

PEI FIDDLE CAMP 2010 – STUDENT LETTER

Hi folks!

The first PEI Fiddle Camp is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing you, so get your instrument and get ready for an amazing week!

CHECK-IN TIME

Check-in is from 2 to 4pm on Sunday. If you are planning on arriving after 4pm, please let us know so we don't worry about you. My cell phone is your best bet and you can call me at 902-626-8084. After 2pm, you can settle into your room, check out the camp's layout and play a tune or two before dinner and all the fun begins in earnest.

When you arrive, here's the drill:

1. Report to the registration desk to check in. There will be signs to direct you there and that's where you'll get your cabin assignment, a map, and a schedule. Find someone you don't know yet and say hi!
2. Make a name tag and start wearing it. People are so much friendlier when they're not trying to figure out what your name is!
3. Settle into your room and meet your roommate(s).
4. Parking is allowed in the parking lot and on the little dirt road. Camp Abegweit would rather we did not drive on the grass.
5. Visit with the people in the rooms around yours. Find some common repertoire and start playing a TUNE!

SUNDAY EVENING

Dinner will be at 5pm and is the first official camp activity. Shortly after dinner, there will be a brief faculty meeting. Then at 7pm there will be an Orientation and Meet the Faculty event in the Rec Hall. ALL students should attend, since our instructors will describe both their classes and their approach to teaching. Following the orientation session, we'll have an introductory dance, and then members of our staff will lead a couple of jam sessions at different levels.

MEALS

Breakfast 8am – 8:45am
Lunch noon – 1pm
Dinner 6:15 – 7pm

Late night snack happens after the dance.

Saturday brunch is the last meal of the week and starts at 9am.

WHAT TO BRING – make sure you label everything!

ESSENTIALS

- Sleeping bag or bedding of your choice and a pillow. No linens are provided but if it's a problem for you, we can figure something out as long as you let us know well ahead of time
- Towel
- Toiletries, personal items
- Flashlight
- Clothes for warm and cold weather and rainy weather. The weather on PEI is sometimes unpredictable so you need to have all possible weather angles covered!

- Your instrument(s) and whatever accessories it might need during camp (strings, capo, rosin, flatpicks, strap, etc)
- Paper and pencil
- A rested body ready for a lot of learning and late night jamming
- Cash or personal cheques to purchase CDs, instructional videos, books and other cool things from the Artists' Store! The Artists' Store will **not** take credit cards.

OPTIONALS

- Tape recorder, mini-disc player, or other small recording device – this will be VERY handy. We recommend you bring some kind of a recorder as it will greatly enhance your learning experience!
- Music books
- Tuners
- Camera and film – perhaps you'll even be willing to share some pictures with us so we can put them up on our website
- Music stand
- Clothes hangers
- Ear plugs for sleeping (if you're a light sleeper)
- Small fan
- Munchies for late, late night snacks and between meals

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

- Your everyday worries – you're coming to camp so leave everything behind and just have fun playing music! Live in the moment and enjoy yourself!
- Drums and electric instruments (except keyboards). If you think you should be an exception, talk to us first.
- Pets

CARPOOL

If you are coming from some far-flung destination and need a ride in from the airport in Charlottetown, Moncton, or Halifax please let us know. If you are able to pick someone up at the airport and drive them to camp, let us know that too!

GETTING TO CAMP – DRIVING DIRECTIONS (Click here for [Google Map Directions](#))

From Confederation Bridge (16.2 km – about 14 mins)

1. Cross the Confederation Bridge from New Brunswick (4.0 km)
2. Continue onto Route 1 (3.4 km)
3. Turn right at Route 10 (7.5 km)
4. Turn right at Isherwood Dr. (0.7 km)
5. Slight left at Camp Abegweit Rd. (0.6 km)

From the Charlottetown Airport (48.1 km – about 43 mins)

1. Leaving the airport, turn left onto Brackley Point Rd (1.1 km)
2. Exit Right onto Perimeter Arterial Rd (3.5 km)
3. Turn left at Upton Rd (1.0 km)
4. Take the 1st right onto Route 1 West (35.9 km)
5. Slight left at Route 10 (0.2 km)
6. Turn left to stay on Route 10 (0.3 km)
7. Turn right to stay on Route 10 (4.5 km)

8. Turn left at Isherwood Dr (0.7 km)
9. Slight left at Camp Abegweit Rd (0.6 km)

CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, your loved ones can contact you through me at himself@wardmacdonald.com or 902 626-8084. All the info in this letter and much, much more, is available at www.peifiddlecamp.com.

Take care, travel well, and see you soon!
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