

Folk Dance by the Beach Weekend Folk Dance Retreat

Come and Celebrate SIFD's 40th and Canada's 150th birthdays!

Date: Friday, October 13, 5pm, in time for dinner, to Sunday, October 15, 2pm Location: Alexandra Retreat & Events Centre, 2912 McBride Ave, Surrey, in Crescent Beach.

Alexandra Retreat and Events Centre is a unique facility located just half a block from the ocean in the popular and picturesque village of Crescent Beach. Heritage and modern buildings are ranged around the perimeter of a 2½ acre, fenced site with overnight accommodation for up to 84 people, as well as meeting and multi-purpose rooms for group gatherings.

Dancers can attend the entire weekend or come to part of the weekend. For dancers staying overnight, accommodation is available in single beds, or bottom bunks, for about 52 people.

The programme will have birthday celebrations, workshops for new dancers, plenty of dancing for more experienced dancers and lots of opportunities for fun and socializing. The programme is dependant on the skills and talents of registrants. Don't worry, every registrant is not required to contribute to the programme.

Friday evening – Canada's 150th birthday celebration! There will be an emphasis on Canadian dances. Optional: dress Canadian! Can't figure out what that means? Dress red and white instead. Do you know a Canadian dance to teach? Let us know!

Saturday evening – Celebrate Surrey Folk Dancers 40 years of dancing together! Old favourites will be among the dances done on Saturday night – do you remember a particular favourite from years ago? Let us know! Optional: Dress ethnic and/or festive!

The early-bird base cost per person will be \$140 per person for 2 nights accommodation in a lower bunk, 6 meals from supper Friday to lunch Sunday, snacks, and a full schedule of dancing and other workshops. There are prices for parts of the weekend too. For example, Saturday evening, which includes dinner is \$35.

If you are staying overnight, you will need to bring your own bedding, towels and toiletries. Contact us if you are flying in and want to borrow bedding and towels. We recommend a mattress topper if you want to make your bed more comfortable.

Meals will be provided by Camp Alexandra. They are very experienced at accommodating special diets which they will do for us for an extra charge. They are open to us bringing our own food, though, and refrigerator space is available.

Possible ways attendees can contribute: teach dances, lead an activity, set-up, clean-up, registration, decorating, first aid, preparing snacks, photography, videography, singing, jamming with musical instruments, performing an act for talent night.

Contact Dale at surreyfolkdance@gmail.com or 604-307-3595 with your questions and to offer your ideas, and visit www.surreyfolkdance.org/retreat for more information. Register before August for the early-bird rate.



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