

MAILING #3

14th Annual MIDWEST MORRIS ALE
May 27-30, 1994

Greetings from Prairie Waves!

May 5, 1994

_____ is officially registered for the 1994 Ale. There are
_____ Cabin spaces reserved; and _____ unit(s) in Family Housing (1 unit houses 1 family).
_____ members of your team will need to tent (optional only for more than this number).

Below or enclosed is information on how to get here and what to bring. Included are various lists, maps and directions, and information about a new event for this ale - the Morris Olympics.

REGISTRATIONS thus far include the following teams/individuals:

Alternative Morris, KY
Bells of the North, MN
Bryan Lever, OH
Merry Heymakers, MO
Great River Morris, MN
Ravenswood Morris, IL
Uptown-on-Calhoun, MN

Ann Arbor, MI
Capering Roisters, MO
Maroon Bells, CO
Minnesota Traditional Morris, MN
Oak Apple Morris, WI
Sourwood Morris, TN
Winfrey Bells, TX

Each team will have two opportunities to **SHOW** a dance if they wish.

MASS DANCES for this year's ale are listed below. If you need notes or music for any of these dances, call Alice Love at 402/553-2562 (*call after 9 a.m. and before 10 p.m.*).

Hankie:

Step and Fetch Her (Bampton)
Queen's Delight (Bucknell)
Lollipop Man (Ducklington)
Morning Star (Bledington)
Abram's Circle Dance

Stick:

South Australia (Adderbury)
Young Collins (Bledington)
Lads O'Bunchum (Adderbury)
Waltzing Matilda (Fieldtown)

Processional:

Soldier O

Recessional:

Bonnie Green Garters

ARRIVALS by air, bus or train should send arrival and departure information as soon as possible to the address at the bottom of this letter. Or, call Alice Love at 402/553-2562 and relay the information; *call after 9 a.m. and before 10 p.m. please*. Remember to book passage to the Lincoln, NE, terminals as they are much closer to our camp site than Omaha. We would like you to arrive early and leave late so everyone can participate in all the activities of the weekend. Thank you!

CAMP EASTER SEALS • EMERGENCY NUMBER: 402/761-2875

This is a phone in the camp director's house. A payphone is on site for making outgoing calls.

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The **SCHEDULE** for the weekend will go something like this (all meals will be served at camp):

Friday Registration anytime after 1 p.m. (bring your mug)
Light dinner & snacks around 7 p.m.
Review mass dances around 9 p.m.

Saturday Breakfast
Mass dancing and Olympics at Camp
Lunch
Touring (Milford and surrounding towns)
Dinner
Contra Dance
Continued singing & dancing

Sunday Breakfast
Singing and Workshops
Lunch
Touring (Lincoln)
Dinner
Skits
Various group activities

Monday Breakfast
Good-byes
Farewells
Adios
Ciao
Dasvidanja
Aloha

Calling all callers for the **CONTRA** dance Saturday night; a band has been hired but we are relying on the talents among us for calling. **SKITS** - Please limit your stage time to about 5 minutes if possible - thanks. See enclosed information on the **OLYMPICS**.

Things to **BRING** to make your stay more pleasant:

Bedding (and Tent if applicable)
Bug repellent
Rain gear
Sun gear / screen
Flashlight (the full moon is 5/25)
Water Bottle
Mug
Hat
Morris kit / musical instrument(s)
Sundries (soap, toothbrush, towels, change of underwear, etc)

Grandpa used to say, "If you don't like the weather, just wait an hour or so and it'll change." In other words, be prepared for every eventuality. Also, help keep litter to a minimum, bring a mug for all liquid refreshment.

