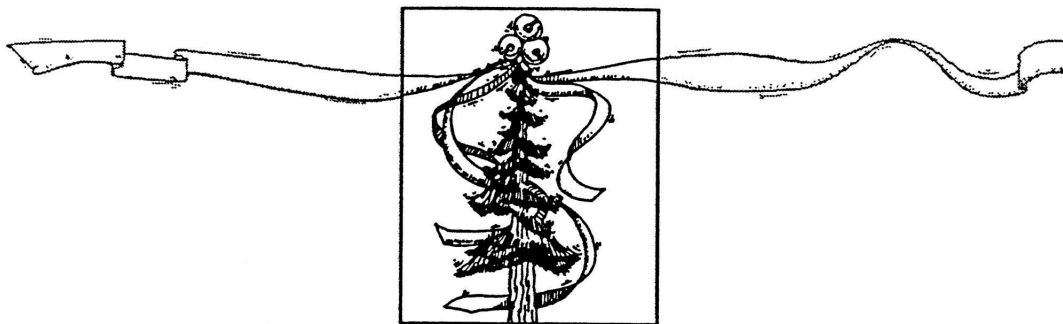


# BACDS ENGLISH WEEK



## Preparing For Camp 2008

Here's what you need to know to arrive at camp prepared to have fun. This packet supplements The Official April 2008 Camper Packet, so please refer to that for other important details about camp, including class descriptions, auction, bookstore, and our fragrance-free policy. Contents of this packet include:

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## General Camp Information

### How to get to Camp

**From the Bay Area**, take Hwy. 101 to Cloverdale. From 101, take Hwy. 128 to the coast and continue north on Hwy. 1 to Mendocino. (It takes about 4 hours to drive to Mendocino from San Francisco.)

**From Sacramento**, take I-5 north to Williams, then west on Hwy. 20 to 101. Go north on 101 to Willits, then west on Hwy. 20 to the coast, and then south on 1 to Mendocino.

**When you reach Mendocino**, turn east at the traffic light and continue on Little Lake Road for about 5-1/2 miles to the end of the pavement. Bear right towards The Woodlands (there's a sign) and follow the gravel road another 3 miles to camp. We are using Camp 1, the first of three camps. Stop first at the dining hall (down a driveway on the right after you pass a bunch of cabins) to pick up your welcome packet with cabin assignment.

## When to get to Camp

**Camp registration will open at 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 12.** Scholarship workers are asked to arrive at 1 p.m. and be ready to work at 2 pm. Stop by the dining hall/camphouse first to pick up your welcome packet, which includes your cabin assignment, name badge, camper chore assignment, and lots more useful information. Dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by a dance and staff introductions.

## Cancellation Information

While we hope this won't happen, if you find you must cancel, please notify the registrar, Denis Thalson (510-704-9561, [dtholson@earthlink.net](mailto:dtholson@earthlink.net)), as soon as possible. Currently we have several anxious campers on a waiting list, so your cancellation may allow someone else to come to camp. *Your cancellation is not confirmed until Denis has spoken with you or replied to your email.* Please note that we will retain \$400 of your fee only if we are unable to fill your place from a waiting list, \$150 of your fee if we are able to fill your place. The full fee is non-refundable after July 3.

## Accommodations

- Campers and staff stay in rustic redwood cabins shared by two persons. Each cabin includes a working stone fireplace (firewood available), a closet for hanging clothes, a balcony handy for hanging towels to dry, and four cots with thin foam mattresses. There is **no electricity** in the cabins, so don't forget battery lanterns and flashlights.
- Each group of cabins has a central bath house with flush toilets, showers, and sinks with hot water, as well as lights and electrical outlets.
- We will provide fragrance-free soap, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion for all campers to use. Please see the **fragrance-free** information in your April Camper Packet for fragrance-free personal items to bring.
- Care of our facilities: We are privileged to hold our camp at the historic Mendocino Woodlands ([www.mendocinowoodlands.org/](http://www.mendocinowoodlands.org/)). The Woodlands does not allow us to use new nails or push pins anywhere in camp. Blue painter's tape is recommended for hanging curtains, signs, etc. Please use only the existing (historic) nails in your cabin. The dance hall floor was replaced recently with gorgeous, but soft, fir. Please bring dance shoes to wear only in the dance hall so it will last another 80 years.
- There are no laundry facilities at camp, so bring plenty of clean, dry clothes for warm and cool weather.

