

October 2023 Camper Letter

SUBJECT LINE:

Northwest New Year's Camp aka The Bash on Vashon – Registration is open!

Following a successful and fun 2022-2023 NW New Year's Camp, we are getting ready for this year's camp. Put these dates on your calendar: Friday, December 29th, 2023, through Monday, January 1st, 2024.

Register now at: www.bashonvashon.org/reg.php

Registration fees will again be on a tiered plan. Please pay the highest tier that you can afford. Your generosity lets us include community members who might be unable to attend at the full rate. "Benefactor" covers our expenses and more; "Sustaining" meets our expenses; and "Basic" is below our cost. Paying the highest tier you can afford helps ensure our expenses are covered and camp is available in the years to come. The early bird discount is available through November 13. Come dance, come play, come sing - we look forward to your presence at Camp!

	By Nov 13	After Nov 13
Under 6	\$95	\$110
6-12 yr old	\$130	\$145
13-17 Sustaining	\$175	\$190
13-17 Basic	\$130	\$145
Adult Benefactor	\$265	\$280
Adult Sustaining	\$220	\$235
Adult Basic	\$175	\$190

Keeping us Healthy - Infection Control

We will continue to monitor infection trends and will for the most part mirror current policies at the Thursday and Friday contradances in Seattle. We expect not everyone will love our decisions. We hope to do what is best, with plenty of campers for an enjoyable and successful camp while being responsible to the well-being of our community. We may adjust these policies; if we make (a) significant change(s) to the policies before camp, we will offer a full refund window for those who are uncomfortable with the revisions.

The Covid protocols we anticipate are as follows.

Vaccination:

- Complete initial vaccination series **recommended** plus all boosters for which you are eligible, boosted preferably at least 2 weeks before coming to camp. In

keeping with current Seattle dance community standards, we will not verify vaccination status.

Masks:

- During the **first 24 hours of camp**, well-fitting masks (kn95 equivalent) will be required in Rounds Hall except when actively eating.
- Masks will not be required in your assigned housing location.
- At about 24 hours, before dinner on Saturday, all campers will be required to take a second rapid test. If there are no positive results, we may reduce masking requirements:
 - Masking will still be **required while dancing** in Rounds Hall.
 - Masks will still be **recommended** indoors except when actively eating.
 - Wearing masks during activities such as puzzles, board games, workshops, and playing music will be encouraged but not required.

Testing: We will require a negative at-home rapid test, taken within 6 hours of arriving at camp, unless you are traveling from out-of-state, in which case we will accept a test done on Friday. Bring a time-stamped photo, or test just prior to entering camp. We will require a second negative test about 24 hours after camp opens. NOTE: If you delay arrival at Camp, you must still provide a time-stamped photo of a negative test taken on Friday, and test again on Saturday before dinner. You must bring enough tests for everyone in your household to test on entry plus **two** more times. **You will need three tests per camper!** Free tests are available now at: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

Please request your tests now; you'll need three tests per camper to attend camp, and you may need to purchase additional tests. It appears that the four free tests are being offered just one time per household this year. Our Canadian friends can drop into any (Canadian) pharmacy and pick up multiple free tests! Camp Sealth won't have any leftover tests this year from their summer camps.

Housing: All housing will be pre-assigned, and an effort will be made to house people either with their own family, or with other people with whom they feel comfortable rooming. Depending on attendance, it may be necessary to randomly house people together, but we will strive to keep numbers low in those situations so people can spread out in roomier cabins.

Attendance: While we have not set an upper limit for attendance, we may still have a smaller camp this year due to pre-assigning housing cohorts. In previous years we usually had around 155 campers. About 70 campers attended last year, and we hope to have 100 or more this year. Keep in mind that with a smaller camp size, some activities like dancing and workshops may be limited.

Dance Role Terms

Contra Dancing: Over the last several years the Seattle dance community has settled on the role terms Larks and Robins for contra dancing. We ask that anyone who wishes to call a contra dance at camp either use the terms Larks and Robins, call dances that don't require the use of role terms (a list can be provided), or call using positional calling.

Square Dances and English Dancing: Role terms will be left up to caller discretion, but the committee strongly encourages callers to use inclusive language wherever possible.

Thank you for being a part of the Northwest New Year's Camp community, and we hope to see many of you at camp this year. If this year's camp doesn't work for you, we still appreciate you being a part of this community and hope to see you in a future year.

Best regards, the NW New Year's Camp Committee

Melissa Coffey

Lynne Hyerle

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Warm welcome new member Elsa Haun

Warm welcome new member David Kreiss-Tomkins

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