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Greetings!

All that's left to do between now and May 25 is to hope that everything goes according to our plans and to dance for good weather.

The Ale home will be at McCormick's Creek State Park. Registration will be at Camp Na Wa Kwa (known as "Group Camp" on the enclosed park brochure) which has kitchen facilities, showers, and bunk houses with beds (bring you own bedding). Some people requested tent space instead of the bunk facilities, and Na Wa Kwa only accommodates 100 people anyway, so we're also trying to reserve some space in the primitive camping area. If anyone on your team has a strong preference for either Na Wa Kwa or the primitive camping, please let me know as soon as possible.

Admission to the park is \$1.50 per car. If you arrive after midnight, tell the gatekeeper you are part of the Na Wa Kwa party. You can present your receipt at the park office to receive a pass which will enable you to leave and return to the park as many times as you wish during the weekend without paying again. We're providing transportation for Saturday's touring, but not for the dance in Spencer Saturday night or the church tour on Sunday, so it's a good idea to get the pass.

I've been asked to provide information about motel accommodations. Bloomington has the usual assortment of motels - Ramada Inn, Holiday Inn, Best Western, etc., etc. There are also a few locally owned and operated places. McCormick's Creek State Park, however, operates the Canyon Inn within the park, and its rates seem comparable with other motels. A room with one double bed is \$26-28, two double beds would cost \$28-30, a roll-away bed or crib is \$3 extra. If you would like me to make a reservation, please send me your name, address, phone number, and one night's room rate, which the Inn requires to hold the reservation.

As I explained in my first letter, we're going to need help with kitchen and dining room clean-up, so at least one person from each team should be prepared to do so at some time during the weekend. Camp Na Wa Kwa is equipped with a manual dishwashing system. We'll also need volunteer musicians and callers for an informal dance Sunday night.

Two-hour workshops will be held on Sunday. We have been able to schedule the following volunteers to teach: Libbie Henderson, Bells of the North, will teach the Minneapolis on Minnesota tradition; Ted Hodapp, Minnesota Traditional Morris, will teach a Longborough jig; Keith Garbutt, Cornstalk Morris, will give a mumming workshop, and Frank Hall, Bloomington Quarry Morris, will teach longsword. Someone else from our team will be roped into leading a clogging session. We're still trying to find someone to give a workshop in fooling, and we may have a beer making workshop. Squires, please inform the above-named teachers as soon as you can so they can prepare!

If you have any questions, please contact me at my new address (see above) or phone number. Looking forward to another great Ale!



