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An Experience of Music and Community in Lake Country!
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The Woods offers you a unique opportunity to experience the joy and power of sharing music and dance, whether you are a new folkie or a long-time enthusiast. Learn a new instrument, sharpen your skills, sing harmony or dance lively, enjoy the outdoors, and immerse yourself in great music day and night.

Our staff combines top North American and international performers/teachers who share their talents and skills in an intimate and relaxed environment. Separation between staff and campers is minimized to generate a supportive atmosphere for co-operative learning. With delicious food, convivial people, and the beauty of the lake, it's the perfect summer getaway.

Accommodations

Our site is 2-1/2 hours north of Toronto on the campus of Lake Rosseau College. The rural setting of Lake Rosseau offers opportunities for swimming, boating, and hiking. Sleeping arrangements feature single, double, or three-person rooms with shared shower and washrooms. We provide tasty meals and healthy snacks with attention to special needs. In the community spirit of The Woods, all participants share light housekeeping. Book early: we fill up quickly. Full payment is required by July 15th to guarantee your spot. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate children or pets. Staff products may be purchased in The Woods Boutique. For more information call The Woods at (416) 461-1864 or visit us online at www.the-woods.ca.

This year's camp includes classes and workshops in songwriting, tune writing, mandolin, guitar, fiddle, clawhammer banjo, ukulele, dance, voice, group singing, and more.

Staff

Vikki Armstrong

Vikki has been calling and teaching dances with charm, warmth, and humour since 1991 from Mariposa to Brattleboro and Greenfield to Ashokan to Vassar and Bard. Her love of dance and the joy of participation shines through not only in traditional Anglo/American community dance but also in Modern, Swing, Cajun, African, Middle Eastern, Scandinavian, French Canadian, Greek and Israeli. Get your dance cards ready!



Adrian Dolan

A member of Canadian roots quintet The Bills, Adrian will keep the dance band moving and grooving this year with his brilliant tune playing (fiddle, piano, accordion, viola, and guitar) and his infectious spirit. Whether with renowned Cape Breton fiddler Jerry Holland or the Victoria Symphony or The Chieftains, Adrian has performed across Canada, the US and Europe and now brings his death-defying musical feats to The Woods. Prepare to be amazed!

Cathy Fink

There's not much Cathy can't do. With partner Marcy Marxer, Cathy has recorded dozens of award-winning albums and DVDs and toured the world, performing a compelling repertoire of traditional and contemporary folk, old-time country and swing music. A whiz on guitar, five-string banjo and more, she is also a respected songwriter, children's performer, teacher, and yodeller. What more can you ask?

James Hill

Canadian ukulele? Get used to it. Considered a "rare peer" of Hawaii's premier ukulelists, James has taken the instrument where few others have dared to go. Dubbed "the Wayne Gretzky of the ukulele" by CBC Radio's Stuart McLean, James is a virtuoso musician and an inspired composer who mixes jazz, classical and folk influences. Energetic and captivating, James with partner Anne Davison will turn you into a serious uke fan.

Si Kahn

Si has penned some of the classic songs of our times—"Aragon Mill," "Gone, Gonna Rise Again," "Wild Rose of the Mountain," and many other favourites. His songs speak of family, community, work, and freedom, and to date have been recorded by over 100 artists. An activist and writer with over 40 years of experience in the labour and civil rights movements, he brings a passion for people's rights to his teaching and performing. Welcome, Si!

Marcy Marxer

Marcy is a champion guitar and mandolin player who is half of a dynamic duo with partner Cathy Fink, featuring tight harmony singing, songwriting, and exquisite interpretations of traditional music. She has travelled the world performing folk, old-time country, and swing music for adults and children alike. Whether motoring through breathtaking instrumentals, spinning tales, singing, yodelling, clucking like a chicken, or performing rope tricks, Marcy is a one-of-a-kind performer with talent to burn.

Linda Morrison

We loved her so much last year, we couldn't wait to have her back! Linda is an "angel-voiced" singer, songwriter, arranger, and choir director who draws on diverse elements of jazz, country, classical, world, and folk music to flavour her distinctive original songs and performances. A former director of Montreal's Yellow Door Tabernacle Choir, Linda is a gifted teacher who will lead any aspiring singer to new vocal heights.

Special Guest: Anne Davison

Anne and her cello have been pretty much everywhere. As well as being James Hill's regular accompanist on acoustic and electric cello, Anne is a respected classical composer and performer who has shared the stage with rockers, jazz musicians, hip-hop stars, dancers and singer-songwriters.

In addition, **Kate Murphy** will help anchor our dance band, **Eve Goldberg** will get you started on guitar, and we just can't keep **Grit Laskin** away.



Registration Form: *Please Print Clearly*

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

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Email: _____

Please send me scholarship/alternative payment information

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| Rates: | |
| Single | \$830 |
| Double | \$740 |
| Triple | \$655 |

Scholarships and alternative payment plans are available. (If you don't need a scholarship, please consider making a contribution to help others.)

A \$125 non-refundable deposit will book your space. Full payment must be received by July 15th to keep your spot. Non-payment by July 15th means we will offer your spot to people on the waiting list. No refund on cancellations after August 8.
All prices in Canadian funds.