

Folk Song Society of Greater Boston
46th Annual Fall Getaway Weekend
Prindle Pond Conference Center, Charlton, MA
(Note, we're on the NEW side of camp this year!)

Dear Friendly Folk:

We look forward to seeing you at our 46th annual Fall Getaway Weekend. The camp is scenic, the facilities are very comfortable, and the program is wonderful and varied.

You can check in any time starting 6pm on Friday. **The camp will not be serving us dinner on Friday**, so you can eat on your own before you arrive, bring something with you, or make a contribution towards a pizza and BBQ take-out (which we'll coordinate). Note to Saturday-only campers: **breakfast will be served at 8:00am on Saturday**. Someone will be available Friday evening and Saturday morning to register you and help you get settled in. Park your car in the main lot, come to the dining hall for registration, and then you can settle into your assigned room in one of the two residential buildings (which are very close to the dining hall and parking lot). **Please take a look at the separate Logistics sheet** for information about parking, arrival and departure times, meals, etc.

The format of the weekend is casual. Some decisions about the program are made on the fly in order to accommodate our interests and resources, and a copy of the latest schedule will always be posted in the dining hall. The schedule includes a variety of workshops and concerts given by our staff and campers, including a **campers' concert** for which everyone is invited to sign up! We encourage you to bring instruments and songs to share -- there are plenty of opportunities for impromptu music-making.

There will be a **flea market**, the proceeds of which benefit the Fall Getaway Weekend Scholarship Fund. Feel free to bring items to donate to the flea market (musical instruments, household goods, clothes, etc.) Please take home any of your donations that aren't claimed by the end of the weekend or they will be tossed. ☹

There will be plenty of time to enjoy unstructured recreational activities, including canoeing in the pond (weather permitting – bring your own boat). It can be cool in September, so bring warm clothes, shoes, and warm bedding. The camp **does not provide** sheets, towels, pillows or blankets. Please note that we have a firm "no drug" policy, but alcohol is allowed at the camp.

Items you will want to bring:

Sleeping bag or sheets & blankets
Pillow
Flashlight
Towel
Soap & other toiletries
Musical instruments

Song books
Warm outerwear
Rain gear
Ear plugs (in case your roommates snore.
We'll have some extras on hand.)
Ideas for songs to do at workshops, and at
the campers' concert!

Directions to Prindle Pond Conference Center

Hilltop (the new side of the camp)

19 Harrington Road, Charlton, MA 01507

Camp Phone: (508) 248-4737

Emergency cell phone, that weekend: (978) 621-5814 (Lori)

From Boston: Take Mass Pike exit 10. Immediately after the tolls, take a right exit for Rt 12 South. Follow Rt. 12 for 3/4 mile, bearing right to merge onto R2. 20 W.

Follow Rt. 20 for approximately 7 miles.

Bear left onto Southbridge Rd/RT 169 and proceed 2.2 miles. (You will stay on Rt. 20 past Rt. 31 and Carpenter Hill Road, Francesco's Bakery.)

Turn left onto Carpenter Hill Road and proceed .2 miles.

Turn right onto Harrington Rd and follow it to Prindle Pond – Hilltop.

Prindle Pond – Hilltop:

