expect about 175 people to attend.

<i>Yes, Definitely!</i>		<i>Definite Maybe</i>	
<i>Team</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>State</i>
Uptown-On-Calhoun Morris	MN	Mill Creek Morris	OH
Prairie Waves Morris	NE	Rant and Raven	AK
Maroon Bells Morris	CO	Millstone River Morris	NJ
Ravenswood Morris	IL	Olentangy Motley Morris & Sword	OH
Blue Ox NorthWest Morris	MN	Greenwood Morris	FL
Commonwealth Morris Men	NH		
Bells of the North	MN		
Minnesota Traditional Morris	MN		
Ramsey's Braggarts	MN		
Oak Apple Morris	WI		
Winnipeg Mountain Morris	ON		
Squash Beetle Morris	KY		
Ann Arbor Morris & Sword	MI		
Grand Rapids Reformed Morris	MI		
Mayfield Morris & Sword	NS		
Capering Roisters	MO		

Enclosed in this packet you will find the information you need to register for the Ale. If you need more information, enclose a note on your registration form or call or email Anne Peterson at (612) 425-0986 or petersoa@juno.com.

List of forms to return:

Mandatory:

1. Registration & T-Shirt Order Form – Complete this and return it to Tanith Korravai with a check made out to **Midwest Morris Ale** by April 22, 2000. Registrations received after that date will be subject to a \$10 per person late fee. Really, we mean it.

Optional:

2. Dietary Needs Form – list food allergies and dietary restrictions. This helps us plan the meals. We will make a reasonable effort to accommodate your needs.
3. Child Care Registration Form – sign up children who need day care.
4. Child Care Provider Form – sign up to volunteer to care for kids.
5. Traditions Form – list all the traditions that your team is willing to dance with partial teams.
6. Workshop Leader Form – sign up to lead a workshop
7. Family Housing Form – list family housing preferences
8. Travel Form – tell us your travel arrangements if you are coming by plane, train or bus and need to be picked up. This form must be returned to Tanith Korravai by May 6, 2000.

After you register you will receive another mailing with maps, more details about the camp, and a tentative schedule.

We look forward to seeing you in May!!!

-The Twin Cities Morris Community

Return forms to: Tanith Korravai 3600 - 18th Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55407

Ale Information

SITE:

Camp Ojiketa sprawls across 85 acres beside Green Lake near Chisago City, MN. The site, some 50 miles north of the Twin Cities, was purchased in 1926 by the Minnesota Camp Fire Council. Camp Ojiketa, which means "sweetness of life" features 3,000 feet of lakeshore, 65 buildings, an ancient Cranberry Bog and numerous hiking trails.

The multi-story dining hall has plenty of room for dancing, jam sessions, and other social activities. Also, the cozy sitting rooms found in the nicer cabins offer additional space for renewing cherished friendships.

Finally, there is no credible evidence to support ignorant local myths about a creature that emerges from the lake by night to feed on white clad sacrificial dancers.

COST:

We tried hard to keep the Ale fee down, but it came out a bit higher than we hoped. (Buses for the tours were really expensive.) On the bright side, this includes beer, food from the Seward Café and a good live contra dance band!

Ale fees, per person:

Lodges - \$120.00

Standard Cabins - \$115.00

Rustic Cabins - \$110.00

Tenting - \$110.00

Children age 6 - 12 (regardless of housing) - \$60.00

Children 5 and under - free

All registration forms and checks are due by Saturday April 22, 2000. After that date a late fee of \$10.00 per person will be assessed. You may register on site, but you will be charged the late fee. This fee reflects the added expenses associated with last minute changes. Since we have not yet joined the world of e-commerce, electronic registration submissions will not be accepted.

HOUSING:

There are four kinds of housing available at the camp. All lodges and cabins have electricity.

1. **Lodges** - There are 4 lodges available. They sleep 16 or 32 people each in bunk beds. They are newer buildings with a kitchenette, living room with fireplace, toilets and showers. We have room for 72 people in the lodges.
2. **Standard Cabins** - There are 5 cabins with indoor plumbing. Cabins sleep 6-12 people in bunk beds. All have toilets and all but one have showers in the cabin. All have living rooms, and several have fireplaces. We have room for 36 people in these cabins.
3. **Rustic Cabins** - There are 7 rustic wood cabins that sleep 8-10 each in bunk beds. These have electricity but no plumbing. These all share 2 separate shower buildings. Each shower building has 2 showers, 2 sinks and 4 (plumbed) toilets. We have room for 70 people in these cabins.
4. **Tent** - There is tent space for all who will. BYOT. Tenters will use the same shower facilities that serve the rustic cabins.

