This is our 30th Anniversary! Tim Curtis started the gathering in 1989 at the home of the Curtis Family -- Journey’s End Farm in Sterling, PA. The event has been repeated each year since to showcase the most ancient instrument – the voice. Participants arrive Friday evening and stay until Sunday early afternoon, sharing the gifts of song, storytelling, and community, as well as many other talents on this special weekend. We hope you will join us.

Note for Folklore Society of NEPA: Since Labor Day weekend starts on the fifth Friday of August this year, our local folklore gathering (held monthly on the first Friday) is scheduled for September 6th instead of being combined with FSW.

2019 NEWS

Farm News: A few changes you’ll notice at the farm include a new bridge over the Butternut, a ‘boardwalk’ to the pond, a new goat house and a couple of new goats. Hazel’s calf was born in late May, and we are expecting Rodeo’s calf in July.

Music-wise, you will note an opening in the afternoon schedule and a change in the morning. Blair will not be able to join us this year, so his 10 AM John Prine session has changed to Songs for the Climate. There is a less-than-30% chance of Elliot coming to lead Spanish songs at 2:30 (opposite Contemporary Peace songs). Some categories suggested during our planning session were Silly Songs/Parodies, Show Tunes, Railroad songs, Songs with a Chorus, and Colors. Please be in touch with Tony or Kristin if you want to lead something in the 2:30 open slot. The decision we made to change lunch from noon to 1 PM is reflected in this year’s schedule.

Lily Allgood is our FSW cook. (Friday evening’s meal is still a potluck.) We have gardens producing plenty of food, and we can accommodate your dietary needs (gf, df, vegetarian, etc). Please note these on your registration.

Below is the general schedule, followed by this year’s song workshops.

Weekend Schedule (workshops subject to change)

Friday:
5-6 pm  Arrive and settle in
6:30 pm  Potluck supper
8 pm  Open sing

Saturday:
8 am  Breakfast
9:15  Cooperative Games
10 am  A. Songs for the Climate
  B. Rounds
11 am  A. Traveling Songs
  B. Sing Down
12 noon  A. Farm Songs
  B. Swing Guitar for Folkies
1 pm  Lunch
2:30  A. Contemporary Peace Songs
  B. OPEN
3:45  Sea Songs at the pond (or under tent, weather depending)
      followed by taking in the dock
5 pm  Beatles Songs

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6 pm  Dinner
7:30  Contra Dance with live music and caller
9:15  Open Mic and Campfire

Sunday:
8:30  Breakfast
9:45  Planning meeting for 2020
10:30 Sacred songs and rounds, gospel tunes, spirituals, hymns
12:45 Farewell Song
1 pm  Lunch
   followed by cleanup and canvas tent take-down for those who can stay a little longer

Other Notes
If you have songs to contribute to a workshop, let the facilitator(s) know in advance that you have something to share. Consider bringing a handout with the lyrics.
Do you play an instrument? Would you like to join the band for the Contra Dance? Kristin can connect you to the musicians in advance.

Do you think of songs throughout the year that you want to bring to FSW? Did you hear something at a folk concert or learn a new song that isn’t in Rise Up Singing? You can nominate songs that you hope we’ll sing together. Go to Beyond Rise Up Singing. Suggest a song, add a link if there is a site where people could listen ahead of time, and write in your name if you are willing and able to lead the song. Good choices might be songs that have a chorus that can be learned quickly. The leader will need to carry the verses. We’ll try to incorporate these in our Friday night and Saturday night sessions.

Meals
Friday supper is a potluck. Bring your specialty -- anything you’d like to share! All food for the remainder of the weekend is provided by Journey’s End Farm, prepared in the kitchen with oversight by Lily. This simplifies your packing list and allows us to share the farm’s abundant fresh produce. Many important set-up and clean-up chores are on the Volunteer Sign-Up chart.

Journey’s End always has a selection of teas available next to the hot water in the dining room. However, we rely on coffee drinkers to bring a coffee maker and some beans and sign up for making coffee on the Volunteer Sign-Up chart.

We will make cookies for Saturday night after the dance. In the past there has been a snackapalooza of desserts available for Sat night. If you feel sad that you don’t get to contribute to that, it’s OK to bring something. Finger foods only, please.

Bunk areas must be free of food to discourage rodents (ever seen a discouraged rodent?).

