

VFSS RETREAT SCHEDULE FRIDAY, Sept. 26th 2025

	Alexandra Hall	Lodge Upstairs	Lodge Downstairs
4:30 pm	Registration Begins		
6:00 – 7:00	LIGHT SUPPER (Dining Room)		
7:30 – 9:30	WELCOME SONG CIRCLE		
9:45 – approx. 11:30 Snacks provided in Lodge kitchen	Reservable for jamming or unscheduled sessions on-site*	Reservable for jamming or unscheduled sessions on-site*	Reservable for jamming or unscheduled sessions on-site*

* Reservable spaces – Sign up on-site for a reservable space if you would like to host any type of song circle, jam session, etc., being as specific as you can about what you have in mind. You can write directly onto the schedule sheet in Alexandra Hall and take a sheet of paper and some tape for a door sign. Unreserved spaces may be used for open jamming or singing.

The Media Room is not available to us; **DO NOT ENTER**

Song Circles – Direction of rotation is at the discretion of the session leader.

Sign-up Info for Hat Bands and Saturday Concert – Hat Band sign-up (put your name in the basket at the desk) will continue until 12:30 pm on Saturday. Hat Band groupings will be chosen & announced at lunch on Saturday before the group photo. Sign-up sheet for the Saturday evening concert will be posted in Alexandra Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and remain up until 2:00p.m. Each concert slot will be 5 minutes long and group collaboration is encouraged.

NOTE: A quote from our contract with the camp states that, “Surrey noise by-law prohibits music/loud noise before 8:00 a.m and after 10:30 p.m.” We have never, to our knowledge, ever had a complaint about noise from our camp nights in the past, but it is perhaps prudent to consider keeping the volume moderate after 10:30 p.m. 😊

VFSS RETREAT SCHEDULE SATURDAY, Sept. 27th 2025

	Alexandra Hall	Lodge Upstairs	Lodge Downstairs
8:00 – 9:15	BREAKFAST (Dining Room)		
9:30 – 10:50	Broadway Melodies Song booklets will be provided, but improv and solos also welcome. Sing-along led by Betty McBurney and company (Henry Vaughan, David Jackson & Steve Britten)	“Songversations” Bring two songs and make connections. Song circle led by Jim Edmondson	Music with Art Make your own Camp Alexandra souvenir booklet while enjoying some sing-along songs. Workshop led by Anne Tyler & Lynn Applegate
11:00 –12:20	Longing and Belonging Bring a song that explores themes of identity, home, and connection, music that speaks to the search for self, place, or relationships. Song circle led by Heidi Harmer & Tiffany Kuhlmann	The Art of the Sing-Along What makes some songs easier than others to sing along with? Bring a favourite and we shall figure it out! Workshop led by Earle Peach	Open up your guitar playing by learning some new chords. Adapt what you have learned to some familiar songs. Workshop led by Steve Britten
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH (Dining Room) — HAT BANDS Announced		
1:45 – 2:00	GROUP PHOTO		
2:10 – 3:20	Pink Floyd as Folk Music Re-evaluate their songs as folk music, bring along your own Pink Floyd songs, or just listen. Presentation by Graham Baldwin	Songs of Social (In)Justice Bring songs, self penned or by others, that speak to our turbulent times. Song circle led by Barry Truter & Roger Holdstock	Come and Play! (2:10-3:00) Songs and rhymes for toddlers, small children, and anyone else who likes to sing, croon, play and move. Bring your little ones, some play songs, or just yourself. Song circle led by Christina Ray
3:30 – 4:40	Shanty Sing-along Bring harmonies and lots of gusto for a session of familiar, and maybe not so familiar, shanties. Sing-along led by Bevan Bartlett & Dylan Brown	Tribute to Kick-Ass Women Singer/Songwriters Bring your favourites to share. Song circle led by The Re:Sisters	Ukelele Workshop Mostly for beginners, with chord charts, but also some finger- style if interested. Workshop led by Bob Jackson
4:45 – 6:00	HAT BANDS PRACTICE TIME		
6:00 – 7:00	DINNER (Dining Room)		
7:30 – 9:45	CONCERT (followed by snacks in the Lodge kitchen)		
10:00 – approx. 11:30	Reservable for jamming or unscheduled sessions on-site	Reservable for jamming or unscheduled sessions on-site	Reservable for jamming or unscheduled sessions on-site

VFSS RETREAT SCHEDULE SUNDAY, Sept. 28th 2025

	Alexandra Hall	Lodge Upstairs	Lodge Downstairs
8:30 – 9:30	BREAKFAST (Dining Room)		
9:40 – 11:00	<p>Gospel Songs Join our Sunday morning gospel session, raise the rafters, praise the Lord and the Universe! Sing-along led by Tim Bartoo</p>	<p>Folk songs that tell a story. They can have happy, sad or surprising endings. Song circle led by Mary Armitage</p>	<p>Not so “Sea” Shanties Parodies of shanty songs and originals in shanty style with great sing-along choruses. Song circle led by Dawn Berg</p>
11:10 – 12:40	<p>The No-Name Dames bring you a Music Hall sing-along! Song sheets provided (can also bring your own song) Sing-along led by Di Skippen, Lynne Siebert, Pam Holley, and Val Raoul</p>	<p>Songs of the Wild West Share songs about cowboys, outlaws, lil’ doggies, stagecoaches, etc. Song circle led by Lynn Applegate</p>	<p>“Tickle your funny bones!” Songs of humor and irony Song circle led by Brian Robertson</p>
12:50 – 1:00	<p>CLOSING SONG CIRCLE & GOODBYES</p>		
1:00 – 2:00	LUNCH (Dining Room)		
2:00 – 2:45	FINAL CLEANUP — Please bring garbage/recyclables to Alexandra Hall		
<p><i>Thank you for taking part in the Retreat. Please make sure you take ALL your belongings. And may you have a good, safe, song-filled journey home.</i></p>			