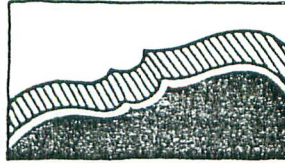


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Dear Getaway Participant,

Greetings to you who got your applications in on time to be among the 176 weekend registrants at Getaway XVII, October 9-12, 1981. For the first time ever, we have a waiting list, so if you find you can't come, be sure to let us know. You'll get your money back, and some other folkie will be able to occupy that space. This letter provides you with important information about the Getaway, so be sure to share it with all participants listed on your application.

REMEMBER, THE GETAWAY IS IN A DIFFERENT CAMP THIS YEAR. To reach Camp #2, Mawavi, take I-95 (Shirley Highway) to Route 619 West (exit marked Prince William Forest Park). Route 619 is about 20 miles south of the Washington Beltway (I-495) and is the exit beyond where we've had previous Getaways. GO PAST PARK ENTRANCE. Continue on Route 619 about 4 miles, then turn right and follow our signs.

You may arrive any time after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, but remember there will be NO DINNER. When you arrive at camp, stop first at the Registration Office and check in, pick up your nametag, map, schedule, and cabin assignment. Parking space is quite limited this year, so when you check in, you will be told where to park. Carpool if possible.

Please wear your nametags all weekend. It admits you to meals and helps us get to know each other more quickly. We've bought new clip-on tag holders we hope will solve some of the problems we've had with other kinds. We'll want to use them again, so we ask you to return the holders to the Registration Office when you leave.

After checking in and taking your gear to your cabin, come to the Dining Hall to meet other Getaway participants. The square dance starts at 9:00, but if you're early, learn to make cat's cradles and other string figures (starts at 7:00). Open sing ("Songs For and About Travel") starts at 10:00 in C Lodge. If you arrive late, please check yourself in. Find your cabin assignment on the Weekend Registrant List, check your name off the list, pick up your nametag, and sign up for your work detail.

All weekend registrants 12 years and older will help at some point with the chores, so sign up for a work detail when you check in. Providing our own labor is very important to the smooth operation of the Getaway and keeps costs down. The Getaway is a cooperative effort, and everyone who attends is partly responsible for its success. Be prepared to spend an hour or so working in the kitchen, at the registration desk, or cleaning up.

Please remind everyone in your group of rules we must obey while visiting the Park: no pets, no alcoholic beverages, park only in designated areas, and do not block fire lanes.

The camp has rustic cabins for us to stay in; cots and mattresses are provided. Everyone should bring sleeping bag or bedding, flashlight, warm clothes, sturdy shoes, rain gear, towels, and any other personal needs. Because the Dining Hall in the new camp is small, we are asking campers NOT to store their belongings there, but to keep instruments, jackets, and other possessions in their cabins, in the Nature Lodge room at C Lodge, or in the storage room at the Registration Office.

Workshops are scheduled from 10:00 to 6:00 on Saturday and 10:30 to 5:00 on Sunday. A partial listing includes: Songs of Inland Waters, Mixing Melodies, Mouth and Body Music, Gospel Songs of the Sea, Food Songs, Songs of the 30s, Telephone Songs. Workshops combining songs with stories, crafts, show & tell, dances, and whatever else include: Sea Lore, Kernels of Corn, Canoe Lore, and Campfire Lore. For instrumentalists there's Hammering-On, Slide Guitar, Appalachian Dulcimer, Old-Time Fiddle, Beginning Clawhammer Banjo, and How to Play in a Country Band. The Concertina Orchestra makes a return appearance, and, new this year for kids and grownups, the "Anything Goes" Rhythm Band. Bring rhythm and jug band instruments, whistles, kazoos, bird calls, washboards, whatever you've got, to participate in this one with members of the Sunshine Skiffle Band. For dancers there's clogging, contras, and couples; crafts include quilting, basketry, and firewood. Our two largest workshop areas are out-of-doors this year--bring warm clothes so you can be comfortable even if it's chilly, and perhaps a cushion or campstool to sit on.

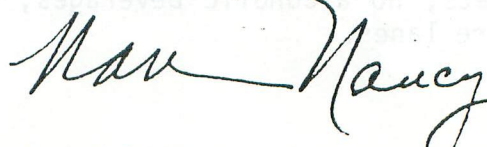
Saturday evening activities include a concert at 8:00, campfire sing at 11:00, and dance with the Sunshine Skiffle Band starting at 11:15. Closing activities on Sunday are a concert at 7:00 and a campfire sing at 10:15. No activities are scheduled for Monday except clean-up, so if you're not participating in that, please be out of camp before 9:30 Monday morning. Whenever you depart, remember to sweep your cabin and put your trash in appropriate receptacles before leaving. Please return soda bottles to loading dock behind the Dining Hall. They are returnable! (A lost-and-found box will be located in the Registration Office, but if you mark your belongings with your name, they are less likely to get lost.)

Parents are responsible for their children at all times during the Getaway. This reminder is especially important this year because we are in a new camp where nobody knows their way around, and the waterfront is close to camp. No special toys or play area will be provided, so bring some toys if your kids want them. Most cabins have porches where kids could play. A parents co-op will be organized to keep an eye on the waterfront area, as an added safety measure during times there aren't workshops there. Sign up when registering.

Remember, if you find you can't come at the last minute, make another folkie happy--call Gail McHenry at (202) 357-9520 work, (703) 533-1397 home. You'll get a refund if we hear from you in time to fill your space. (After 1:00 p.m. Friday, you may reach Camp #2 at the Park by calling (703) 221-9936.)

If you have questions after reading this letter, we'll be glad to try and answer them. Call Nancy at (202) 287-9227 work, (301) 933-3073 home or Nan at (202) 332-0232. See you at the Getaway!

Sincerely,



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