

2017 Northwest Passage Dance Camp - Camper Welcome Letter!

We look forward to a wonderful weekend of dance and music and we're excited you'll be there!

Please read this entire document even if you're an experienced Northwest Passage camper. Much has changed this year.

WE'RE SAVING PAPER!

Last year, we provided printed out copies of site maps, camper rosters, program schedules, and other information at the registration table. Almost none of it was picked up. This year, we're including all the information in this document and its links. Please print whatever you need for camp and **bring it with you**. We'll post some large maps and schedules at camp. If you want a final copy of the camper roster email a request to info@nwpassagedancecamp.org **after camp**, and we'll send you one!

FRAGRANCE-FREE DANCING!

Northwest Passage Dance Camp is fragrance-free in order to allow those dancers in our community who have chemical sensitivities to enjoy the dance weekend. Please do not bring or use products which contain fragrances, such as: deodorants, perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes. We will provide fragrance-free shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soap in the bathrooms and shower facilities. For other personal items, please bring fragrance-free varieties or refrain from use during camp (ideas and suggestions on the [website](#)). Thank you for making Northwest Passage comfortable for all of our dancers and musicians.

COMMUNITY

Our residential dance camp is a community creation where campers come together to dance, eat, and commune with each other in a collective setting. It couldn't take place without the generous contribution of time and energy by all. Campers are expected to volunteer for one or more "camp jobs" or "chores" during the weekend, so that Northwest Passage will continue to be a rich and joyous experience for all. There will be camper chore sign-up sheets near the entrance to Fanning Hall when you check-in. Thank you in advance for pitching in!

Some of our campers fly or drive great distances to be part of our camp experience. Flyers still have to go the 50 miles between the airport and camp. Help your fellow campers by becoming a "transportation angel". Go to our [Facebook Group](#) and offer to help each other with carpooling or shuttling between the airport and camp.

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WHAT TO BRING:

- Printed copies of this welcome packet, the [camp map](#), and the [program schedule](#)
- Comfortable clothing for dancing and walking
- Sleeping bag/bedding
- Pillow/stuffed animals
- Sweatshirt/jacket (evenings can be cool)
- Rain gear (yes it could rain)
- Earplugs (for light sleepers)
- Alarm clock
- Outdoor shoes suitable for hilly terrain
- Dance shoes (with non-marking soles)
- Comfy socks
- Water bottle
- Favorite coffee/tea cup
- Towels and toiletries – *fragrance-free soap, shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion will be provided*
- Flashlight
- Any prescription medicines you need
- Camera
- Musical Instruments – ***especially Ukuleles. Seth is running a ukulele jam and you won't want to miss it!***

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol
- Pets
- People not registered for camp
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion (*unless you already have a favorite fragrance-free product - fragrance free products will be provided*)

DIRECTIONS (How to Get There) – See also interactive [Google Maps link](#).

Northwest Passage is location at [Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp](#), 4 miles east of Rhododendron, Oregon on US Highway 26.

From Portland airport PDX: Take I-205 south to I-84/US 30 east (exit 22) and continue with **From Portland** directions.

From Portland: Go east on I-84/US 30 E to Wood Village Exit 16. Turn right (south) and go up the hill (becomes 242nd) until you come to Burnside Street (2.8 miles). Turn left onto Burnside. You will come to the Powell Valley Junction (0.7 miles). Continue through it and you will be on US 26. Stay on US 26 for about 33 miles.

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Eastbound on US 26: the sign for camp will be on the right but the turn will be to the left. Forest Service road numbers increase as you leave Rhododendron. Watch the road numbers and turn left on Road #39. Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp is the second camp on the right. Road #39 ends shortly after the camp entrance.

