

2019 Program Staff

Erik Hoffman Contradance and squares

David Newitt English dance

Craig Blackstone International dance

Susan Michaels

Community dance, emcee

Rhonda Cayford Morris, rapper

Julie James Morris

Rodney Miller American music: fiddle

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

Kathrine Gardner Camper band, American music: fiddle, piano

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

Craig Johnson English & American music: piano, accordion

Jim Oakden English, American, international music: "accordion to zurna"

Susan Worland English & Scottish music, introductory fiddle: fiddle

Ben Klocek Nature crafts

Lorraine Kostka Handcrafts

Andy Wilson Stilt walking

Mary Hill Singing

Angela Lloyd Storytelling

Bethany Ewers Waldorf-inspired preschool

sTan Fowler ("Dance Ranger")

Ropes course, safety officer

Nick Cuccia Sound tech

Check www.bacds.org/familyweek for schedule and staff updates!



Shelby Solomon

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 27th Year!

BACDS Family Week

DANCE & MUSIC CAMP

June 30–July 6, 2019

Aptos, CA



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

Some quotes from past years:

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

“Family Week is a fabulous blend of time with & without my children. They and I get to dance and take classes, some with peers and some with all the members of the community. It’s a unique break from electronics, cooking, and working. It actually gives me a chance to enjoy my family.”

“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, nonprofit sponsor of Family Week, also holds two adult summer dance weeks, American and Hey Days English dance weeks. For more information, see bacds.org/camps.

To learn more about all the events that BACDS sponsors, including family dances, contradances, English country dances, dance weekends, and adult week-long camps, 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, Scottish, international folk dances, 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

Create folk art and handcrafts. Play games outdoors, from pickup basketball to a ropes course, plus indoor board games at all hours.

Storytelling

Our world-class storyteller will enchant all ages with stories each evening.

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!

Family Week 2019 Schedule

Here's the schedule as of the end of January. It will change (we may still add classes and staff), but this will give you a good idea of what's to come. We've listed the teacher and musicians for each class. For updates and staff & class descriptions, please check our website at www.bacds.org/familyweek.

	Breakfast is at 7:45am. Caffe opens at 8am. Music tutorials by staff start at 8:10, including Susan Worland's beginning fiddle class.				
	2-5 year olds	6-7 year olds	8-9 year olds	10-12 year olds	13 years old and up
9am		Song Time with David James	Community Dance and Games with Susan Michaels & Susan Worland	Longsword Dancing with Rhonda Cayford & Jim Oakden	Contras with Erik Hoffman, Rodney Miller, David Brown, & Kathrine Gardner Harmony Singing with Mary Hill
10am	Preschool Playroom with Bethany Ewers	Dance with Julie James & Rodney Miller	Crafts with Ben Klocek	Community Dance and Games with Susan Michaels & Susan Worland	English Country Dance with David Newitt, Jim Oakden, & Craig Johnson Camper Band with Kathrine Gardner & David Brown
11am		Crafts with Lorraine Kostka	Northwest Morris with Rhonda Cayford & David James	Crafts with Ben Klocek	International Dance with Craig Blackstone, Susan Worland, & Jim Oakden Caller's Workshop: Erik Hoffman, David Newitt, & Rodney Miller
Noon	A 15-minute break for setup, then lunch at 12:15				
1pm	Roundup with Susan Michaels A time for the entire camp to come together, where we'll enjoy performing, telling jokes, silly skits—and, what else?—announcements!				
2pm on	<p>Rapper for All with Rhonda Cayford & David James ❖ Stilt Walking for all ages with Andy Wilson ❖ Singing Circle with Mary Hill Scottish Dance with David Newitt ❖ Ropes Course with Stan Fowler Plus—naps, jam sessions, board games, camper-led workshops ... and Snack Shop opens at 3:30pm</p> <p>The afternoon is also dedicated to free time: long music jams, games, hiking, crafts for all, or just hanging out and having fun. So, think of great music, silly stunts, or goofy games that you'd like to share, and bring 'em out! Craig Johnson 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.</p>				
6pm	<p>Dinner is at 6pm, followed by community dance starting at 7:15, an evening program, an all-camp song, then storytelling. Pied Piper at 8:30 marks 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.</p>				

Some of the Special Events at Camp

Teddy Bears' Picnic Songs, stories, games, and a tea party. Bring your stuffed animal friends for the Grand March!

The Annual Auction Our major fundraising event at camp is the raucous and always hilarious "live auction" by Susan Michaels, for teens and adults, followed by a silent auction for campers of all ages with games, crafts, toys, and clothes.

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!

Grand Parade and Summer Fair On Friday, strut in your finery down the main thoroughfare and join the maypole dance.

Class Demos Friday's the last full day of camp. You'll get to show off what you've learned and created!



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, call 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 our Roving Babysitters 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.



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

Registration Notes

Camp runs Sunday to Saturday this year, ending promptly after breakfast Saturday. Our prices remain unchanged from 2018.

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 of work a day (you're free during all classes).

Want to Know More?

Check our website, which has updates and 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.