

## **YEE-HAW AT GULL LAKE CENTRE - 2024**

Hello everyone. It's time again to start planning for another weekend of music, food and fun for fiddle, piano and guitar at Gull Lake Centre sponsored by the Alberta Society of Fiddlers. Enjoy a weekend of instruction, jams, dancing, concerts, great food, awesome camp staff, wonderful fellowship and lots of fun usually all done with very little sleep. For quilters, scrap bookers, etc. who wish to join us, we will have a room available for you to practice your craft while at camp. Please register as a CRAFTER. There are NO PRIVATE ROOMS AVAILABLE for 2024 (renovations).

Those under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone. Chaperone may be an adult attending camp other than an instructor. ASF Camp Policies are in effect at this camp, please read, click on blue button link on Fiddle Camps page of ASF website. The purpose of this retreat is to provide people the opportunity to enhance their musical abilities. It's **NOT INTENDED** for raw beginners. A fiddler should be able to play a handful of tunes while piano and guitar players should be able to play in at least three keys using at least three chords in each key. **NOTE:** All students will need to bring their own instruments.

**WHEN:** February 16, 17, 18 + 19, 2024. (Family Day Long Weekend)

**WHERE:** Gull Lake Centre – southwest of Edmonton and north of Calgary. Directions with confirmation and parking instructions will be sent to you once your registration and payment have been confirmed.

**YOUR FEE INCLUDES:** Accommodations, instruction for registered students, all events, Friday supper, breakfast/lunch/supper on Saturday and Sunday and breakfast Monday morning. There will also be an evening snack offered around 8:30pm in the Memorial Hall each evening along with on-going coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

**EXTRA THINGS** you may want to bring along with you include: big appetite, camera, water bottle, travel mug, flashlight for night time bathroom trips, bedding (sleeping bag) + pillow, notepad, pens / pencils, music stand, recording device and batteries. Also please bring along a pair of inside foot wear (or go in your sock feet) in the hallways, rooms and teaching areas and especially in the Memorial Hall as the floors will get rather wet and messy. There is an outside ice rink at this camp. If you would like to skate at free time, bring skates and also HELMETS are mandatory. There is a gymnasium for basketball, etc. and a games room for your free time activities. **FYI:** Always a good idea to label music stands and instrument cases and travel mug, etc.

**FOOD ALLERGY CONCERNS?** The food offered at this camp is totally awesome, however there will be no peanuts or nuts used in the menu for the weekend. We can accommodate celiac, gluten free, lactose and dairy free, and vegetarian / vegan diets through the caterer. There is no extra charge for this service but please include the correct information on your registration form. **NOTE:** You cannot opt out of meals provided which are included in the camp fees.

**SORRY:** No pets, smoking allowed outside in designated areas. **FYI:** This is a dry church camp so there will be no alcohol, drugs or marijuana allowed on property. Thank you for understanding. **MORE INFO?** Phone Blaine at 403-877-5063 or email Blaine at: blainethepianoman@gmail.com

IF ANY EMERGENCIES ARISE WHILE AT CAMP PLEASE GET AHOLD OF BLAINE AT CELL # ABOVE

**CAMP SONG 2024**

## Paul's Jig

Paul Vollrath

D D7 G Em A7

6 D D D7 G Em

13 A7 D A7 D

20 A7 D A7 D

27 A7 D

*Camp song has become a tradition of ASF fiddle camps for twenty five years or more. We randomly play the tune all together, usually in a jam setting, each time somebody shouts out those two key words.*

***"CAMP SONG"!!!***

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**CLASSES OFFERED:** Fiddle: Melanie Doderai, Deanna Dolstra, Dean Bernier, Benjamin Christiani, Troy Gates, Randy Jones and Samuel Corry. Other instructors if needed TBA.

Piano: one class – back up for fiddle with Garnet Borch.

Guitar: one class – back up for fiddle with Marten Borch.

Jam class option: with Blaine the Pianoman – register as a student.

Our roving fiddler this time helping out with the piano and guitar classes, jams and dances will be Rigel Borch. As the Borch Brother's Band is engaged in a touring cycle, I was compelled to take the package deal as I couldn't hire just one or two of them.

