

October 1, 2024 Camper Letter

SUBJECT LINE:

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

We hope you already have these dates on your calendar:

Sunday, December 29th, 2024, through Wednesday, January 1st, 2025.

Register now at: <https://bashonvashon.org/>

Registration fees will again be on a tiered plan. Please pay the highest tier that you can afford. “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 can happen again next year and the next. The generosity of our “benefactors” has enabled us to include many community members who might otherwise be unable to attend. The early bird discount is available through Monday, November 11.

Come dance, come play, come sing - we look forward to your presence at Camp!

	By Nov 11	After Nov 11
Under 6	\$105	\$120
6-12 yr old	\$160	\$175
13-17 Sustaining	\$220	\$235
13-17 Basic	\$160	\$175
Adult Benefactor	\$340	\$355
Adult Sustaining	\$280	\$295
Adult Basic	\$220	\$235

PayPal fees are a surprisingly large portion of our budget. Consider donating an additional 3.5% to cover those fees.

Keeping us Healthy - Infection Control

We will monitor infection trends and generally mirror policies of the Thursday and Friday contradances in Seattle. We hope to do what is best for most, with plenty of campers attending for an enjoyable and successful camp, while also 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 protocols we anticipate are as follows.

Testing: We will require a negative at-home rapid test, taken on Sunday. 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 Sunday, and a second test on Monday before dinner. Please bring enough tests for everyone in your household to test on entry plus *two* more times. **You will need three tests per camper!** Four free tests per household will be available at the end of September at: covidtests.gov

Please request your tests now; you'll need three tests per camper to attend camp, and you may need to purchase additional tests.

Masks:

- Masks will be recommended but not required;
- After about 24 hours, before dinner on Saturday, all campers will be required to take a second rapid test.
- IF a camper tests positive, they will need to leave camp. Close contacts of someone with a positive test will be required to wear a kn95 or equivalent mask indoors (except when eating or sleeping), and to re-test daily

Vaccination:

- Complete initial vaccination series is **recommended**, plus all boosters for which you are eligible, boosted preferably at least 2 weeks before coming to camp. We will **not** verify vaccination status.

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, in which case we will strive to keep numbers low so people can spread out in roomier cabins.
- While we have not set an upper limit for attendance, we may once again have a smaller camp this year due to pre-assigning housing cohorts. In previous years we usually had around 155 campers. About 120 campers attended last year, and we hope to have 120 or more this year.

Dance Role Terms

We ask that anyone who wishes to call a 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.

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

Elsa Haun

Mark Pigman

Craig Wolfe

Warm welcome new member Katie Riemer!

Thanks also to David Kreiss-Tomkins, continuing as our Sitka Alaska auxiliary member

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