

## 2017 Program Staff

**Susan Michaels** American contra and square dance, emcee

**Kalia Kliban** English country dance, callers' workshop, crafts

**Rhonda and Alex Cayford**  
Morris, rapper

**Julie James** Morris

**Michael Riemer** Irish set dancing

**Susan Worland** English music, introductory fiddle: *fiddle*

**David Brown** Traditional American, Irish, and English music: *fiddle, guitar, concertina, banjo, mandolin*

**David James** Traditional American and English music: *fiddle, guitar, mandolin*

**Judy Stavely** Camper band, American dance music: *fiddle, piano*

**Ruth Temple** handcrafts for tweens and kids, rapper: *fiddle*

**Craig Johnson** Traditional English, Irish, and American music: *piano, accordion*

**Andy Wilson** Stilt walking

**Doug Olsen** Singing

**Alix Phillips** Storytelling

**Jehanne Hale** Preschool

**sTan Fowler ("Dance Ranger")**  
Safety officer

**Nick Cuccia** Sound tech

Check [www.bacds.org/familyweek](http://www.bacds.org/familyweek)  
for staff updates!



*For those who haven't been before, Family Week often takes some explaining. It's not a "kids' camp" or a "sleepaway camp": it's for the entire family. We share traditional camp accommodations: several families per bunkhouse, and everyone eats community style. During the morning, kids take classes in community dance, English team dance, and crafts, while parents are free to join organized dancing, singing and playing, or simply relax. After lunch, families come back together, for jamming, playing games, and some great classes for all. Every evening, we come together to dance.*

*During the week of camp, a community like no other grows. It culminates in a demo day when everyone shows each other what we've been doing. In the meantime, we've all become the village it takes to raise a child.*

*While the family is the basic unit at camp, it's pretty loosely defined: parents and kids, aunts and uncles with nieces and nephews, grandparents with their grandchildren. We encourage campers to bring along their friends, and adult camper "families of one" are more than welcome for a low-key and delightful week.*

It's our 25th Year!

# BACDS Family Week

DANCE & MUSIC CAMP

July 2-7, 2017  
Aptos, CA



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All photos: David James

## Daily Life at Camp

**MORNINGS:** The day starts with breakfast at 7:45am, followed by three morning classes, in which kids are grouped with their peers. This allows the adults a chance to enjoy dancing, music, and singing, knowing that their kids are engaged.

**AFTERNOONS:** In the afternoon, things are more relaxed—time for reading, games, making music, exploring, or a nap. There's one more class period from 2 to 3, then free time until dinner.

**EVENINGS:** There are dances every evening, starting with a family dance. At 8:30, the 9 and unders are led off to bed in the *Pied Piper* parade, a moving lullaby performed by the entire community. Once parents have tucked their kids in, they are free to come back to the dance, while roving baby-sitters stop by the rooms throughout the evening to make sure all is well.

**FREE TIME:** We'll have three hours in the afternoon for classes, jamming, playing games or simply resting. If you have a skill you'd like to share—crafts, a genre of music, favorite outdoor games—consider sharing it with others at camp. For more information or encouragement, please contact Craig Johnson at 415/282-1110.

**FOOD:** BACDS has used Monte Toyon for weekend camps for over 30 years, and we have worked closely with kitchen staff to provide delicious meals for a hard-dancing clientele.

Finally, our camp prices have gone up a bit from 2016. We're sorry for this increase, but even the new rates won't cover our facility costs at Monte Toyon. The BACDS board again agreed to help underwrite camp, but we don't want to lean on them too much.



Family dancing, 2016

**Please check our website for more about the staff and the camp, as well as answers to common questions: [www.bacds.org/familyweek](http://www.bacds.org/familyweek)**

## Registration Notes

Registration for Family Week is online only. Go to [www.bacds.org/familyweek](http://www.bacds.org/familyweek) and click the REGISTER link (under the logo) for the registration form and payment info.

Adults (18+ yrs)	\$720 for the family's first adult, additional adults are \$620 each
Youth (13–17)	\$585 each
Children 5–12	\$485 each
Children 2–4	\$180 each
Under 2	Free

As noted below, there is a \$220 discount for adults and teens who do work trade.

On May 16, all prices will go up by \$30.

## Work Trade

Adults and youths may take a \$220 reduction in fees, in exchange for working one to two hours a day (you're free during all classes).

When possible, we'll again be offering teens work trade opportunities as staff assistants—contact the registrar if you're interested.

## Want to Know More?

Check our website, which has lots of answers to common questions. Email us ([familyweek@bacds.org](mailto:familyweek@bacds.org)), or call camp registrar Katie Riemer at (510) 684-1454 or one of our two camp managers—Simmy Cover at (415) 238-8829 or Julie James at (562) 493-7151.

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**THE BAY AREA COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY**, a 501(c)3 (not-for-profit) corporation, runs hundreds of community dance & performance events a year, as well as two great summer dance weeks for adults. See [www.bacds.org](http://www.bacds.org) for details.

# Family Week 2017 Schedule

Here's the schedule as of the end of January. Please note it will change (we're still adding staff and classes), although this will give you a good idea of what's to come. For updates and more information, please do check our website at [www.bacds.org/familyweek](http://www.bacds.org/familyweek).

	<b>Breakfast</b> is at 7:45am. <b>Music tutorials</b> by staff start at 8:10, including Susan Worland's beginning fiddle class.			
	<b>Under 6</b>	<b>6–9 year olds</b>	<b>10–12 year olds</b>	<b>13 years old and up</b>
<b>9am</b>	<b>Preschool Playroom</b> Every morning, Jehanne leads three hours of stories and games, movement, and music.	<b>Cotswold Morris</b> High-energy set dances for our younger campers, led by Julie James. Lots of movement, fun—and sticks!	<b>Crafts with Ruth</b> Outdoor crafts under the trees; a great way to start the day!	<b>Squares</b> Susan Michaels gets your morning going right with an hour of hot square dances. <b>Callers' Workshop with Kalia</b> Discover what it's like to be behind the caller's mic and bring the delight of dance to others.
<b>10am</b>		<b>Crafts with Ruth</b> Family Camp crafts classes can mean many things. Bookmarks? Corn dollies? Painting? Weaving? Lots of fun, guaranteed.	<b>Community Dance &amp; Games</b> Before the internet, before TV or radio, dance and song were what kids did for fun. You'll learn about call-and-response singing, play-party games, and have a blast doing traditional dances.	<b>English Country Dance with Kalia</b> What's in the box? A huge repertoire of dances! Kalia Kliban returns as our ECD caller, leading country dances ranging from the goofy to the elegant. <b>Camper Band with Judy</b> Bring your fiddle, flute, mando, banjo, uke, guitar, or most any instrument. Learn some contra or southern tunes, get them up to speed, and play them for real dancers on Campers Night.
<b>11am</b>		<b>Community Dance &amp; Games</b> Singing games, play-party games, and lots of pre-lunch fun.	<b>Cotswold Favorites with Alex and Rhonda</b> These Morris dances are the classics, and you'll know why after dancing them.	<b>Contradance!</b> The perfect appetizer before lunch—Susan Michaels leads an hour of high-energy dance in the main hall. <b>Singing</b> We're delighted that Doug Olsen is returning to lead us in song. So come on and learn some new favorites!
<b>Noon</b>	<b>A 15-minute break for setup, then lunch at 12:15</b>			
<b>1pm</b>	<b>Round-up with Susan</b> A time for the entire camp to come together, where we'll enjoy performing, telling jokes, silly skits—and, what else?—announcements!			
<b>2pm</b>	<b>Irish Set Dancing</b> Michael Riemer returns to teach Kerry set dancing for all! <b>Stilt Walking for all ages</b> Andy gets you up and going on stilts. We supply the stilts, costumes and encouragement. <b>Story Telling</b> Alix Phillips brings a trove of traditional tales to camp, from Appalachian Jack Tales to Navajo stories. Come learn the storyteller's craft from her.			
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Naps, Jam Sessions, Board Games, Camper-Led Workshops ... and Snack Shop opens at 3:30pm</b> There's no pool at Monte Toyon, but there's also no crushing afternoon heat. So we'll have expanded free time: long music jams, games, hiking, or just hanging out having fun. Rhonda, Alex, and Ruth will teach weeklong rapper dance class for teens and adults: it's a fast-moving, intensely athletic dance form from the north of England. Kalia will hold a crafts session, and others on staff will lead intriguing one-off workshops, and you're invited to lead a workshop, too. So, campers—think of great music, silly stunts, or goofy games that you'd like to share, and bring 'em out! We'll also have age-specific activities for the youngest campers built into the program.			
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b> is at 6pm, followed by <b>community dance</b> starting at 7:15, an <b>evening program</b> , then <b>storytelling</b> . <b>Pied Piper</b> at 8:30—bedtime for 9 and unders. <b>Snack Shop</b> opens, then <b>evening dance</b> to 10:30. 9:30 bedtime for 10–12 year olds; teens' lights out by midnight.			

