

NW New Year's Camp is making its return for December 30th, 2022 through January 2nd 2023! Or at least we're going to try. There is a lot of information about our plans for this year's camp below, but when the time comes, registration will be on our website:

www.bashonvashon.org/reg.php

We plan to open registration on Monday October 10th and will use registrations made in the first two weeks to determine whether we have critical mass to hold camp this year. We will look at the numbers on October 28th and the committee will make its decision then. Note that while we will not be collecting payment at the time of registration, we will consider registration a firm commitment to complete the payment step if the committee decides enough people have registered to justify holding camp.

Speaking of payment, we are still discussing with Camp Sealth on where the pricing will end up. Registration will again be on a tiered fee plan. Please pay the highest tier that you can afford. Your generosity will let 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. We want your presence, and by paying the highest tier you can afford, we will ensure our expenses are covered and camp is available in the years to come. Pricing is subject to change pending our discussions with Camp Sealth, but we expect them to be close to the following:

	Benefactor	Sustaining	Basic
Adult (18+)	\$280.00	\$235.00	\$190.00
Teen (13-18)	-	\$190.00	\$145.00
Youth (6-12)	-	\$145.00	-
Child (0-5)	-	\$110.00	-

The results of our pre-camp survey showed a wide range of preferred COVID mitigation protocols. We as a committee have reviewed the results and used them to guide the policies that will be in place for camp this year. We know not everyone will be happy with the final decision, but we had to do what we thought was best for camp, both in

terms of catering to enough people to have a successful camp, and being responsible members of the community. The COVID protocols we anticipate are as follows (If we change the policies before camp, full refunds will be available for those who are uncomfortable with new protocols):

-Vaccination: Complete initial vaccination series (2 doses of an MRNA or 1 dose Johnson & Johnson) plus at least 1 booster. The committee highly recommends getting the new bivalent booster at least 2 weeks before coming to camp.

-Masks: Masks will be required at all times in Rounds Hall (except when actively eating). The board is currently considering the possibility of designating one or more of the workshop spaces as mask optional, and masks will not be required in your assigned housing location. Masks will be required in Rounds Hall bathrooms, and required when possible in remote bath houses.

-Testing: We will require a negative at-home rapid test, taken within 6 hours of arriving at camp

-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 they are comfortable rooming with. 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.

-Attendance: While we don't currently have an upper limit set for attendance, we do expect this to be a smaller camp this year. Based on the survey results, we are expecting between 50 and 80 attendees, where in a normal year we have around 155. This is not a promise, and we may have a bigger response than we are expecting, but know that if we do have a smaller camp size, some activities like dancing and workshops may be limited compared to years past.

As this was a concern to some campers last time camp was held, we thought it best to address the use of dance role terms before people sign up.

-Contra Dancing: Over the last couple years the Seattle dance community has settled on the role terms Larks and Robins for contra dancing. We would 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: Roll 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 we get to see you in a future year.

Wherever we all end up, have an excellent New Year, and a wonderful 2023,

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