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## **VANCOUVER FOLK SONG SOCIETY RETREAT 2025**

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 26th, 4:30 pm to Sunday, Sept. 28th, 2:30 pm

**WHERE:** Alexandra Retreat Centre, 2916 McBride Ave., Surrey, BC (one block from the ocean in Crescent Beach)

*Once again we are looking ahead to our retreat at Camp Alexandra where we celebrate the opportunity for all our members, north, south, east and west, to get together to share a wonderful musical and social experience.*

*This year we want to make it clear that the Vancouver Folk Song Society is committed to inclusion and making our members feel welcome and safe. This especially applies to our friends and neighbours from the States who are very important to us. 😊*

*This year, in order to cover an increase in the cost of our meals, we have found it necessary to raise our fees slightly. We hope this will not be an inconvenience. Please come and join us for a fun weekend as we share 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 for 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 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.

**Registration will commence in early July, both on-line and via hardcopies at the Quaker Meeting House. Bursaries are still 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, Steve Deering, and Maureen Hannah

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