

**MIDWEST MORRIS ALE 1996**  
**Ann Arbor Morris & Sword**  
**24-27 May, 1996**

March 1996

Dear Dancers:

WAHOO! I mean greetings. Here is your registration & info packet including hopefully everything you need to register for, and get yourselves to, the Ale. This packet contains:

- Registration forms and (many) other signup sheets
- Info page
- Directions and maps

It appears that the company in Hell will be excellent. The following teams will be represented:

Ann Arbor Morris & Sword	(your humble hosts)	Merry Heymakers	Kansas City, KS
Afon Glas Morris	Chicago, IL	Middlesex Morris	Boston, MA
Bells of the North	Minneapolis, MN	Mill Creek Morris	Cincinnati, OH
Berkeley Morris	Berkeley, CA	Millstone River Morris	Princeton, NJ
Bloomington Quarry Morris	Bloomington, IN	Oak Apple Morris	Madison, WI
Capering Roisters	St. Louis, MO	Olentangy Motley Morris & Sword	Columbus, OH
Fast & Loose Rapper	Rochester, NY	Pittsburgh Miscellaneous Morris	Pittsburgh, PA
Forest City Morris & Sword	London, Ontario	Prairie Waves Morris	Omaha, NE
Goatshead Northwest Morris	London, Ontario	Ramsey's Braggarts Morris Men	Minneapolis, MN
Grand Rapids Reformed Morris	Grand Rapids, MI	Ravenswood Morris	Chicago, IL
Greenwood Morris	East Lansing, MI	Sourwood Morris	Knoxville, TN
Hole in the Bog Mummers & Morris	Port Sanilac, MI	Squash Beetle Morris	Lexington, KY
Malt Mill Morris	London, Ontario	Traverse on Boardman Morris	Traverse City, MI
Maroon Bells Morris	Denver, CO	Uptown-on-Calhoun Morris	Minneapolis, MN

Your bit is to fill out all the enclosed forms and **return them to us along with full payment by May 1**. In keeping with recent Ale tradition, forms received after that date will be charged a late fee of \$10. Make your checks payable to **Betsy Foote** and mail all the forms and checks to

Betsy Foote  
3110 Oakwood  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

If we left anything out that you need to know, write your questions on the form where it says "additional questions" and we'll get back to you, or call/email one of the folks listed below (do not send your registration forms to these people).

Strap on those accordions and head for Hell. See you there!



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## 1996 MIDWEST MORRIS ALE INFO

**Cost**—The Ale fee for adults (13 and up) is \$69. In keeping with the theme, you are encouraged to think of this as 66.6 dollars (plus a 2.4 dollar handling charge). For children 6-12 the fee is \$40, and children 5 and under attend free. There is a \$10 late fee for registering after May 1.

**Housing**—The basic sleeping facilities are one-room cabins with electricity but no heat or plumbing. Each cabin sleeps 10. Toilets and showers are nearby in separate buildings. Last time (1988) the water was pretty rusty. Tenting space is available for all who will (no discount for tenting). Also available, though in limited number, are the "Redwoods." These buildings sleep 4 people per room in twin beds (not camp cots), with each two rooms divided by a partition (not a full wall), and sharing a (nicer) bathroom with tub and shower! All this for an extra \$10 per person for the weekend (this charge also applies to children 5 and under). Please indicate your preference for "Redwoods" housing on the registration form; they will go the first ones who register for them.



### Travel

**Registration opens at 3pm on Friday. We must be out of camp by 11am on Monday!**

**Car:** Maps and directions for drivers are enclosed. Michigan law requires all children up to age 1 to ride in a car seat, and children 1-4 to be in a car seat if riding in the front.

**Plane, etc:** If you are flying, you should fly into Detroit Metropolitan airport. There is also Amtrak and bus service directly to Ann Arbor. If you need someone to pick you up at any of those terminals, fill out the Travel form and someone will meet you **at the gate**. Wait there until you make contact (if confusion arises and you need to resort to the airport intercom, use the name "Morris Dancer"). Please wear some obvious morris accouterment; the greeters will do likewise.

**T-shirts**—will feature a design resembling the sketch on this page, rendered in appropriately fiery colors, on a black, 100% cotton shirt. Available sizes are S, M, L, XL, and XXL. **T-shirts must be ordered in advance.**

**Food**—The Ale will provide snacks Friday night, three meals and snacks on Saturday and Sunday, an early breakfast on Monday, plus an assortment of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Please indicate on the registration form your preference for vegetarian or vegan meals. If you have any other special dietary restrictions, fill out the "Special Dietary Needs" form (exception: chocoholics need not fill out the form—we have you covered).

**Child Care**—At a minimum, we will provide supplies and a suitable space for child care, and a sign-up sheet or some means for interested people to coordinate child care during the Saturday and Sunday tours and the contra dance. Just in case we decide to do more than that, we ask that you fill out the "Names and Ages of Children" form.

**What to bring**—Last time we hosted the Ale it was sunny and 80 degrees all weekend. Last year we all froze our soggy tushes off. We encourage you to check weather reports in advance and be prepared. Suggested things to bring: sunscreen, bug repellent and bug bite medicine, flashlight and batteries, rain gear, warm clothes, bedding and towels, toiletries, and of course your bells, hankies, sticks, clogs and swords as applicable.

**Note:** There is a lot of poison ivy in the uncleared parts of the camp, so be prepared for that too.



**Mass Dances**—The mass dances are listed below. If you need music or dance notes, contact Carol Mohr at (313) 663-6941 (mohrc@umich.edu) and she will try to get them for you. There will be a mass dance workshop on Friday night as usual.

