

March 13, 1988

1988 Midwest Morris Ale, Ann Arbor

Dear Fellow Ritual Dancers!

Plans for the 1988 Midwest Morris Ale are now well underway, thanks to your prompt replies to our first mailing. We received responses from nearly 30 teams and we expect that as many as 200 people may be attending the ale. This second and final mailing is to let your team know the details of what will be happening this Memorial Day weekend in Ann Arbor. Enclosed please find:

1. Registration form (to be returned with payment by May 1).
2. Mass dance and workshop list, and tentative Ale schedule.
3. Campsite directions and maps.

In addition, please note the following pieces of information:

Travel: We expect most people to be traveling by car. We hope the enclosed maps and large visible signs placed at strategic locations will get you to the campsite which is located near Hell, Michigan. If you are arriving by plane (the best airport is Detroit Metro Airport), train (AMTRAK services Ann Arbor), or bus, be sure to let us know the details, such as: airline, flight #, arrival time (see registration form). Please respond ASAP with your registration form so that we can contact you regarding local transportation to Hell.

Accommodations: The Ale site is the University of Michigan's Camp Freshair, located 35 minutes northwest of Ann Arbor near the town of Hell, Michigan. The basic sleeping facilities are one room cabins with fire and brimstone (sorry) electricity but no plumbing, and bunks for 12 people. Nearby are communal bathrooms and showers. Be prepared for very rusty water. Tenting space is available but there is a lot of poison ivy in the uncleared areas. For an additional \$10 per person, one can stay in the "Redwood" housing which sleep 4 people per room with two rooms sharing a (nicer) bathroom and shower. Please indicate your preference for the "Redwood" Housing on the registration form.

Food: We will provide party food Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, three meals (no bag lunches!) on Saturday and Sunday, and a send-off breakfast Monday. Indicate your preference for vegetarian meals on the registration form. Any other special diets should be indicated on the reverse of the registration form and we'll do the best we can on those.

Cost: The fee is up slightly this year for several reasons. We are, for example, providing bus transportation on both Saturday and Sunday tours. The weekend registration fees are: \$46 for adults, \$23 children over six, and children six and under are free. If you prefer the comfort of the "Redwood" housing, include an extra \$10 per person. T-shirts are \$7 each and only available by ordering now. See tentative Ale schedule page for T-shirt design.

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 checks payable to Greg Meisner, and send the form and checks to Greg at the address on the form. When you arrive at the camp look for people to help you check in. There'll be somebody at the entrance to meet you. Late arrivals look for signs directing you to the dining hall and check in there.

Late Registration: Registration forms are due May 1. Late registrants should include an extra \$5 per person. This cost reflects the added expenses associated with last minute changes.

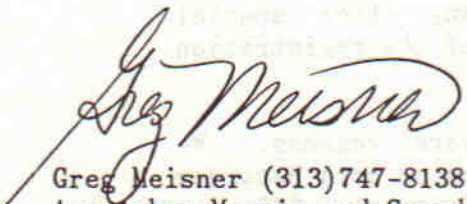
Odds and Ends

1. The Saturday night dance floor is large but made of concrete. Some dancers appreciate being forewarned about this surface.
2. Bring all the obvious needs for a weekend of camping (flashlights, bug spray, rain gear, calamine lotion, warm clothes) and Morris dancing. Teams are responsible for their own FIRST AID on tour and in camp. We are told that Oak Apple may have some First Aid kits left over from last year!
3. Beverages will be provided in camp. Although there will be pub stops on Saturday tours, teams may want to bring coolers to transport their own beverages on tour. Teams may stock coolers at "Party" stores located near camp (see directions to camp).
4. Child care needs should be indicated on the registration form. We hope parents will get together to coordinate on this.

If you have any questions on any of the above, or on the enclosed items, please write it on the registration form, or give me a call. Questions regarding the workshops and mass dancing will be directed to Carol Mohr whose address, phone, and electronic mail address are on the enclosed Workshop and Mass Dances sheet.

We looking forward to a fun time at the Midwest Morris Ale and seeing you all in Hell!

Best Regards,


Greg Meisner (313)747-8138
Ann Arbor Morris and Sword
1706 Jackson Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103



WORKSHOPS AND MASS DANCES

WORKSHOPS:

Workshops likely to happen are: Longsword, Rapper (beginning and experienced), Solo Clog, Mumming, Fooling, Cotswold, Border Morris and English Country. Time restrictions will probably mean we can't do ALL of these. We need a leader for the rapper workshop(s) and especially one for Cotswold Morris (We know you can all do Cotswold. What we need is either: an especially good teacher; a less overworked tradition; or for a common tradition, a unique version or some new/difficult repertoire).