**CAMP BURSARY:** FYI – the name of this camp is Alberta Society of Fiddlers (Winter Fiddle Camp), NOT Gull Lake Centre. These are available to students from: Wild Rose Oldtime Fiddlers Assoc., Alberta Society of Fiddlers (ASF), Whispering Hills Country Music Assoc. (for under 18), and the "Heather Soldan Memorial Bursary". Go to the Fiddle Camps page on the ASF website, click on the appropriate blue button link and follow their specific instructions and guidelines. These bursary providers have deadlines, so time is of the essence. Bursaries need to be applied for and approved 30 days before the start of camp. Remember to deduct the amount of bursary applied for from your total camp fees before registering. If for some reason you are not approved for subsidy and would still like to attend, you will owe this amount payable by January 31, 2024.

**FEE SCHEDULE:** All of the prices listed below are "**AMOUNTS PER PERSON**" (all inclusive pricing).

Student: Adult \$415.00    Youth (12-17) \$370.00    11 and under \$335.00

Crafter: \$350.00    Guest / Chaperone: \$320.00

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Unfortunately the Retreat Centre is under renovation so is not available this year. Accommodations (with shower, toilet and 2 sinks in each pod) available to us are 2 lodges consisting of 5 pod cabins with 5 bunk beds and 1 single bed in them (potential of 11 per pod) and 2 lodges consisting of 6 pod cabins with 4 bunk beds, one of which has a double bed on the bottom (potential of 8 per pod). I can designate either male, female or family co-ed pods, or if you talk amongst yourselves and put a group that wants to stay together, but try to form a group of up to 8 or 11. **FYI:** There are no fridges in the accommodations.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Everyone needs to supply their own bedding, towels and toiletries. (sleeping bag and pillow are easy).

**TO REGISTER FOR CAMP:** Fill out all info on the registration form completely, sign and date at the bottom, then email it to [blainethepianoman@gmail.com](mailto:blainethepianoman@gmail.com). Next you can e-transfer camp fees along with a note stating it is for Winter Fiddle Camp to [info@albertafiddlers.com](mailto:info@albertafiddlers.com).

**OR:** Mail a cheque payable to Alberta Society of Fiddlers along with your completed registration form to: Blaine Lutwick RR # 3 Lacombe, Ab. T4L 2N3.

**YOU WILL** receive confirmation by which ever method you sent registration to me.

**A FEW CAMP FEES EXAMPLES:** 3 students (aged 8, 11 + 16) + 1 chaperone (less 450.00 subsidy) \$910.00. 1 adult student and 1 adult crafter \$745.00. 1 adult + 2 youth (all students) \$1155.00

**PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE:** the deadline of January 31, 2024.

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend Winter Fiddle Camp 2024.

**NOTE:** Please include ages for participants under 18 years of age beside their name.

IF registrant is under the age of 18, NAME OF CHAPERONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

PROV. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE: Please use names if more than one person on registration.

Fiddle: \_\_\_\_\_ Piano: \_\_\_\_\_ Guitar: \_\_\_\_\_ Crafter: \_\_\_\_\_ Jam Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest/Chap: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMP BURSARY: Applied for? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (do not include this amount with payment)

WHICH BURSARY DID YOU APPLY FOR? \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DIETARY CONCERNS: Please check the applicable choice. Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Celiac / Gluten Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Lactose Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER DIETARY CONCERNS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY CONCERT NIGHT: EXTRA SUPPERS for family or friends \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each

NOTE: Must be purchased by the deadline of January 31, 2024. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 (ages 3-12)

FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to: Alberta Society of Fiddlers).

OR: Fee was e-transferred to ASF via [info@albertafiddlers.com](mailto:info@albertafiddlers.com) Date sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

ONCE YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED: Blaine will send you confirmation, camp schedule and camp map depending on how I received your registration.

FOIP PERMISSION

Please be advised that photographs and recordings of attendees at this music camp may be used for publication in the ASF newsletters, on their website or for other non-profit purposes. Also so you are aware, cell phones are capturing moments a lot and being posted on social media. By signing and dating below, you are making it known that you are aware of these points, do not have an issue with them and that all other info above is accurate and complete.

I have read and understand the ASF camp policies and will follow them at camp.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent signature if registrant(s) under 18)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

“THANKYOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLIES”