

Hope you all have marked off Labor Day weekend on your calendars for our first State-wide workshop-festival. It will be held at the YMCA camp site in Land o Lakes, Florida. Land O Lakes is just north of Tampa on Highway 41. Enclosed is a map showing the entrance road to the camp, which turns directly off of Hwy 41. We had wanted the workshop site to be more centrally located, but were unable to find suitable facilities that would be free on Labor Day elsewhere.

At the YMCA Camp we will have wood frame and concrete block cabins which sleep about 10 each, in dormitory-style bunk beds. There is a large meeting hall-dining room with cement floor. Showers and toilets are separate from cabins. The facilities are clean, comfortable, and close together. The campsite itself is very pretty, shady and grassy, and faces on a lake. There are basketball and softball courts. Meals will be prepared for and served to us by the camp cook staff, freeing us from any kind of kitchen chores. We are hoping to confer with the staff about a little international flavor in the menus. Cost per person for the week-end will be \$15. This includes lunch and dinner Sat., breakfast, lunch, and dinner Sun., breakfast and lunch Mon., late snacks during the parties Sat. and Sun. nights, and, of course, lodging Sat. and Sun. nights, along with teaching fees for the workshop sessions. We feel that this is very reasonable. There probably will not be a reduced rate for children over 5 or 6, but we are looking into possibility of some reduction for those under. Anyone interested in the services of a baby sitter should write in to the registrar and suggest what they might contribute toward having one. We would then try to recruit someone known to a Tampa or Orlando parent.

The Registrar for this camp is Larry Wartell.

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The first to send in deposits (\$5.00 per person) will be assured of a reservation. There are places for 75 campers, so don't delay. If you have to cancel, deposits will be refunded through Aug. 28. Any questions about the camp should be directed to Larry.

Have you all read the proposed articles of association? If not, please do! We have received some comments and suggested alterations, which are enclosed. Please read and compare with the proposal sent last month. There will be a short (hopefully!) business meeting at the camp during which we will vote on the form of the Articles of Association which we wish to accept. In order to keep the meeting short, everyone will need to be familiar with the proposed articles and the various suggestions. If you have any other suggestions, bring them to the meeting in written form.

#### COMMENTS to the Proposed Articles of Association:

- 1) First of all, there has been some difference of opinion over who exactly would constitute the membership of such an association. A number of people feel that restricting it to ~~the~~ "leaders" would be unfair and ambiguous since there are in Florida teachers without groups and groups that have 3 or 4 teachers. One solution that has been proposed is to have membership open to all interested folk dancers in Florida, but to have a "committee of leaders" within the larger organization consisting of the nominal leaders of the various groups, which would act as a kind of Board of Directors.
- 2) We've also received suggestions on the matter of business meetings. These run in frequency from every 2 months to twice a year. The twice a year advocates have in mind that meetings be held in conjunction with State-wide workshops as this would be the easiest (and about the only) way to get people

together.

3) There has also been difference of opinion about whether or not new members should be voted upon by the membership. Some feel this is an unnecessary formality, that mere application (and willingness to pay the \$3.00 dues) is a sufficient sign of interest, and all applicants should be accepted. Others feel that the association should protect itself against possible unforeseen problems by reserving the right to refuse membership by a majority vote. Actually, the three areas are interdependent in that if membership is open to all interested Florida folk dancers, then the matter of voting on all applications could be very time consuming. And applicants could only join at two times during the year--if meetings are regularly held at the camps. (And geography is against frequent meetings). And, with what knowledge will members from one area vote on applicants from a distant area? Please give the above your thought. Also enclosed is an Alternative Proposed Articles of Association which incorporates some of the above suggestions, and which has been suggested as a less formal and cumbersome and more workable alternative.

Enclosed is an updated Directory. We've added a group that the Pelta's brought to our attention in Fort Lauderdale. The Tampa group has changed its meeting place starting in July. Also notice those groups not meeting during the summer.