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VANCOUVER FOLK SONG SOCIETY RETREAT 2026

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 25th, 4:30 pm to Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2:30 pm

WHERE: Alex House (a.k.a. Camp Alexandra), 2916 McBride Ave., Surrey, BC (one block from the ocean in Crescent Beach)

Welcome once more as we look forward to yet another retreat at Camp Alexandra. This year, we hope to see both regulars and new members come together to enjoy diversity in music, lots of fun singalongs, and great company!

We have a change in organization this year: Lynn Applegate is now our Sessions Organizer and she is doing a great job. Lynn remains in charge of Volunteers and she is also Secretary for the VFSS Board.

This year, in order to cover an increase in the cost of our meals and the site rental, we have found it necessary to raise our fees slightly. The new fees will be shown on the Registration Form which comes out in early July, along with the Sessions List.

ACCOMMODATIONS include seven fully-accessible heated cabins plus rooms with two to seven beds. There are hot showers, a large dining room, and two conference rooms plus the main hall 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 (but not during the day on Saturday). Any leftovers will be available on Sunday. Attendees are welcome to use the fridge in the Lodge and bring supplementary snacks if desired.

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. *Note: to improve comfort, we recommend that anyone who finds the mattresses a little inadequate consider bringing extra comforters or blankets, a camping mat, or even an air mattresses to place on top of the existing foam mattress.*

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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