MASS DANCES:

Mass dances will be your old favorites: Winster Processional, Soldier-0 Processional (written by Ed Stern, Minnesota Traditional Morris--notes enclosed), Bonny Green Garters (Bampton), Lads A-Bunchum (Adderbury), Highland Mary (Bampton), Morning Star (Bledington), Waltzing Matilda (Fieldtown), and of course Headington 29th of May. Just for fun, we're also including an optional "exotic" dance, one of our new favorites, Ducklington Lollipop Man. If it turns out hardly anyone knows it, we'll skip it. Check Bacon for versions.

Please contact Carol Mohr if . . .

1. if you'd like to volunteer or nominate someone to run a workshop please call as soon as possible (preferable before April 1);
2. if you have rapper or long swords which can be used during Ale workshops,
3. if you need directions to the Soldier-0 Processional, or you have questions about any of the mass dances.

Carol Mohr can be reached at (313)769-4815 in the evening, or via electronic mail "Carol_Mohr@ub.cc.umich.edu", or write her at 319 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE MIDWEST MORRIS ALE 1988

Friday, May 27

6:00pm Arrival, registration (let us know if you plan to arrive earlier)
10:00pm Mass Dance Workshop? (~1 hour)

Saturday, May 28

7:30am Coffee for the early birds
8:00am Breakfast (1 hour with leftovers and cold food after 9am)
8:30am Squires Meeting; Musicians Meeting
9:00am Workshops including Mass dances (1 hour)
10:00am Mass Dancing (2 hours)
12:00pm Lunch in Camp
1:00pm Depart Camp in buses for Ann Arbor Tours (45 minutes)
1:45pm Arrive Ann Arbor for tours (3 hours)
1:45pm Tour Stop #1
2:45pm Pub Stop
3:45pm Tour Stop #2
4:45pm Mass Dancing in Ann Arbor (1 hour)
5:45pm Depart Ann Arbor for Camp (45 minutes)
6:30pm Arrive Camp
7:00pm Dinner
8:00pm Contra Dance, etc.

Sunday, May 29

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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 Rd. 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 Rd.
(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 St.

Half a mile after passing through Dexter center, bear right at the fork (where Island Lake Rd. goes left). You're still on the same road, but now it's called Dexter-Pinckney. Northwest 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 Rd., which is D32. (4.2 miles after Northwest Territorial.) If you miss this turn, another mile will bring you into Pinckney center.

You are now about 2.5 miles from Hell. Darwin Rd. becomes Patterson Lake Rd. at the next intersection. Now follow the directions "From Hell to Camp Freshair," 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 Best Western almost immediately on the right. There are gas, food and liquor stores at this exit and a few times along D19, which is also called Pinckney Rd.

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 St., which is M36.★ Turn left on S. Howell, which is still D19, in 0.2 of a mile;
there is a Total gas station on the far corner of this intersection and a sign for Pinckney State Recreation Area. If you miss the turn you'll pass a First of America Bank and school buildings.