## Mail and Telephone

There is no direct mail delivery to the Woodlands. You may send outgoing mail into town daily with campers or staff who happen to making trips out. There is a pay phone outside the camp house: (707) 937-996. In an emergency you can try (707) 937-4023, which rings in the kitchen. The best time to reach someone is a few minutes before a meal. Cell phones don't work well at camp, so don't count on using them.

## Leaving Camp

Camp ends with breakfast on Saturday, July 19, and campers must depart by 10:00 am. Work-trade scholarship campers, committee members, and truck-loading volunteers will stay on to clean and pack up camp, leaving by noon. Because English Week follows American Week this year, we will be especially busy packing up all of the gear and loading the truck, so volunteers to stay past 10:00 and help out are welcome.

## Parties and Special Events

**Highland Games and Picnic in the Meadow** - On Monday we'll take an extended lunch break in the sunny meadow to create our own frivolous version of Scottish Highlands Games. Try your hand at the Wellie Toss and fling yourself into the Bubble and Squeal. Bring your camping chair or blanket to the meadow for lunch seating.

**Pub Night and ceildhi dance** - Join us after the dance Monday night in the dining hall and camp house for games, singing, and dancing.

**Auction night** post-dance on Tuesday will feature the antics of auctioneers Brooke Friendly and Alistair Brown, aiming to maximize the number of laughs per dollar raised. Start thinking now about goods and services you might offer, and check out the latest CDSS newsletter piece "How to have a fun time at the camp auction and feel like a hot shot!"

**Morris Tour and Pub Sing** - On Wednesday afternoon many of us venture from our redwoods haven to liven up Mendocino with performances of display dances and a country dance or two on the street. Last year we got away with this on the Fourth of July, so the natives (well, mostly tourists) are pretty tolerant. We follow that with songs in a nearby pub or a walk along the bluff overlooking the Pacific, and, for those who wish, a dinner at one of Mendocino's fine restaurants. But you'll want to get back to the Woodlands for . . .

**Campers Night** - Wednesday night is the chance for our camper musicians and callers to take the stage. Join a camper band or call one of your favorite dances for all your friends. You won't find a friendlier crowd.

**High Tea** - English Week wouldn't be the same without our traditional repast of scones, pastries, fruits and teas on Thursday afternoon. Surprise us with your favorite formal dress or silly costume, or don a hat from our collection.

**Banquet** - Friday evening before our last dance the dining hall is transformed into an elegant banquet hall and we challenge our head chef Jeff O'Connor to give us a meal to remember.

And lots more - campfires, midnight snacks, dances from the Balkans, Cape Breton or your favorite land late into the night.

Sometimes the best parties are those organized by campers. One is already in the works, and if you and some friends find an excuse to host a party, go for it!

## Contact Information:

**Registration or cancellation questions.** Contact Denis Thalson, (510) 704-9561 before 8 pm or [dtholson@earthlink.net](mailto:dtholson@earthlink.net).

**Rides to and from camp.** If you need or can offer a ride to camp, contact Rides Coordinator Alan Winston at [winston@ssrl.slac.stanford.edu](mailto:winston@ssrl.slac.stanford.edu) or (650) 365-2913. If you indicated on the registration form that you need a ride, Alan has been in touch with you and should be able to give you an answer by June 28.

**Program questions.** Contact our programmer Brooke Friendly, [friendsack@opendoor.com](mailto:friendsack@opendoor.com) or (541) 482-9586.

**Work-Scholarships.** Rosemary Murphree can answer questions about scholarship worker duties. Contact her at [waltzer@sonic.net](mailto:waltzer@sonic.net) or (510) 524-7990.

**Anything else.** Contact our camp manager, Tom Colton at [tcolson@berkeley.edu](mailto:tcolson@berkeley.edu) or (510) 528-7953.