## Some of the Special Events at Camp

**Teddy Bears' Picnic** We'll enjoy songs, stories, games, and a tea party with our stuffed animal friends.

**Grand Parade and Summer Fair** On the final day of camp, strut in your finery up the main thoroughfare and join the maypole dance.

**Campers' Night** The night any camper can play on stage or call a dance. Even if you've never done this before, don't worry: we'll get you there!

**Class Demos** Be admired when you show off what you learned or created during the week.

## Some quotes from past years:

“The community of older kids and young adults provides ideal role models for my young one.”

“As a family of one, I wasn’t sure I would get comfortable but I absolutely did. The music, teaching & dancing were stellar and the atmosphere relaxed and so friendly. A week as life was meant to be!”

“If you have a child and want them to grow up in a culture of kindness, respect, joy, friendship, and love of music and dance and art, you couldn’t possibly do better than bringing them to Family Week.”

“What a great community to ‘raise’ a child in!”

“As a person without kids, it gives me an opportunity to show some kids the other reality that I love—the music and dance community. I think it makes them better people.”

“A week of fun, friendship, music, laughter and love. Who wouldn’t want to be here?”

“You don’t know how awesome it is until you go!”

“It feels like coming home.”

**Check out our video  
from 2012’s camp:**

**<http://bit.ly/XqKWGw>**

## “Are we there yet?”



Family Week will once again be held at Monte Toyon, a large, modern, smoke-free site nestled in the coastal redwoods just outside Aptos, CA, a 15-minute drive east of Santa Cruz. It’ll be a great week for dancers of all ages and families of all sizes.

The site is a 1½ hour drive from San Francisco, convenient to three major metropolitan airports.

BACDS, sponsor of Family Week, also holds two adult summer dance weeks: American Week, the same week as ours and just up the coast in La Honda; and Hey Days, an English dance week at Bishop’s Ranch in the Russian River valley north of San Francisco, August 20–27.

For more information, see [www.bacds.org/camps/](http://www.bacds.org/camps/).

To learn more about all the events that BACDS sponsors, check out [www.bacds.org](http://www.bacds.org).

## You can look forward to:

### Dancing

The Bay Area Country Dance Society’s Family Week is about traditions of moving together to music. There will be dance for all ages, including American contras and squares, English country and display dance, Irish, international dance, and play-party games, all to live music. We’ll teach everything, no experience needed.

### Music and Song

Our enormously talented musical staff will make your toes tap for dancing and your ears happy in listening. They’ll provide music for all kinds of dancing, give workshops for new and experienced musicians, and lead the whole camp in joyous song.

### Crafts and Games

Family Week offers art and craft classes that give adults and children a chance to be creative. There are meadow games in the afternoon, plus board games at all hours.

### Storytelling

Our storyteller will enchant children and adults alike with stories each night.

### Community

In the end, Family Week is all about community—sharing music and song, relaxing together, and enjoying dance, play, and music making, catalyzed by an amazing staff and buoyed by friendships old and new. Come join us!