Bay Area Country Dance Society
Eleventh Annual
FAMILY WEEK
at Alta Sierra Camp, California
ear Kings Canyon National Park
July 6 to July 13, 2002

A music and dance camp for all ages and sizes

Featuring
Kevin Carr & Ray Bierl of Hillbillies From Mars
Laurie Andres, Susan Michaels
and many more

Also:
English Country Dance • Square Dance • Longsword Dance
Singing • Storytelling • Folk Crafts
Music & Instrumental Workshops

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Gourmet natural foods catered by our chef
Lake swimming & canoeing

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Children performing the finale of an English Longsword dance

What folks have been saying about Family Week…

“Wonderful—best family vacation I could imagine.” — SD

“My kids can’t wait to come back, and neither can I.” — MV

“We didn’t have to cook and my child was busy and happy.” — PL

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“This was the best camp I’ve been to. It was great!” — TM 92

“I loved making new friends” — DM 10-12

“I liked the dancing!” — JF 6

“I liked the camp!” — JF 9

“This is the best camp I’ve been to. It was great!” — TM 15

“Real life should be this much fun.” — DM

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BACDS FAMILY WEEK is a week-long residential music and dance camp for the whole family. Located in a beautiful mountain setting, FAMILY WEEK is ideal for families, couples, grandparents, and anyone who likes to experience the vibrance of community with children. The FAMILY WEEK program is designed for all ages, providing a balance of family time with age-group class time, as well as times we gather together as a community. There are three class periods a day, and two Family Gathering periods when the whole community comes together for dancing, singing, storytelling, humor, and entertainment. There are delicious gourmet meals and refreshments, evening dances for adults and teens, and free time for swimming, canoeing, and the relaxation needed to develop the camaraderie of community.

Camp Life: The program includes contradance, square dance, English country dance, family dance, English clog dance, Morris, Rapper sword and Longsword ritual dance forms from England, all taught with live music by our talented staff. Other activity sessions include fiddle lessons and other instrument instruction, dance band sessions, storytelling, singing, Mummers’ plays, folk crafts, lake swimming, canoeing and merrymaking. Camp activities include demonstrations, skits, special parties, concerts, games, an auction, and surprises. Participants are encouraged to help create a sense of community by bringing ideas, props or costumes to add to the revels.

Pied Piper: Each evening, after games, dancing, and storytelling, a musical Pied Piper procession leads the younger children (under 10) off to bed, winding through camp to parade them to their own cabins, serenading a good night. Then roving baby-sitters check on them every few minutes, leaving parents free to return to the evening dance.

Location: Alta Sierra Camp, 50 miles into the Sierra mountains east of Fresno, California and 10 miles outside Kings Canyon National Park. The camp is at an elevation of 4000 feet and features trees, two lakes and beautiful vistas. The weather varies from cool at night to sometimes quite warm midday.

Lodging: Rustic cabins with wooden bunks have electricity, as well as a modern bath house with hot showers. Cabin assignments will be based on the ages of the children; two or three families, with children in the same age group class, will usually be housed together. You may indicate on your application if you have a housing request, although requests may not be filled. The cabins can get cozy, so a tent discount is offered for those adults who would like more privacy (please note that all children will still be housed in cabins nearby). All participants need to bring their own bedding, pillows, and towels.

Food: All meals, prepared by our own chef and the staff of professional cooks, are taken together in the dining hall. The standard menu includes poultry and fish with no red meat. Be sure to check the registration form if you prefer vegetarian meals. Special diets must be negotiated with the chef.

Bay Area Country Dance Society (BACDS) is a nonprofit organization, and affiliate of The Country Dance and Song Society, which was founded in 1915 to promote, preserve, study, teach and enjoy English and American folk dance, music and song. (See www.cdss.org.) BACDS is also offering two adult dance weeks: English Week at Mendocino Woodlands, July 13–20, contact Victoria Williams at (510) 526-5854 or victoria@uclink4.berkeley.edu; and American Week, called Sierra Swing, August 18–25 at Alta Sierra, contact Mary Hansel at (510) 654-6994 or mlhansel@hotmail.com. Camp updates for all weeks may be found on the BACDS webpage, at www.bacds.org.

For further information please contact the Registrar,
Rae Fixler, at (925) 283-3400
or the BACDS Family Week Directors,
Jerry Allen & Emily Flouton
familyweek@bacds.org
(707) 829–8833

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Dance Teachers

Laurie Andres, from Seattle, is not only a dynamic dance musician on accordion and piano, but also a gifted teacher of English and Ritual dance forms. This guy will drive you across the dance floor, leading English Country Dance or lifting you off your feet with his music.

Susan Michaels is a funny, high-energy caller from Los Angeles. Her infectious style makes it easy to have fun with contras, squares, and family dances.

From bells and hankies to juggling to creative crafts projects and tantalizing parlor games, Morris dancer, clogger and playful games-mistress Kalia Kliban draws young and old to dance and make merry.