***Warning:** the left turn from US 26 onto Road #39 is very dangerous if there's traffic. You're in the number 1 (left) lane of a major highway waiting **without a turn lane**. Cars behind you may not notice you're stationary and you might get rear-ended. Consider going past Road #39 to the next turnout on the right, crossing over US 26 and turning left to come back, or better, just go the 3 miles to the Government Camp turnaround with a nice safe left-turn lane.*

Westbound on US 26: go past Government Camp, watch the Forest Service Road numbers and turn right on Road #39. Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp is the second camp on the right. Road #39 ends shortly after the camp entrance.

PARKING IS LIMITED - CARPOOLING STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

The Kiwanis campsite has reduced the size of our already limited parking area. Use the attached roster to find folks in your area and look for carpool opportunities. We encourage you to car pool to camp – It is fun to travel together and fewer cars means everyone parks onsite. Our parking coordinators will thank you. You can also post requests or offers to carpool at our [Facebook Group](#).

The Kiwanis campsite is especially limited for Car-camping or RV spots, especially if you need hook ups. If you requested this kind of accommodation, our housing/site coordinator should reach out to you as to your needs, so we can try to avoid surprises at camp. Let us know if you haven't been contacted.

CHECK-IN

Check-in is at the entrance to Fanning Hall. Arrive **after** 5:00pm on Friday. This is a new HARD start time. Please don't trickle in early at all hours. This has caused a number of problems we wish to avoid this year.

Exception: Tenting campers may arrive at 4:00pm on Friday for pre-check-in. They will select a specific tent site or platform, haul their equipment up, set up their tent site, and then return to Fanning at 5:00pm for regular check-in.

The check-in area is staffed from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. After 8:30pm, please self-check-in at the table at Fanning Hall.

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At the check-in table, campers choose their own sleeping space within their predesignated sleeping accommodation category, and sign-up for one or more camp chores. Sign-up sheets are at the table. Once signed up, we give you your badge and you're on your way.

Arrive having had dinner (lots of [restaurants along US 26](#) in Sandy or Rhododendron). Be ready to settle into camp and start dancing when the dance party begins at 8:00pm.

CAMP FACILITIES and SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS (see also [camp map](#))

A variety of accommodations are available for use at Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp. Included are dorm-style cabins, platform tents, and private tent sites. ***NOTE: all tenting locations have already been spoken for and no remaining tent spaces will be available at check-in time.***

Sleeping accommodations are grouped as women only, men only, adult couples, and families with children. There will be some limited space for small campers or travel vans. Large RVs are difficult to accommodate.

Restroom/shower facilities are available in each building and in the nearby bathhouse for tent campers.

Fanning Hall will be the site of dances, meals, and workshops. Additional workshops will be held in Laurel Lodge and Cy Lodge, each a short walk from Fanning Hall.

There are hiking trails from Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp into the forests of Mt. Hood. There's more information about them at both [our website](#) and the [Kiwanis website](#).

FOR SAFETY SAKE

By late summer and early fall, the Mt. Hood area will be an elevated fire hazard area. **Absolutely no smoking, candles, or other flames** are allowed in any of the buildings or outside on the grounds.

Smoking is allowed only in your car with windows rolled up. **(Yes! In your car with the windows rolled up.)**

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you must cancel, your fee, less \$35, will be refunded if you let us know by Aug 7th. After Aug 7th, your full fee may be forfeit if we cannot find a replacement camper. Please do not find your own replacement. We will fill your place from the waiting list.

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A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS

If you haven't already, join our Northwest Passage Dance Camp [Facebook group](#). Keep up to date with news on camp and to share tips, pictures, and carpool/transport offers/requests with friends and fellow campers.

Please let us know if your address changes over the summer or if you notice any mistakes in the attached preliminary registration list.

Camp ends Monday after brunch and the final dance party, in time to drive home before the traffic is really heavy.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Check out our [website](#). Need a personal touch? [Email the registrar](#), Ric Goldman or call 650-906-8707 (10am-10pm only).

We look forward to seeing and dancing with you at camp.

The Northwest Passage Dance Camp committee

*(Northwest Passage Dance Camp is proud to be part of the [Portland Country Dance Community](#))
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