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VANCOUVER FOLK SONG SOCIETY RETREAT 2026

Friday, Sept. 25th to Sunday, Sept. 27th

We are happy to announce that we are now ready to accept registrations for this year's VFSS Retreat. Take advantage of the Early Bird rate and get your registration in right away, as knowing numbers is a big help in our planning.

If you've never been to one of our retreats and are wondering what it is, please see the one-page "explainer" attached below.

Due to an increase in food and site rental costs at Camp Alexandra, we have had to raise our fees a little and hope this will not be an impediment to your attendance. Bursaries are available; to apply, fill out the relevant section on the registration form. We also welcome donations towards the bursary fund.

As you can see from the attached Sessions List, we have a fine line-up of sessions led by experienced session leaders. Lynn Applegate has put together the sessions list this year and done a fine job. Please help us reach out to all families, including those unfamiliar with the Folk, to let them know the retreat is family-friendly and many of our sessions are appropriate for children as well as adults.

Jamming sessions are always very popular and this year, we have three openings in the schedule covering one time slot, late Saturday afternoon, giving attendees extra time to jam and/or practise for the concert. Also, as usual, the three meeting rooms are open after the Friday night song circle and after the Saturday night concert. We would also like to point out that the location of the camp is perfect for walks on the beach while enjoying a yummy ice cream!

Regarding accommodation, please make it known on your registration form, or via email to the Registrar, if you wish to share a room/cabin with particular people. We shall do our best to accommodate you. We encourage you to bring extra bedding with you if you are staying overnight and you find the mattresses inadequate for your needs.

NOTE: It is very important that you indicate YES or NO to the Friday night meal on the Registration Form. If you arrive expecting supper and you have not indicated YES, we cannot guarantee you a meal. While all meals at the retreat are prepared by camp personnel, snacks on Friday and Saturday evenings are provided by the Vancouver Folk Song Society for your enjoyment.

The Registration Form (in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats), the Sessions List, and the Explainer are attached below and can also be found on our website, <https://vfss.ca>

From your Retreat Committee: Mary, Steve, Maureen, and Lynn

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