



March 15, 1990

Dear Fellow Ritual Dancers,

Plans for the 1990 Midwest Morris Ale are progressing well. We have received positive responses from 20 teams and expect between 175 and 200 people to attend. The teams planning to participate so far are from Colorado (Maroon Bells Morris and Rocky Mountain Morris), Illinois (Ravenswood Morris of Chicago), Indiana (Bloomington Quarry Morris), Kentucky (Castlewood Morris), Michigan (Ann Arbor Morris and Sword, Grand Rapids Reformed Morris, Hole-in-the-Bog Mummers and Morris Dancers), Minnesota (Bells of the North, Minnesota Traditional Morris, Ramsey's Braggarts, Uptown-on-Calhoun Morris Dancers), Missouri (Capering Roisters, Merry Heymakers), Nebraska (Prairie Waves Morris), New York (Greenwich Morris Men), and Wisconsin (Great River Morris, Oak Apple Morris, Oak Apple-in-Exile).

This second mailing is to provide you with more of the details of what will be happening this Memorial Day weekend in Minnesota.

Enclosed please find:

- 1. Registration form
- 2. Workshop and social activities survey
- 3. "Field Guide" information request
- 4. Mass dance list, desciptions, and music
 Please return all this information by May 1 with your
 registration fees. If any of the surveys are completed sooner
 please send in as soon as possible to help us complete tasks on
 time!

Cost. The fee is down this year, and is only \$40 for adults, \$20 for children 6 years and above, and free for children under age 6. Registration forms and fees are due May 1. Late registrants should include an additional \$5 per person. This cost reflects the added expenses associated with last minute changes. T-shirts are \$7 this year, utilizing the design featured at the top of this page. They will be printed in _____ ink on _____ shirts. T-shirts are only available by ordering now. Please indicate on the registration form the number of t-shirts, sizes, and preference for 100% cotton or 50%/50% blend.

Travel. If you are coming by car, we will send you maps and directions when you register. If you are flying, the closest airport is Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. Please be sure when you register to let us know the details of your flight (or train) - airline, flight number, departure point and arrival time. And we would appreciate your wearing some form of Morris attire, such as a hat, so we can identify you as you arrive. Information on airport pick-ups will also be sent with your registration confirmation.

Accommodations. The ale site is Camp Lakamaga, a Girl Scout camp located near Scandia, about 45 minutes north of the Twin Cities. The basic sleeping facilities are "platform tents," wooden foundations with a canvas tent structure on top, each sleeping about four. Floor mattresses are provided. Tent sites are also available. Indicate on the registration form if you are tent camping and/or if you wish quiet quarters.

Food. We will provide party type snacks Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, three meals on Saturday and Sunday, and a good-bye breakfast on Monday. Please indicate your preference for vegetarian meals on the registration form. If you require any other special diet, please indicate it on the first page of the registration form and we will try to accommodate you.

Child Care. Child care will not be provided, but a cabin space will be available for child care use and a system for parents to network will be established.

<u>Surveys.</u> Along with your registration form, we are requesting information about workshops, extracurricular activities, and general team information for the <u>Field Guide to the Morris</u>. This field guide will be given to each registrant at the Ale - no more having to ask at least ten people before you figure out which team wears that particular kit. And why they have a fish on their baldrics. Very useful for Midwest Morris sightings.

Registration. Please fill out BOTH sides of the registration form. Print names clearly and the way you want them to appear on your Ale button. Make your checks payable to ____ and send your checks, the registration form, and all survey information to: Beth Hennessy, 3100 Kyle Ave. N., Golden Valley, MN 55422.

If you have further questions on anything relating to the Ale, please write them on the registration form and we will get back to you. If you need an immediate answer, you can call Beth Hennessy at 612-825-3668 (work) or 612-522-9465 (home), or Jim Kiehne or Linda Fritschel at 612-377-8037 (they have a great message on their answering machine). You can also contact Tom Barnes by electronic mail address: _______.

We look forward to seeing you. Be there!

1990 Midwest Morris Ale: Registration

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Workshops:

Are you interested in running a workshop?

If so, on what topic:

List name/address/day and evening phone for contact:

2. What would you like to have a workshop on/about? Specify:

Do you have any suggestions for persons to run such a workshop? If so, list name/address/day and evening phone for contact:

So far the following suggestions for workshops have come up.
 Please note if these are of interest to your team.

Mumming Lichfield Ascot-under-Wychwood Sacred Harp singing (shape-note)

4. How many people would be interested in a lesbian/gay tour Sunday morning during workshops?

Contra Dance:

List your name below if you would be willing to play:

Name

Instrument

How much of the evening

List your name here if you would like to call a dance or two:

P.S. We enthusiastically encourage a limited number of innovative, imaginative, and brief skits!