South Australia (Adderbury style)	Winster Processional
Waltzing Matilda (Fieldtown)	Soldier-O Processional
Vandals of Hammerwich (Lichfield)	Bonny Green Garters
Webley Twizzle (Bampton)	Abram Circle Dance
William & Nancy (Bledington)	
Lollipop Man (Ducklington)	

**Show Dances**—Each team will have the chance to do up to two show dances for the whole group. Since we are expecting a fairly large number of partial sides, partial sides are encouraged to combine forces with other partial sides for show dances, so as to keep the total number of show dances manageable. Also note the "Filling-in Traditions" form; hopefully this will help us match people up.

**Workshops**—If you would like to lead a workshop, please fill out the "Workshop Leader Signup" form. Contact Carol Mohr (see Mass Dances) for more info about workshops. Don't be shy! We've had the following requests/suggestions for workshops: Simon's Fancy, Ducklington, Bidford, Uptown-on-Calhoun, Steamfitters, Princeton-Under-Construction, Sherbourne, dances for fewer than 6, clogging, Northwest, Border, Rapper, Molly, Recruiting, 12-caper Program, yo-yo, concertina, massage

**Saturday Night Dance**—Callers, bring your notes! All calling will be by Ale participants on an open-signup basis. Musicians are also welcome to sit in with the band. Dancers, be forewarned that the hall where the dance will be held has a concrete floor.

**Emergency Phone Numbers**—After around noon on May 24th, the emergency phone number is (313) 498-9770. This is the pay phone in the dining hall, and someone will almost always be there. If and only if it is a serious emergency and no one answers at that number, call the camp directors, Joanne & Barry Maus, at (313) 498-3226.

**Pets**—No pets are allowed in camp!

## MIDWEST MORRIS ALE 1996 - REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phones \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable and mail all forms to: Betsy Foote, 3110 Oakwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**TRAVEL FORM**

Please enter information for anyone who needs to be picked up and transported to Hell.

Traveler's Name & phone number	Mode (plane, train, bus...)	Airline and Flight No. (or equivalent)	Date and time		Comments
			of arrival	of departure	

**NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN**

Please give information on all people 12 and under attending the Ale

Parent(s) Name(s)	Child's Name	Child's Age

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If we can figure out the answer, we'll get back to you!

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List any traditions your team (or members thereof) is willing to dance with partial teams.

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## Recommended Routes

### From I-94 (Chicago and beyond, Detroit and beyond)

Take I-94 from east or west to Exit #167, go north on Baker Road to Dexter (Left turn off the exit ramp from the west; right turn from the east. If you go the wrong way you'll come to a stop sign and a big green board with company names on it). Almost 3 miles from I-94, at a "T", turn left on Ann Arbor Road. (There is a Cottage Inn Pizza and Party Store here, and a traffic light). This will bring you to the center of Dexter, with another traffic light at Broad Street.

Half a mile after passing through Dexter center, bear right at the fork (where Island Lake Road goes left). You're still on the same road, but now it's called Dexter-Pinckney. North Territorial crosses it after 3.5 miles.

A total of just over 8 miles and about 15 minutes from Dexter center, turn left on Darwin Road, which is D32 (4.2 miles after North Territorial). If you miss this turn, another mile will bring you to Pinckney center.

You are now 2.5 miles from Hell. Darwin road becomes Patterson Lake Road at the next intersection. Now follow the directions "From Hell to Camp Fresh Air" below.

### From I-96 (Grand Rapids, Lansing, etc.)

Take I-96 from east or west to Exit #137, go south 10 miles on D19 to Pinckney (a right turn off either exit ramp). Confirming landmark: you will pass a motel almost immediately on the right. There are gas, food and liquor stores at this exit (turn right for the best selection), which is also called Pinckney Road.

Just under 9.5 miles from I-96 you will enter Pinckney Township (D19 is now called Pearl Street). Half a mile later, at a "T", turn right on Main Street, which is M-36. In 0.2 of a mile, turn left on South Howell, which is still D19, there is a gas station on the far corner of this intersection and a sign for the Pinckney State Recreation Area. If you miss the turn you'll pass a First of America Bank on the right and later on one of the Pinckney school buildings.

After just over a mile on south Howell, Turn right on Patterson Lake Road, which is D32. There is a stop sign here and a sign for the Pinckney Recreation Area. You are 2 miles from Hell.

Now follow the directions "From Hell to Camp Fresh Air" below.

### From US 23 (Wherever logical)

This route is packed with food and liquor and restaurants, but coming from I-94 or I-96 is preferable.

From US 23, take Exit #54, go west on M-36 about 10 miles to Pinckney. (Coming north, Exit #54 puts you right onto M-36 west. Coming south, the ramp of Exit #54 "T"s onto a minor road, so turn left at the "T" and right at the blinking red light to get onto M-36). Three miles from US 23 you'll have to turn right at a blinking light to stay on M-36. You'll enter Pinckney about 7 miles later. When you reach Pinckney, follow the directions "From I-96" (above) from where the star is, turning left on South Howell.

### From Hell to Camp Fresh Air.

Hell is three stores on Patterson Lake Road (D32): Hell Creek Party Store (food and liquor), Devil's Den gift and novelty store, and the Dam Site Inn (all on your left). Anticlimax! Camp Fresh Air is 2 miles from here.

The road will bend sharply to the left three times (marked by standard yellow traffic signs with arrows). Immediately after the third bend, where Doyle Road joins from the right, turn left on University Camp Drive (Glenbrook Road is before the turn; if you reach Graves Road, a one-lane bridge or the Pinckney Recreation Area, you've gone too far).

Bear right at the stop sign and go through the gates. The caretaker's house is to the left; continue into camp and look for registration and parking people. If worse comes to worse and you're really lost, the phone number of the camp is 313-498-9770.

Welcome!



I 96 →

US 23

I 94 →

