

2018 Program Staff

Kalia Kliban Contradance, Games, Emcee

Erik Hoffman Community dance,
squares: *fiddle, guitar*

David Newitt English and Scottish
dance: *fiddle, concertina*

Rhonda Cayford Morris, rapper

Julie James Morris

Michael Riemer Irish set dancing: *flute*

Jon Berger English & American music:
fiddle, melodeon

Anne Bingham-Goess English &
Irish music: *fiddle, pennywhistle*

David Brown Camper band, American
& English music: *fiddle, guitar, concertina,
banjo, mandolin*

Frank Hoppe American &
English music: *fiddle*

Kathrine Gardner Camper band,
American music: *fiddle, piano*

David James American & English
music: *fiddle, guitar, mandolin*

Craig Johnson English, Irish, &
American music: *piano, accordion*

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

Lorraine Kostka crafts for
twens and kids

Andy Wilson Stilt walking

Doug Olsen Singing

Olga Loya Storytelling

Bethany Ewers Preschool

sTan Fowler (“Dance Ranger”)

Ropes course, Safety officer

Nick Cuccia Sound tech

Check www.bacds.org/familyweek
for schedule and 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 with several families per bunkhouse, and everyone eats community style. During the morning, kids take classes in community dance, English team dance, and crafts. 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.

Our 26th Year!

BACDS Family Week

DANCE & MUSIC CAMP

**July 1-7, 2018
Aptos, CA**



www.bacds.org/familyweek
familyweek@bacds.org



David James

Daily Life at Camp

MORNINGS: After breakfast at 7:45am, we'll have three morning classes, where kids are grouped with their peers. Adults can enjoy dancing, music, and singing, knowing that their kids are engaged.

AFTERNOONS: In the afternoon, things are more relaxed—lots of activities but less structure, and time for reading, games, making music, exploring, or a nap. Do you have skill in a craft, play a genre of music, or want to lead favorite outdoor games? Share with others at camp. For more info or encouragement, contact Craig Johnson at 415/282-1110.

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.

FOOD: BACDS has used Monte Toyon for weekend camps for over three decades: we've worked closely with kitchen staff to provide delicious meals for a hard-dancing clientele.

Camp is a day longer this year (like we used to do). This allows us to build a stronger community and run camp at a more relaxed pace, but means camp prices have gone up from 2017.

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



Shelby Solomon

Registration Notes

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

Adults (17+ yrs)	\$800 for the family's first adult, additional adults are \$700 each
Youth (13–16)	\$650 each
Children 6–12	\$550 each
Children 2–5	\$200 each
Under 2	Free

As noted below, there is a discount for adults and teens who do work trade. On May 1, all prices will go up by \$30.

Work Trade

Adults may discount \$250 from the fees, and youth \$200, in exchange for one to two hours work 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), or call camp registrar Katie Riemer at (510) 684-1454.

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 for details.

Family Week 2018 Schedule

Here's the schedule as of the end of January. Please note it will change (we may still add classes and staff), though this will give you a good idea of what's to come. We've listed the teacher and lead musician for each class. For updates and more information, please do check our website at www.bacds.org/familyweek.

Breakfast is at 7:45am. Music tutorials by staff start at 8:10, including Susan's beginning fiddle class.				
9am	Under 6 Preschool Playroom	6-9 year olds	10-12 year olds	13 years old and up
		Community Dance & Games: Erik and Susan Singing games, play-party games, and lots of early morning fun.	Northwest Morris: Rhonda & David J. We'll carry small sticks with bells in a rhythmic dance for processions. Bring hard-soled shoes to learn advanced stepping.	Contra: Kalia and Jon Old hands here know Kalia as an English dance caller, but she's an amazing American dance leader as well. Jon is a superb fiddler, and we're delighted to have him back at camp. Harmony Singing with Doug Learn the basics of the art of harmony as you sing old favorites as well as a wealth of newer traditional tunes.
10am	Every morning, long-time Waldorf teacher Bethany leads three hours of stories and games, movement and music.	Crafts with Lorraine: Building fairy houses, making flags for the parade, sun art prints, and tie-dye	Community Dance & Games: Erik & Susan Before the internet, TV, 45s, or radio, dance and song were a big part of what kids did for fun. Find out why!	English Country Dance: David N. & Frank David has been teaching ECD for decades in the Bay Area and Hawai'i. His teaching is clear and crisp, his repertoire delightful. Frank, like Jon, is a great fiddler who's not been to camp for far too long. Camper Band with Kathrine & David B. Bring your fiddle, flute, mando, banjo, uke, guitar, or most any other instrument. Learn contra and southern tunes, learn to play together and up to speed, ready to be the dance band on Campers Night.
11am		Cotswold Morris with Julie and David J. High-energy set dances for our younger campers. Lots of movement, fun, bells-& sticks!	Crafts with Lorraine: marbling with shaving cream, making an LED night light, making flags for the parade, and tie-dye.	Irish Sets with Michael and Anne High-energy dancing from all over Ireland. Michael gets you going quickly, and Anne's smooth fiddling will keep the pace. Caller's Workshop: Erik, David N., & David B. Contra? Squares? ECD? Even Scottish! We've got you covered if you want to call. Come learn from the best, then show us what you know on Campers' Night. Storytelling with Olga; Improv & Games with Kalia Two performers who really know how to engage an audience split this class: Olga grew up in the barrios of East LA, and Latino culture and folktales inform her craft; caller Kalia, an emcee for years at Family Camp, is renowned for her games and will be leading improv. Don't miss it!
Noon	A 15-minute break for setup, then lunch at 12:15			
1pm	Round-up with Kalia A time for the entire camp to come together, where we'll enjoy performing, telling jokes, silly skits—and, what else?—announcements!			
2pm on	Scottish Dance with David N. and Susan A grand tradition with lots of great music, Scottish need not be stodgy! Stilt Walking for all ages Andy gets you up and going on stilts. We supply stilts, costumes and encouragement. Singing Repertoire with Doug A great chance to learn lots of songs from Doug's vast repertoire. Rapper with Rhonda & Jon Fast and fun, rapper is done with flexible steel swords and lots of stepping. It's been a Family Week favorite forever. Ropes Course with Stan New this year! Monte Toyon has a great ropes course for us to use, Safety Officer Stan will show you the ... well, you know. Plus—naps, jam sessions, board games, camper-led workshops ... and Snack Shop opens at 3:30pm The afternoon is also dedicated to free time: long music jams, games, hiking, afternoon tie-dye for all, or just hanging out having fun. So, think of great music, silly stunts, or goofy games that you'd like to share, and bring 'em out! Craig will highlight what's on offer each day and coordinate the schedule. We'll be sure to have age-specific activities for the youngest campers built into the program.			
6pm	Dinner is at 6pm, followed by community dance starting at 7:15, an evening program , then storytelling . Pied Piper at 8:30—bedtime for 9 and unders. Snack Shop opens, then evening dance 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 Stories, games, and a tea party. Bring your stuffed animal friends.

Grand Parade and Summer Fair On Friday, 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 Friday's the last day of camp. So show off what you've learned & created!

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 19–26.

For more information, see www.bacds.org/camps/.

To learn more about all the events that BACDS sponsors, check out 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, Scottish, 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 games classes right before lunch, 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!