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In the spirit of Zero Waste, we ask that everyone help themselves only to the amount of food they can eat.
At the end of the weekend, please remember to take home your dishes and any remaining personal foods.
Parents, please supervise your children at all meals.
Accommodations and Sleeping Options
You can sleep in the camp bunkhouses or bring your own tent or camper (size limitations). There are a few indoor bedrooms available for additional cost. Indoor beds will be made up in advance unless you tell us that you’re bringing your own bedding.

If you prefer to roost at the Comfort Inn, 3 miles from the farm, find details for the FSW reserved rooms below. Rates up to the cutoff date are discounted $40, so be sure to use the direct link below.

We’ve booked a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn Pocono Lakes Region, Lake Ariel, PA. Please note rooms need to be booked by the cutoff date of Friday, Aug 16, 2019 or they’ll be released to the general public. Reserve your room online or call the hotel directly. *See below for terms.

Below is the information you need to make your reservation.

Group Name: Journey's End Folk Song Weekend
Group Code: MR53A1
Check In: Friday, Aug 30, 2019 (4:00 PM)
Check Out: Sunday, Sep 1, 2019 (11:00 AM)
Cutoff Date: Friday, Aug 16, 2019
Group Billing Options: Guest is responsible for all charges.

Reserve Your Room Now

Comfort Inn Pocono Lakes Region
117 Twin Rocks Road, I-84 exit 17,
Lake Ariel, PA, US, 18436
+1 (570) 689-4148

Property Info & Directions
Packaging List

- **Food**
  - potluck offering for Friday night (please label your containers)
  - coffee/coffee maker (if you want it) – no K-cups please, we’d like to minimize waste
  - personal snacks if you need them

- **Unbreakable travel mug or cup** labeled with your name. Use this for any beverages that you want to carry with you to workshops – rinse as needed and reduce the number of dishes to be washed. JE mugs are for use indoors.

- **Towel**
- **Flashlight**
- **Toiletries**
- **Rain gear**
- **Swimsuit**
- **Sheets, blankets, pillow** (for camp bunk areas)
  and/or **sleeping bag**
- **Songs and stories and photos** to share

- **Rubber boots** (really handy, esp. for dewy mornings)
- **Non-aerosol insect repellent**
- **Hat**
- **Hugs**
- **Instruments**

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**PLEASE**
**NO ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS**
**LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME**

Directions

Friends, please use these directions instead of what Google maps or your GPS* may tell you. If you must rely on something other than what's written here, know that our street address (364 Sterling Road) is located just south of the village of Sterling in southern Wayne County on State Route 196, not in Newfoundland (even though our mail is delivered from the Newfoundland Post Office – confusing but true)

Journey's End Farm Camp is located in northeastern Pennsylvania just outside the village of Sterling. Driving time is approximately 2-3 hours from both New York City and Philadelphia and approximately 4.5 hours from Washington, D.C.

Our street address:

Journey’s End Farm
364 Sterling Road
Sterling, PA 18463

Lat: 41°19'30.84"N
Long: 75°23'29.46"W*

- **From I-84:** Take EXIT 17 to PA 191 north to PA 196, then south 2.5 mi. We are located 1.2 mi. south of Sterling, PA on PA 196, and 15 mi north of Mt. Pocono, a yellow farmhouse in the valley between two concrete bridges. (click for map)
- **From D.C. & MD:** Take interstates/Beltway I-495 to I-95 North, to I-695 north (Baltimore), to I-83 north to PA near Harrisburg; then I-81 north to Scranton, then I-380/84 east to EXIT 17. (See above) (click for map)
- **From Philadelphia:** Take I-476 north to I-80 (Pocono Exit), I-80 east to Exit 293 for I-380 North toward Scranton, 6 miles to Exit 8 Tobyhanna. Right on PA 423 north through stoplight, follow turns, continue about 4 and a half miles to where PA 423 intersects with PA 196 north. Turn left and follow PA 196 about 8 miles. Journey's End is on the right in a valley between 2 concrete bridges. (click for map)
- **From NY/NJ:** I-80 W to Exit 293 – I-380 North – toward Scranton (follow directions above from Phila.) (click for map)

* NOTE to GPS USERS: GPS devices have been known to give a false location and/or directions to JE. Please use the coordinates provided and make sure you know where you should be going prior to your trip. One of those ancient maps is also a great thing to keep handy.
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