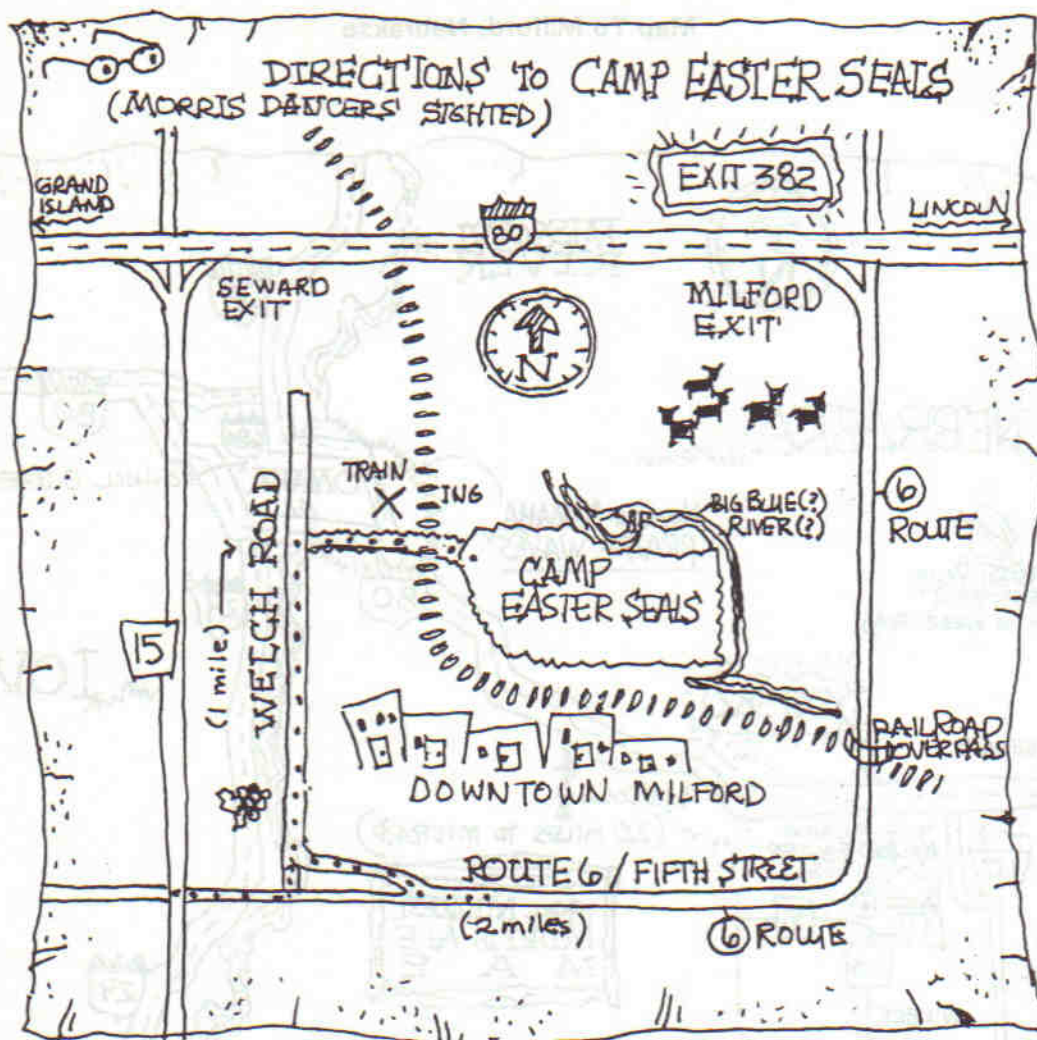
NOTEWORTHY facts: Although we are spittin' distance to the Big Blue River, it is highly advised that you not swim in it. Chemical run-off from area farms is high at this time of year and may cause unpleasant skin reactions, etc. There is a pool on site, and if we have a willing life guard and if the weather is suitable, we might be allowed to use it. Bring appropriate attire just in case as there will be a few civilians about. Parents be aware that the river is nearby as are railroad tracks. Light sleepers may want to bring earplugs in case the sound of a rumbling train bothers you. Oh, and we're not too far from a cattle feed lot - ahhhh! that gool ol' Nebraska air.

