Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How rustic is it? Do I have to bring a bunch of camping gear?

A. All you need to bring is a sleeping bag or a few blankets. There are many options for lodging, and all of them include simple beds and mattresses. You can also bring a tent if that's what you'd like to do. The very low cost—sliding scale, pay as you're able—is the same no matter where you sleep.

Q: Do I need to pre-register?

A: If you'd like to eat the delicious meals we'll be preparing at camp, you need to register by May 18. If you are bringing your own food and are open to sleeping wherever there's space for you, you don't even really have to pre-register.

Q: Do I have to register online?

A: No. If you'd rather send in registration by mail, you can download the paper form that you'll find toward the top of the VillageFireSinging.com website, right underneath the registration button. When you register online, you'll use a credit card or paypal and you'll be charged 5% service fee by 'Eventbrite,' the online registration service we're using.

Q: Do I have to be a 'real singer'?

A: Pshaw. Everyone is a real singer. Even if you've never even sung, you have a voice and your voice matters. Our voices are meant to twine with others'. This is not about performance or perfection--it's about community and inter-being.

Q: Can I come for just part of the time? And what is the cost for that?

A: You can come for whatever part works for you—but it's likely that you'll be wishing you could have come earlier and stayed longer! As for the cost, you can look over the sliding scale fees (\$50-100/own meals, \$80-160/camp meals) and make up something that seems fair and affordable to you. We want you to come!

Q: Will there be chances for other people to lead songs?

A: Yes! We dearly hope that you will be inspired to share the group songs that you know. The evening campfires are an especially good place to make that happen—we'll take turns among whomever would like to offer a song for us to sing together. If during a daytime song circle you are inspired to offer up a song, give the leader of that circle s heads-up. Let us know what you bring!

Q: Do I need to bring anything?

A: On the VillageFireSinging.com website you'll find a place where you can see a list of possible things to bring. But all you really need is a sleeping bag and a potluck dish for Thursday night.