

The Folklore Society

O F G R E A T E R W A S H I N G T O N

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Dear FSGW Member:

We have had several notices in the Newsletter concerning the "Folk Get-Away" planned for September 16-18 at Prince William Forest Park. The deadline for filing our application is June 1st and the Park Service will act on it by June 15th. Response from members has been slow thus far, so I'm writing this letter to urge you to reply and reserve a place for yourself if you are interested in participating in this particular event. As previously stated in the Newsletter, there can be no definite plans made for the week-end until we receive our camping permit from the National Park Service. This poses a bit of a problem in that, at this point, when all plans are necessarily tentative and preliminary, we have to know with a fair degree of certainty the number of members that will participate in the Folk Get-Away; this number will determine the decision of the Park Service on our camping permit application. So, time's a-wastin'!. If we don't have a big crowd, the Park Service may give our campsite to some other (less deserving) group. Before you rush for the phone, let me tell you what you are applying for and why we think you'll be interested.

Prince William Forest Park is 32 miles southwest of Washington on Highway 95 near Triangle, Virginia. It is operated by the Department of Interior and covers 12,290 acres of forest land which is inhabited by abundant wildlife. The park has 35 miles of hiking trails and a nature museum; there is a naturalist on duty. It also has five separate cabin camping facilities; these are used by youth groups during the summer and are available to other organized groups from April 1 to June 15 and from September 1 through October. The FSGW is applying for a permit to use one of these camps for the week-end of September 16-18.

Each cabin camp accommodates 155 people and is complete with dining hall, playfield, craft shops, sleeping cabins, and adjacent private lake in which fishing and swimming are permitted. Planned Folklore Society activities include a square dance, campfire sings, a puppet show for children, workshops, a small concert-type program, and a gospel sing. We plan to hire a cooking crew familiar with the use of restaurant-type equipment and with the problems of feeding 155 people. A committee will be organized to help with planning menus and buying food.

At this point we cannot state definitely what the cost will be for the weekend, but we expect it to be approximately \$7.50 per adult and \$5.00 per child. The cabins are furnished with cots and mattresses; all you need to bring is bed linen (sleeping bag will do), wash rags, and towels (soap if desired).

If you want to take part in the Folk Get-Away with us please fill out the form below and mail before May 28th to: Nan Perdue, 9936 Braddock Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. If you like, you can call me at: 273-0762 and give me the information.

Nan Perdue

NAME: _____

CHILDREN (Name, Age, and Sex) _____

ADDRESS _____

Have you had any experience in planning meals for large groups and/or would you be interested in working on a committee for this purpose? _____

Are there any activities that you would like to take part in during the weekend such as running a workshop?, etc.? _____

What are they? _____