## CHECKLIST OF SUGGESTED THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP

- Pillow, twin bed sheets, sleeping bag or warm blankets and perhaps a soft hat to sleep in –it can get **very cold** at night
- Air mattress and insulation or foam pad (cots have thin mattresses)
- Mosquito netting
- Floor mats
- Towels (one to use while the other dries)
- Flashlight, battery-powered lantern, & extra batteries
- Mirror for your cabin
- Window coverings (2 extra sheets will do)
- String/blue tape to put up window coverings, netting  
(No push pins or new nails are allowed!)
- Clothesline, clothespins, hangers
- Cabin decorations, stuffed animals, etc.
- Alarm clock (not electric)
- Camp chairs for the cabin or the Camp House  
(Benches in the common areas have no backs.)
- Mouse-proof container (like a cooler), if you plan to keep food in your cabin
- Pens & notebooks for class notes
- Camera, recording device, & their accouterments
- Bells & hankies for Morris
- Musical instruments, music stand, music
- Dance cards
- Yoga mat or large towel for warm-ups
- Umbrella or light rain jacket
- Sturdy shoes for walking on trails to cabins
- Country dance shoes
- Step Dance, Waltz Clog and Northwest Morris:  
Clogs or hard soled shoes or shoes with good traction.
- Longsword: sneakers or shoes with good traction  
(not slick)
- Clothes for daytime: cool skirts, T-shirts, shorts, jeans
- Clothes for evening dances: longer dresses, long pants
- Warm clothes for mornings & evenings: long-sleeve shirts, sweaters, jackets, fleece, gloves, scarves, hats
- Fragrance-free** body-care products\*
- Fragrance-free, DEET-free** mosquito repellent\*
- Swimsuit
- Shower shoes
- Libations of choice
- Teacups, tankards, wineglasses
- Mug for daily use everywhere!\*\***
- Hand fan, for discouraging mosquitoes & staying cool
- Silly theme-party stuff
- Auction items
- Good old-fashioned cash or checkbook for bookstore and auction purchases (We can't take credit/debit cards.)

There will be a first-aid kit at camp containing the usual stuff: *Band-Aids*, *Ace* bandages, tape, moleskin, aspirin, *Cortaid* for poison oak. Bring enough personal medications to last you a week in the woods (camp is approximately 15 miles from the nearest medical assistance). You can store your own ice pack in the camper 'fridge freezer.

\* See the April Camper Packet for **fragrance-free** products. We will supply fragrance free soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion. We also supply some DEET-free mosquito repellent.

\*\*Please bring your own drinking vessel for water and between-meal use so we can cut down on paper cups and dishwashing. We provide cups and glasses for use at meal times.

## Local Dances Before and After Camp

While you are in Northern California, we encourage you to attend some of our local dances:

**Sunday, July 6, 2008 – 2:00 pm**

Sebastopol English Dance (NBCDS)  
Alan Winston, Gary Thomas, Susan Worland  
Wischemann Hall, 750 Johnson St, Sebastopol

**Friday, July 11, 2008 – 8:00 pm**

Mendocino English Dance  
Bruce Hamilton with Take a Dance Orchestra  
Caspar Community Center, Caspar

**Wednesday, July 23, 2008 – 8:00pm**

Berkeley English Dance (BACDS)  
Sharon Green with the Raggedy Annes  
2138 Cedar St, Berkeley

**Sunday, July 27, 2008 – 2:00 pm**

San Francisco English (BACDS)  
Mary Luckhardt with Avis Minger, Michael  
Siemon, Bill Jensen  
1805 Divisadero, San Francisco

**Wednesday, July 9, 2008 – 6:30 and 8:00pm**

Berkeley English Dance (BACDS)  
Alisa Dodson with Pickled Ginger  
2138 Cedar St, Berkeley

**Sunday, July 20, 2008 – 2:00 pm**

Sebastopol English Dance (NBCDS)  
Mary Luckhardt with Stan & Susan Kramer  
and Chuck Ward  
Wischemann Hall, 750 Johnson St, Sebastopol

**Saturday, July 26, 2008 – 8:00pm**

Berkeley Exper. English Dance (BACDS)  
Sharon Green with Charlie Hancock, Shira  
Kammen, and Danny Carnahan  
2138 Cedar St, Berkeley