TRAVEL:

The closest airport is Minneapolis/St. Paul International. The closest train station is in St. Paul. The closest Greyhound bus station is in Minneapolis. Complete and return the attached Travel Form as soon as possible. We need to have all travel information by May 6, 2000. We would appreciate your wearing some form of Morris attire, such as a hat or bells, so we can identify you as you arrive. Or just wave a hankie. Information on airport/train station/bus station pickup will be sent with your Travel Form confirmation. If a significant number of people need to leave before the tours on Sunday, please note this on the travel form as it will affect tour assignments.

FOOD:

Will be provided on a regular basis. We will provide snacks on Friday night and three meals on Saturday and Sunday and a breakfast on Monday. Please indicate your food preferences and/or allergies, if you have any, on the Dietary Needs Form.

TOUR BUS:

The tour buses will be school buses. Children under 40 pounds must be in a car seat. If your child is under 40 pounds, you must provide a car seat in order to ride the bus. Straps are provided for car seats. Child care will be provided during tour times. If parents with small children wish to drive their car to tour sites, we will provide maps and reimburse parking expenses. Also, there is limited space on the tour buses, so non-registered groupies should provide their own transportation.

CHILD CARE:

Child care will be provided during the tours, for the Saturday evening contra dance and Sunday morning during the workshops. If you wish to take advantage of the child care please fill out the enclosed Child Care Form, indicating the names and ages of your children. You must sign up ahead of time to be guaranteed a place. Child care will be provided starting 15 minutes prior to the start of the event, and end shortly after the event is over.

In addition, we can offer a discount on the Ale fee to a few non-dancing people willing to do some child care. Some experience is required (e.g. being a parent, baby-sitting regularly). If interested, complete the enclosed Child Care Provider Form or call Derek Phillips at (612) 870-4055.

WORKSHOPS:

We received very few suggestions for workshops. Please sign up on the enclosed form if you can lead a workshop. If no one comes up with some more offerings, you will be subject to learning traditional Minnesota pastimes. At this time the workshops being considered reflect the special nature of life in Minnesota:

- Ice Fishing
- Harvesting Wild Rice
- Making your own Lutefisk
- Snowshoe Repair
- Excavation of Cranberry Bog Mummies

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Family Housing - One of the lodges has been set aside for family housing. Families requesting family housing should indicate this on the Registration Form and fill out the Family Housing Form. Since there is limited room for family housing, it will be assigned first-come, first-served, based on the registration postmark.

Quiet Housing - People wanting quiet housing (i.e., lights out at 10, no midnight songfests in the living room) can indicate this on the Registration Form. We will attempt to house together those wanting quiet space, at each price level.

Please indicate on the Registration Form the type of housing you prefer and pay the appropriate amount for that housing. Housing will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis when your registration form is received. If the type of housing you requested is full, you will either receive a refund for the difference when you arrive, or can pay to upgrade to a higher housing level.

ALCOHOL:

The Minnesota Campfire Council does not normally allow the use of alcohol at their camps, but we have negotiated the following rules that will allow us to serve alcohol.

1. All Minnesota state laws regarding the use of alcohol will be obeyed.
2. No one under the age of 21 is allowed to drink alcohol.
3. Alcohol use will be in the vicinity of the dining hall only. (The dining hall is also the dance hall.)
4. We may serve beer only.
5. If the site manager feels that we are "out of control", he can ask that the alcohol be removed.

T-SHIRTS:

This is a draft of the logo:

MIDWEST MORRIS ALE
2000
MINNESOTA

It will be in multi-colored printing on the front of probably light-colored shirts (or on forest green - we're not sure yet.) Shirts will be 100% cotton. All shirts must be pre-ordered and paid for with registration; we will not print extras to sell at the Ale.

Prices are \$10.00 for short-sleeved t-shirts and \$15.00 for long-sleeved t-shirts.

TRADITIONS:

We need to know all the traditions your team feels comfortable doing. We will use this information when assigning partial teams to tour groups.

MASS DANCES:

Mass dance information will be sent out separately at the end of this month.

REGISTRATION:

Please complete all necessary forms. Clearly print names on the registration form the way you want them to appear on your Ale button. Make your checks payable to **Midwest Morris Ale**. Registration forms and check need to be returned by **April 22, 2000**. **A late fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged after that date.** To be sure your registration arrives in time, mail the information on April 15, 1995 (with your taxes!). Registration will be refunded minus a \$10.00 handling fee if notice of cancellation is received by May 12, 1995. No refunds will be guaranteed after that date. Refunds will be mailed after the Ale.

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Child Care Signup

Team Name:

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Child Care Provider Signup

[illegible]

Return by May 6, 2000

Travel Form

Team Name: _____

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