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

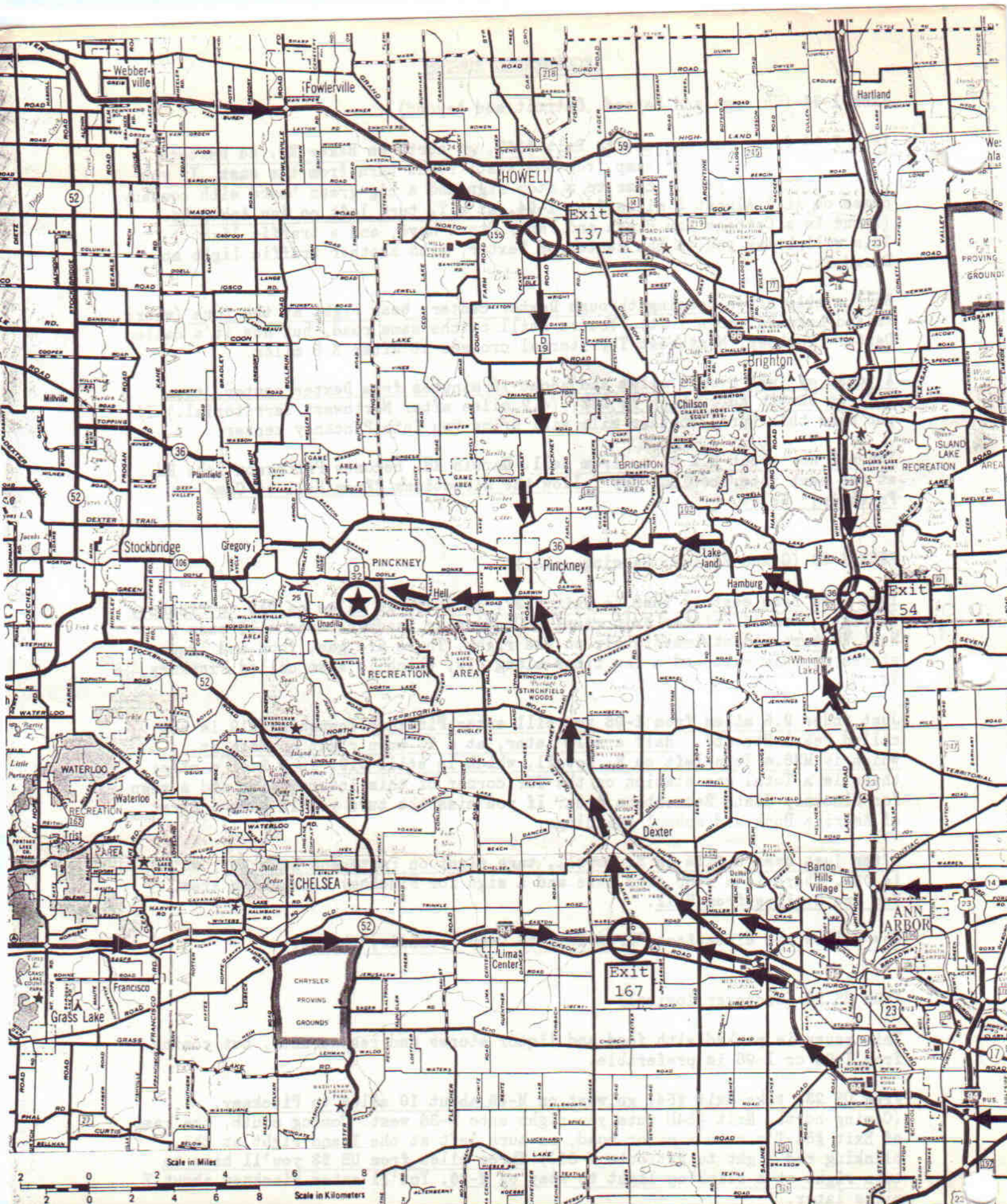
Now follow the directions "From Hell to Camp Freshair," below.

FROM US 23 (wherever logical)

This route is packed with food and liquor stores 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 #54B 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 S. Howell.



FROM ANN ARBOR

Take Huron west from the center of Ann Arbor. At the fork bear right on Dexter Rd. (This is where Huron becomes Jackson, miles from Main St., with a Citgo station in the fork.) You'll be staying on this road almost half an hour. Maple Rd. crosses Dexter 3/4 mile from the fork, Zeeb and Miller join it 3.5 miles after that. (Your road is now called Dexter-Ann Arbor.)

In another 3 miles, x miles from Ann Arbor, you'll come into Dexter center (road now called Ann Arbor Rd.). The two lights are Baker Rd. and Broad St. (middle of town). Half a mile after passing through Dexter, bear right at the fork (where Island Lake Rd. goes left). You're still on the same road, but now it's called Dexter-Pinckney. Northwest Territorial crosses it after 3.5 miles.

