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The Vancouver Folk Song Society's 2020 Retreat is being held from Friday, September 30th, 4:30 pm, to Sunday, October 2nd, 2:30 pm, at Camp Alexandra in Crescent Beach, BC. **There will be how-to workshops, presentations, song circles, singalongs, the ever popular Hat Bands, the Saturday evening concert, and the usual late night jams and singing sessions.**

The **Retreat Sessions Schedule** is now complete and attached below, so check it out! A huge THANK YOU goes to our many session leaders who are the backbone of the Retreat!

We are near the deadline for early bird registration, August 31st, and **the final cut-off date for registration this year is September 15th**. You can find the registration form attached below or pick up the form at the next Folk Song Society evening on September 7th. The registration form and the sessions schedule can also be downloaded from our website, vfss.ca.

The Retreat Committee sends a big thank you to those who have made donations to the retreat bursary fund. Application for bursaries is encouraged and simply consists of filling in that portion of the registration form.

IMPORTANT REMINDER for those who have already registered: If for any reason you are not able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible by email to registrar@vfss.ca.

This year we are strongly recommending that all attendees carry out a home Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Test before leaving home and, if the result is positive, we ask you to refrain from attending and immediately let us know of your cancellation. We shall be reserving a particular room to accommodate anyone who arrives with Covid symptoms and will also provide tests, masks, and hand sanitizer. This year we are also encouraging our attendees to eat and perform out of doors, to the extent that weather permits. Those who plan on putting up tents are asked to do this close to the cabins.

Come join us for a great weekend of sharing songs, socializing, fine food, laughter, workshops, song circles, jamming, a concert, and impromptu unplugged, acoustic music everywhere!

Heated cabins, rooms, and dorms and hot showers. Large fenced play areas for children. Please note that it is VERY IMPORTANT that you indicate on the Registration Form YES or NO for the Friday supper. If you do not indicate YES, we cannot guarantee you a meal when you arrive. All daytime meals are catered by camp staff, but the Friday and Saturday evening snacks are provided by the Vancouver Folk Song Society, for your enjoyment.

Upon your arrival, you will be assigned accommodation. We do our best to try and provide non-snoring cabins but, alas, there are attendees who swear they do not

snore — but they do!! We would ask you to please bite the bullet on Friday night and remain in your assigned accommodation. It is both disturbing and unsafe for other campers to have Retreat attendees wandering around the camp at night because they are dissatisfied with their billet. If you have a problem with your accommodation, see our Housing Officer on Saturday morning and we shall do our best to meet your needs. We provide ear plugs to all attendees and strongly advise all camp attendees to read up on measures they can take to try and deal with this situation themselves (in a calm and respectful way, hahaha!).

BRING sleeping bag, pillow, sheet (to cover plastic mattress), towel, water bottle or mug, instruments and music, and earplugs (if you prefer your own). **LEAVE BEHIND** pets (unless it is a pre-approved ETD), drugs, and unregistered guests/visitors. No Smoking on Campgrounds.

Hope to see you there!

Your VFSS Retreat Committee

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