

Emails from other teams:

Dear Tanith,

Please pass along to Anne & everyone else involved in making the Midwest Ale 2000 happen: I had a \*GREAT\* time at this year's Midwest Ale, it was possibly the best ale I've ever been to in 10 years of going to ales! I can't wait for next year--Marlboro can just do without me. :-> Thank you all so much for putting it together, and also for being willing to do next year's ale as well. I've talked to numerous people on several different morris sides since the ale, and they all echo the sentiments above.

GREAT JOB!!!!

Victoria Hadfield

Tanith!

This message is for all who had part in planning and executing your fabulous ale. Thank you thank you thank you for the best time I have ever had at a large gathering. Beyond the wonderful tour stops, beyond the delicious food, beyond the lovely and comfortable site, beyond the well planned not rushed days, beyond the excellent hot diggety damn contra band, beyond the motivating workshop (Kid's Morris) I took, beyond people making sure that I had what I needed and wanted at all times, was a really warm, friendly, inclusive feeling I got from EVERYONE. I was floored at the kindness and generosity of everyone involved in the ale. Never before have I felt so welcomed. I really liked the way Friday night was conducted and really appreciated being taken care of specially since I came with my whole family (little kids). I really felt taken care of. I re-read this and feel I haven't even conveyed how awed of the planning of events I am. You all did a magnificent job. Again thank you thank you thank you (I am still high with happiness...and gosh I must come back and slide down that slide again, but it won't be the same without y'all dancing next to it...)

Sincerely and adamantly,

Jules Wolf Stenzel

Mayfield Morris and Sword

Tanith, a bit of a belated thanks from me and from Mayfield. As one of our new members said, "...we had a blast!" I think this was the most fun I have ever had at an ale. You guys are the best. We felt very welcomed and very, very well taken care of. I personally loved the mass dancing mixed in with just a few performance dances. I thought that worked beautifully. Though it was brief, I enjoyed meeting you and hope to do so again and at greater length.

Take care,

Earin

who usually remembers things such as bedding...

## Uptown-On-Calhoun Ale 2000 Comments:

### What worked:

- food
- Friday Night food
- Interstate Park
- Lindstrom Park
- warm showers
- Dinner Bell restaurant
- Pracna (expensive food but good dance site)
- Camp Ojiketa: warm showers, sitting rooms
- contra dance/band/sound system
- mass dance practice
- web site for airport pick-ups and tour info
- Chisago City-Paradise Park
- little red wagons
- having water on tours
- bus snacks
- tours not rushed/spent less time getting on and off bus

### What didn't work:

- too long a period of Scandinavian Dancing during contra
- having large cookies (having smaller cookies would eliminate having to break them up after we run out)
- too many people on the bus (7 teams on one bus, more people than seats)
- lack of publicity
- last minute site changes - people who wanted to watch were confused
- lack of rain plans - esp at Nicollet island
- Borders Bar & Grill in Taylor's Falls - too smoky, too small
- using names for housing at Camp Ojiketa that didn't match map names

### Suggestions:

- Rent hot tub
- English Country Dance on Saturday, (in Arts & Crafts bldg, or Chapel?)
- Public Web site to publicize event; downloadable forms & info; online registration?
- Make t-shirt design open to Morris community - we have a lot of time to work on it, & others have ideas
  - maybe post designs on Web & have teams vote?
- field guide to attending Morris teams-descriptions of kit, etc