A hoofer in more ways than one: A smashing success with young dancers, Kelly Graham is a high-voltage schoolteacher and longtime dancer with Berkeley Morris and Swords of Gridlock, as well as a competitive equestrienne. Kelly energizes Morris and Sword dancing with children.

Randall and Rhonda Cayford, the dynamic duo of Rappers—that’s step-dancing with flexible steel swords, not the latter-day rhyming rap—develop your rap-port with Rapper Sword Dance.

Musicians

Kevin Carr is a captivating Storyteller as well as fantastic musician on multiple instruments. On fiddle, assorted bagpipes, whistle, banjo and more, Kevin is a firestarter in the Hillbillies From Mars, QuébecQ usai and many other musical conflagrations. Kevin will spin entrancement tales and play for dancing.

A lightning fiddler and guitarist, Ray Bierl beams down from the Hillbillies From Mars and other constellations to bring dance drive and energy wherever he goes.

Multiple musician for Apple Tree Morris, contradance band Flashpoint, and local English country dances, talent wizard Jon Berger comes prepared with fiddle, squeezeboxes, vocal harmony and ever-ready funnybone.

Kathrine Gardner on fiddle, accordion, or piano, either American or English dance, her middle name must be Versatile! Kathrine is arresting with the Contrabandits as well as other bands of musical outlaws.

Los Angeles fiddler Frank Hoppe draws from American and Celtic traditions and will also bring Sacred Harp singing for as many as will.

Carlo Calabi, silken-throated singer and affable guitarist, will lead singing and bring our voices together in song sharing.

Camaraderie among friends old and new

Teaching Staff

Waldorf kindergarten teacher, Kristen McLaughlin will create a pint-size world of enchantment in a magical preschool playroom, to delight our littlest campers.

The crafts shop is always bustling with activity and projects, inspired by Mikel Kovach-Long, our artist-in-residence and a master in ceramics, woodworking, fabric and sculpting. Mikel will keep our hands busy with all sorts of fascinating crafts projects.

Long-time naturalists with the Park Service, Norm & Jan Kidder will inspire us with Old Ways lore, nature walks and Folk Crafts such as wheat weaving.

Johnny Selhorst will be our new Games funmaster, inciting the children with Games on the Grass.

Hutch & Nancy Hutchins join us with some new talents this year: Hutch on circus skills Stilt-walking and Juggling, fine artist Nancy designing and dyeing Ukrainian Pysanky eggs.

Glen Echo National Park Ranger and devoted dancer Stan Fowler promises to return as our lifeguard, prevailing expert, wild man, water sprite, and reigning muse of revelry.

Our intrepid leader, Family Week co-founder and director Jerry Allen will gather our families together, emcee, sing, harangue, tell jokes, play guitar and several instruments, call family dances, and before our very eyes, build us a village community by week’s end.

Family dances bring the whole community together

Everyone is welcome to learn an instrument
**SAMPLE SCHEDULE**

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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The fee for camp includes room, board and program tuition. Only full-time registration is available. An early bird discount of $15 (one per family) is offered for registrations received by May 1, 2002. $50 discount offered for any adult or couple providing their own tent (all children will be housed in cabins).

**WORK TRADE AID (We need work trade folks!)**

Work trade aid is available for adults; our hope is for a fair trade of work time for a part of tuition. All assignments require up to 2 hours of work per day, as well as extra time to open and close camp, for a reduction of $250. Additional aid may be available depending on need and the availability of funds. Registrations that include a request for work trade must include the regular deposit and be received by May 1, 2002. Requests after that date will be considered if funds are remaining. If cancellation is necessary due to insufficient aid being granted, the entire fee will be refunded.

**ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Only full time registration is available. Preference is given to adults accompanied by children. All registrations received by May 1, 2002, will be processed together. If camp is oversubscribed, a drawing will be held. We will try to keep an approximate gender balance of adults. All registrations after May 1, 2002 will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Mid-May, notice will be sent of acceptance or wait-list status. If you wish to accept the registration, please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Full payment must be received by June 1, 2002 but is encouraged at the time of registration. Only full time registrants can be accepted. Guests and pets are absolutely not permitted at camp.

**CANCELLATIONS**

If cancellation is received by June 1, 2002, $80 per 12 to adult and $50 per child is non-refundable, up to a maximum of $200 per family. When cancellation occurs after June 1st, the total deposit is non-refundable. In the event of cancellation without notice, the entire fee will be retained. Registrations are not transferable.

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**SUBTOTAL:** $850-$50 = $800

**TOTAL FEES DUE:** $800

**ENCLOSED:**

- Full payment enclosed $800
- Less Earlybird Discount @ $15 = $15
- Less Tent Discount (1 per family) @ $50 = $50
- $75 Deposit per child age 6-11 + $50 Deposit per child age 2-5 = $125

**BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 1ST:** $675

- Tax-deductible gift to the Scholarship Fund of $250
- Tax-deductible gift to the BACDS General Fund of $250

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** $800

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** BACDS
Send application and check to: BACDS c/o Rae Fixler
3360 Beechwood Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549