See Ya Real Soon - Happy Trails!
Prairie Waves Morris

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DETAILED MAP OF MILFORD



DIRECTIONS TO CAMP EASTER SEALS MILFORD, NEBRASKA

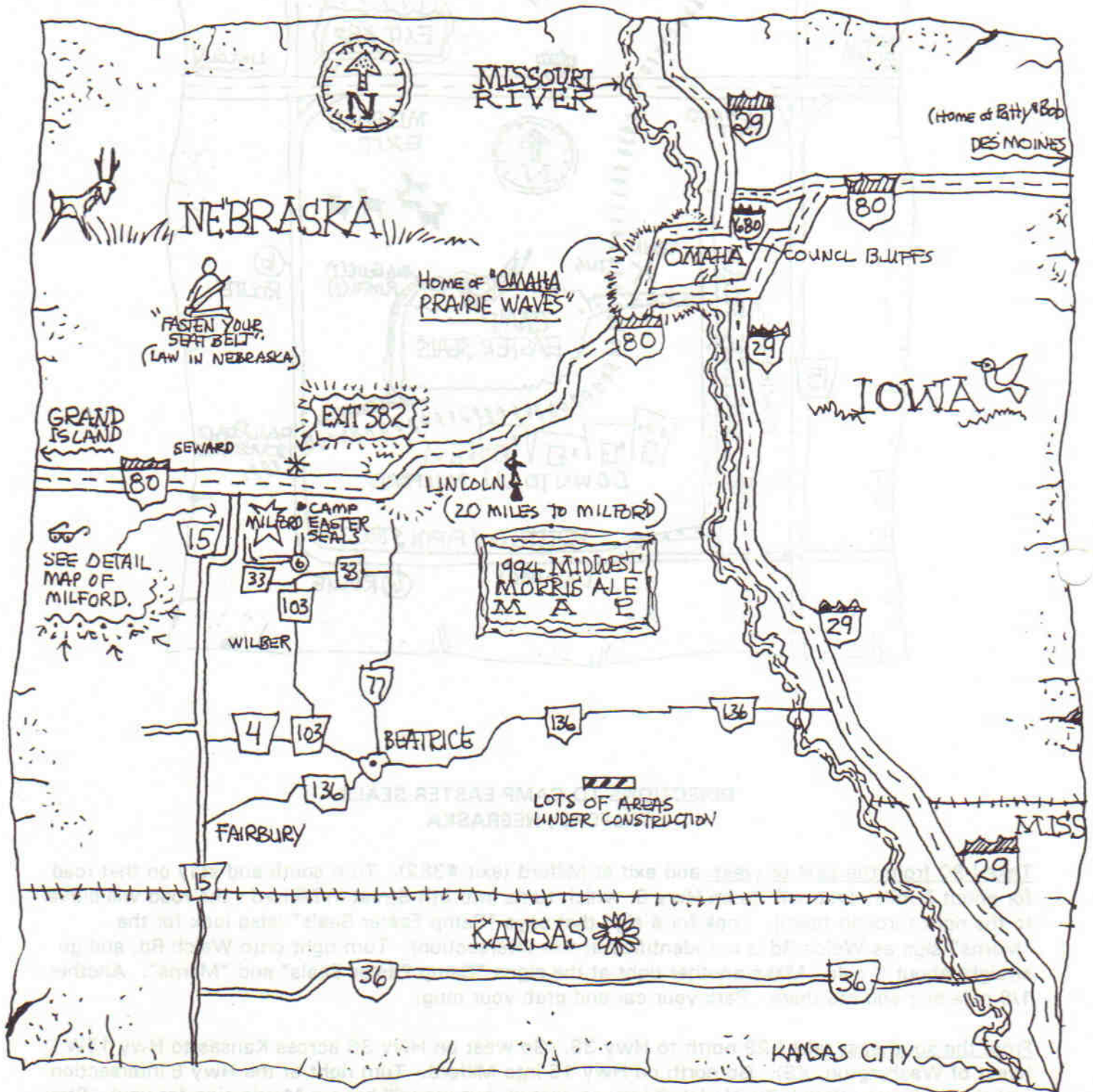
Take I-80 from the east or west and exit at Milford (exit #382). Turn south and stay on that road for about 5 miles (you will be on Hwy 6, which turns into 5th Street in Milford - the road will curve to the right through town). Look for a sign that says "Camp Easter Seals" (also look for the "Morris" sign as Welch Rd is not identified at this intersection). Turn right onto Welch Rd, and go straight about 1 mile. Make another right at the signs "Camp Easter Seals" and "Morris". Another 1/8 mile and you are there! Park your car and grab your mug.

From the southeast take I-29 north to Hwy 36. Go west on Hwy 36 across Kansas to Hwy 15W (west of Washington, KS). Go north on Hwy 15 into Milford. Turn right at the Hwy 6 intersection and then left onto Welch Rd (Welch Rd is not posted, but we will have a Morris sign for you). Stay on Welch Rd approximately 1 mile, turn right at the signs "Camp Easter Seals" and "Morris". Another 1/8 mile and you are there! (We didn't drive this route so be sure to have a map.)

From Texas take I-35 north until it turns into I-35W in Kansas. Continue north on I-35W until it becomes Hwy 81. Continue north on Hwy 81 until it intersects I-80 in Nebraska. Go east on I-80 to the Milford exit (exit #382). Follow the directions above for I-80 from the east or west.

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Map To Milford, Nebraska



See other side for detailed map of Milford
and written directions to the Camp

1994 MIDWEST MORRIS OLYMPICS

Let the Games Begin!

One side only per team may compete per event. Individuals and partial teams may combine to form one side. Some of these events may not be held, depending on the time.

DRESS THE MORRIS DANCER -

(musician required)

Two team members "dress" a third person by putting on the baldrick or vest, bells, hat and hankies. The musician plays one A music, then the dancer does one foot up (bells must remain tied during dance). First team to finish wins. This is a timed event (tune: Morning Star).

CAPER RELAYS -

Team members (one side) caper around the course and return to the start line where they pass their hankies onto the next caperer. The type of capers to be done will be decided at the Ale. Judges will be watching to make sure capers are done properly. This event is timed with artistic impression considered in the scoring.

STICK THE TEAM -

(musician required)

Sticks are piled about 10 ft in front of the team. Each team member fetches their own stick and must be back in position with stick raised before the next dancer goes. Dancers retrieve in this order: 1; 3; 5; 6; 4; 2. When the #2 returns and strikes with #1, the musician begins playing one A music, and the team dances a foot up. This is a timed event (tune: Waltzing Matilda).

HANKIE PUT -

(proper putting form will be demonstrated during mass dance practice Friday evening)

Entries may wad their hankie into a ball but may not tie knots (tucking is allowed). The hankie is then "put". Farthest distance wins (best of 2 puts). One entry per team. Hankie check prior to put for weights, etc. This is a distance event with artistic impression on proper putting form considered in the final score.

HOBBY TROT -

Hobby characters double morris step around a prescribed course. First one to bite the apple (held at the finish line by a brave soul) wins.

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The judges' decisions are final.

Awards ceremony will take place during the skits on Sunday evening.