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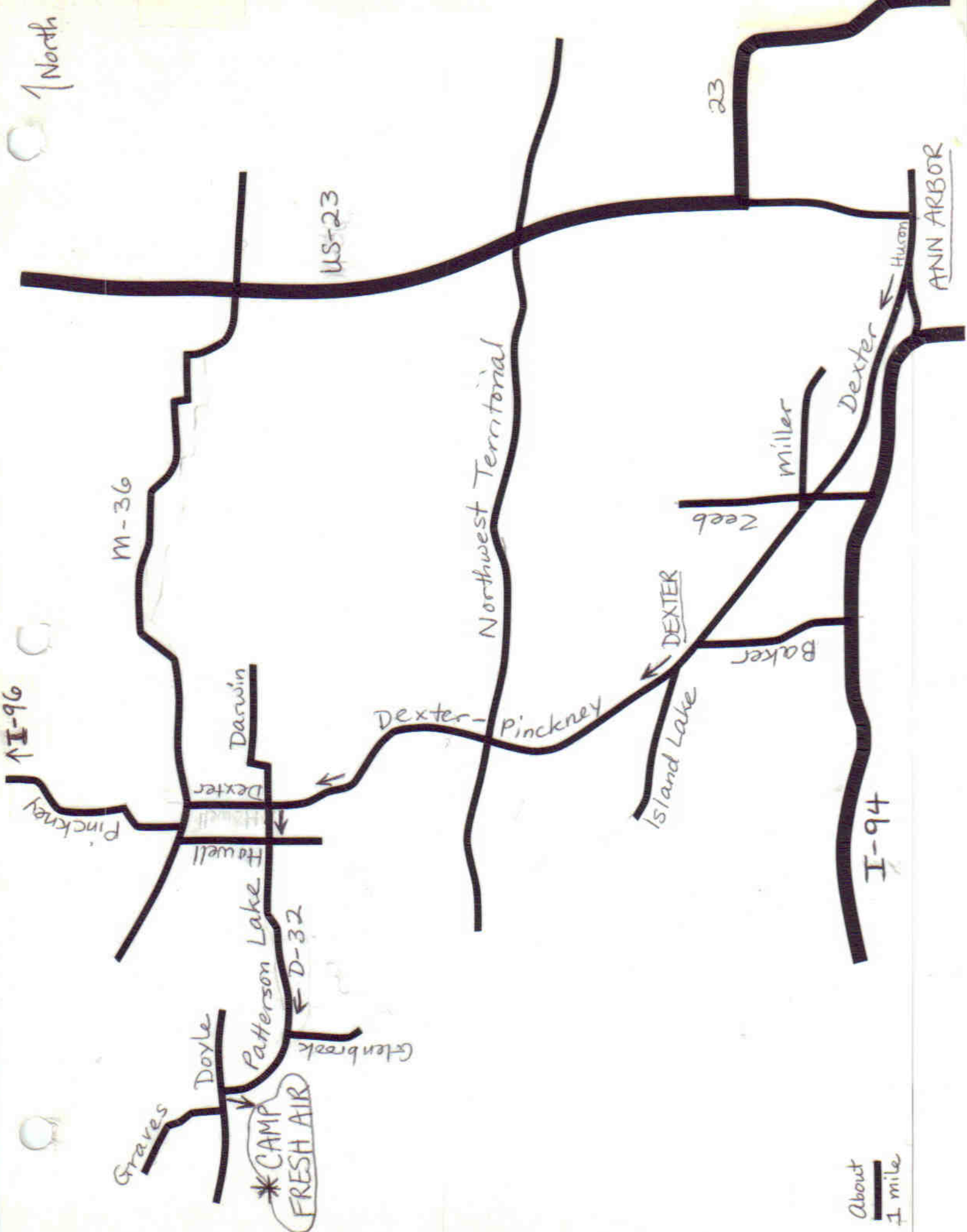
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FROM HELL TO CAMP FRESHAIR

Hell is three stores on Patterson Lake Rd. (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 Freshair 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 left bend, where Doyle Rd. joins from the right, turn left on University Camp Drive. (Glenbrook Rd. is before the turn; if you reach Graves Rd., a one-lane bridge or 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. Welcome!



About
1 mile

RETURN BEFORE MAY 1

Team: _____
 Team Address: Care of ... _____
 After May 1 include
 an extra \$5 per person

Contact Phone #: () _____

1. Please list everyone registering with your team, adults and children seperately.
2. Indicate food preference, vegetarian or not. Speical diets should be listed on the back of this form.
3. All T-shirts should be ordered and paid for in advance. Indicate size (S M L XL) and the number of T-shirts; e.g. 1S, 2L. Add \$7 for each T-shirt ordered.
4. Indicate whether "Redwood" housing is desired and add \$10 to the individuals registration fee.
5. Indicate the amount enclosed for each person.
6. Please be sure to fill out the "TOTALS" section on back!
7. Make checks payable to: Greg Meisner
8. Return this form to: Ann Arbor Morris and Sword, c/o Greg Meisner
 1706 Jackson Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Adult Registrants (Please Print) : T-shirts : "Redwood": Amount
 : Veggie : No. & size: Housing : Enclosed
 : Meals : (+\$7each) : (+\$10) : \$46+extras

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Registration Form

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Total for T-Shirts \$

X\$10= \$

X\$46= \$

X\$26= \$

free

Total Enclosed \$

Airline Transportation: please list flights into Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Name:	Airline:	Flight #	From:	Arvl. time:
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Special Diets and any other notes: