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VANCOUVER FOLK SONG SOCIETY RETREAT 2022

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 30th, 4:30 pm to Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 2:30 pm

WHERE: Alexandra Retreat Centre, Crescent Beach, BC (one block from the ocean)

After two years of having to cancel our traditional live retreat, the Retreat Committee has been given the go ahead by the VFSS Board to start organizing a retreat for 2022. We have booked our dates with Camp Alexandra, which is operating at full capacity. We shall be closely following any changes in the Public Health Safety rules. With the pandemic being so recent, there are always going to be variables, which could change things at any time, but we feel it is time to re-introduce ourselves to the great joy that this event brings. Come join us for a fun weekend, sharing old and new songs of various genres and traditions, good food, stories, laughter, workshops, song circles, jamming, a concert, and impromptu unplugged, acoustic music everywhere!

ACCOMMODATIONS include seven fully-accessible heated cabins plus rooms with two to seven beds. There are hot showers, a large dining room, and four rooms for workshops, circles, and late night jamming. The fenced 2.5 acre site provides plenty of space for dancing, picnicking, jamming, and kids to play.

ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED. There will be a light supper on Friday, three meals on Saturday, and two on Sunday, as usual. Complimentary coffee and tea will be available all weekend and snacks will also be provided in the Lodge kitchen (formerly called the Longhouse kitchen) after the song circle on Friday and after the concert on Saturday.

BRING a sleeping bag, quilt, or blankets, a pillow, and a sheet (to cover plastic-covered foam mattresses), towels, water bottles or mugs, instruments and music, and earplugs for shared accommodations.

The retreat has always been subsidized by the VFSS as expenses do exceed the fees, but over the last few years costs, such as site rental and food, have increased, so this year it will be necessary for us to increase our rates. We are still working on these figures and you will be fully informed when the registration form goes out in late June. Bursaries will still be available so, if this would be helpful, we encourage our members to apply for one on the registration form; your request will remain completely confidential. We also welcome and appreciate any donations to our bursary fund by anyone who wishes to make one.

Best Wishes,
The VFSS Retreat Committee
Mary Armitage, Lynn Applegate, Evelyn Corker, Steve Deering, and Maureen Hannah

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