

1997 Midwest Morris Ale General Advice and Miscellaneous Poop

1. **Emergency phone number** - In case of emergency, the Bethel Horizons phone number is 608-935-5885.
2. **Confirmation of reservations** - Everyone that asked for inside accommodations has been given them, and we have some left, if anyone wants to change from tenting to indoors.
3. **Special diets** - All the special diets that we know about (i.e. the ones you filled out on the form) will be accommodated.
4. **ETA/ETD Information** - We need to know Estimated Times of Arrival and Departure for everyone who needs transport to Bethel. Please give us the news as soon as you can. (*Maroon Bells! When will you arrive?*)
5. **Childcare** - There will be space for childcare, but parents will need to provide it. There will be an organizational signup sheet at the registration desk. Toys and the like are pretty much up to you.
6. **Weather** - Spring weather in Wisconsin is notoriously unpredictable. The average last frost day is May 10. *Bring warm clothes.* Rain is (as we know) fairly likely. *Bring raingear.* Also, teams need to *bring umbrellas to cover the musicians while they are playing.* On the other hand, it can reach the high 70's or even 80, so bring sun screen .
7. **Keeping warm** - The nights can get very cold, and tenting on damp ground can get truly miserable if you don't have adequate warmies. If you have a Kmart-type sleeping bag, you might consider a blanket to wrap around it, for instance.
8. **Camping stuff** - bring bedding, towels, personal items, a suitable cup or other potable fluid container, flashlight and bug dope. The footing can be damp even if it doesn't rain, and there are interesting walks you may want to try.
9. **Tenting** - If you want to tent but do not have one, or bringing it creates serious hardship, tell us soon. We may be able to scrounge some tents from friends and neighbors, but we need to know how many.
10. **Activities** - We are still looking for workshop leaders...please try to think of something to share. In addition, we will be searching for callers for the Saturday night Contra Dance. Sign up at the registration desk, or see Frances Hough, or both. Also, after the band is done, if people want to continue dancing, and there are callers willing to do the necessary, we will also need volunteer musicians willing to play for a while. The usual Sunday night madness is on the schedule, so if you need to bring equipment to amaze the multitudes at the ceili, be sure to bring it.

This ale will be somewhat unusual in that the whole group will be together most of the time. We will start dancing out early on Saturday at the Farmers' Market, on the 4 corners of the Capitol grounds. There will be a lot of mass dancing, both Saturday at Blue Mounds State Park, and Sunday at Governor Dodge State Park. We thought dancing was more fun than traveling from stand to stand, and acted accordingly. So you may want to have a couple of backup show dances as well as your actual ones (count on 2).

Address questions and send information to Barbara at 76402.166@compuserve.com or John at jpstott@src.wisc.edu. John is away for the week of 5/12, so plan accordingly. See you soon!

Travel to 1997 the Midwest Morris Ale

- * Air: the nearest airport is the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison. The van Galder Bus Company (608-257-5593) provides bus service to Madison from Chicago O'Hare. Badger Coaches (608-255-6771) provide service to Madison from Mitchell Field in Milwaukee.
- * Car: the campsite is located about five miles North of Dodgeville, WI. Turn off State Highway 23 onto Iowa County Highway ZZ and proceed about a mile East. Bethel Horizons is down a short dirt road to the South.
- * Car Rental: Madison and the Airport have the usual rental companies. You should book in advance, both for lower rates and to ensure that there is a car for you. If you have reserved a car at the airport and your flight is delayed until outside normal operating hours then the rental company will normally wait for you if you have a reservation.
- * Ship: the nearest port is Milwaukee but there are no passenger services. There is a car ferry from Luddington, MI, to Manitowoc (North of Milwaukee).
- * Taxi: the fare from Madison to the camp site is about \$80 (about \$10 more from the Airport). If you are arriving at some weird time when we can't meet you then this may be your only choice apart from car rental. The fare from the Airport to downtown (where we shall be on Saturday till mid afternoon) is about \$10.
Badger Cab 608-256-5566
Madison Taxi 608-255-8294 800-894-3866
Union Cab 608-242-2000
- * Train: there is an Amtrak request stop at Columbus, North East of Madison. You will need prior arrangements for transport from there.

Transport to Bethel

Oak Apple is able to provide some shuttling from the Madison Airport, and has arranged to transport the participants it knows about. If you will need transport, and you have not yet told us about it, please E mail Barbara at 76402.166@compuserve.com. We will get back individually to people who are looking for transport.

If you have already gotten a response from John, we know about you and you needn't tell us again, unless your plans change. Thanks.