

West Denmark Family Camp 2023 ~ join the fun and learning. . .

## June 30 and July 1, 2, 3, 2023



Welcome back to West Denmark Family Camp 2023, the 46th year since Family Camp began in 1978.

Last year's All-Outdoor Camp was a big hit, but some activities are just better indoors. So, we are excited to announce a "hybrid" Camp for 2023, with both indoor and outdoor activities.

- Upstairs in the Hall: Singing, Speakers, and Evening Performances.
- Outdoors: Dining, Crafts, and Evening Dancing.

- Locations for other activities, such as children's dancing and afternoon crafts, will be announced.

Once again we will bring you three full days of song and dance, thought-provoking discussions, crafts, healthy food, plenty of coffee, and inspiring nature to enjoy all around us.

And don't forget: the 3rd Annual Root Beer Float Ice Cream Social is at 6 p.m. on June 30 behind the Hall, followed upstairs by singing with Harry & Chris, craft announcements, crafts display, and signup.

### Be sure to register by June 15!

Maximum meals for dining is 125. We sometimes reach our maximum in early- to mid-June, in which case we cannot guarantee meals to those who are the last to register. Therefore, please register early. Note: During Camp, individual meal tickets may become available for late arrivals. Cost per meal is \$15. See Nikki at the Registration Table to ask about individual meal tickets.

**Online credit card payments (via PayPal):** Go to the WD Family Camp website to access the registration form: <http://camp.westdenmark.org>

**Check payments:** Include the registration form with your check, made payable to WD Family Camp. Mail to: Judy Grumstrup, 2497 170th St, Luck, WI 54853.

## Schedule

### Friday, June 30

6:00 p.m. Join us behind the Hall for a Root-Beer-Float Ice Cream Social. Following this, we will move upstairs for singing, crafts orientation, and signup.

### Saturday, Sunday, & Monday, July 1, 2, 3

- 8:45 Singing with Harry & Chris (Indoors)
  - 9:30 Morning Coffee (Outdoors)
  - 9:45 Children's Dancing with Gwen (location TBA)
  - 10:30 Welcome & Announcements (Indoors) followed by Morning Speaker & Discussion
  - 12:00 Noon Meal (with Nisse clues) (Outdoors)
  - 1:30 Crafts & Other Activities (various locations)
  - 3:30 Afternoon Coffee (Outdoors)
  - 4:00 Afternoon Speaker & Discussion (Indoors)
  - 5:30 Supper (with Nisse clues) (Outdoors)
  - 6:45 Folk Dancing with Shawn M. (Outdoors)
  - 7:30 Singing with Lisa (Indoors)
  - 8:15 (Saturday) Committee Surprise!  
(Sunday) Open Stage & Skits  
(Monday) Open Stage & Skits
  - 9:00 Evening Coffee
- Please note changes for Sunday morning:**
- 8:45 Singing
  - 10:00 Worship at West Denmark Lutheran Church
  - 11:00 Coffee and Fellowship at the Church
  - 12:00 Noon Meal

## Speakers 10:30 am and 4:00 pm daily in the Hall

### Saturday, July 1

**10:30: Lauren Finch**  
"The Spectacular Re-Introduction of the Trumpeter Swan to Northwest Wisconsin"

A century ago, there were no trumpeter swans left in Wisconsin. Today, their numbers reach over 6,000. What caused their dramatic decline, and what brought them back? Lauren, a Natural Resources Educator at Crex Meadows, will tell us the inspiring story.

**4:00: Jen Johnson**  
"Why Drama? The Power and Importance of Play in our Lives and Communities"

For several years, Jen has helped young Family Campers create and stage performances. Unbeknownst to most of us, she has a Master's degree in Drama Therapy and is a Registered Drama Therapist and board-certified trainer in Drama Therapy. This year Jen is here to tell us about the benefits of dramatic performance and to help guide skit groups in creating performances that will enliven both the performer and the audience.

### Sunday, July 2

**10:00: Worship at West Denmark Lutheran Church**

**4:00 p.m.: Bonnie Blodgett**  
"Why Nature Matters"

Bonnie is passionate about deep thinking, nature, gardening, farming, and alternatives to the "mainstream." For years she wrote a gardening column for the *St Paul Pioneer Press* and opinion pieces for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Consider her truth that "Everything is Connected and Intertwines."

To register online: <http://camp.westdenmark.org>

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# 2023 Crafts & Activities

**FOR ALL: Annual Nisse Hunt**  
Hunt for the hidden Nisse on the West Denmark Church Grounds. Clues read aloud at both daily meals and also posted.

**Planting Trees Around Camp**  
Learn to plant hardwood trees that will improve and sustain our environment. Everyone can help dig the right-sized holes for oak, maple, walnut, and other hardwoods. Shovels and rakes would be helpful.—Bill Brumfield (All ages—youngest ones with attending parent, 2 days)

**West Denmark 150th Slide Show & Discussion:** Learn, share, discuss everything WD history—A time to view the West Denmark Church's 150th anniversary slide show and discuss whatever that inspires.—Pam Petersen (1 day, July 1)

**West Denmark Cemetery Walk**  
Gather at the Cemetery. The walk begins with a brief history of the cemetery and touches on the founders of the church and community and others of historical significance. Our walk will include interesting and unusual stones.—Paul Petersen (All ages, 1 day, July 2)

**Danish Heart Baskets**  
Learn how to make the red and white Danish Hearts on Saturday and the Stars on Sunday. Materials provided. Ages 8 and up.—Brian Henriksen (2 days, July 1 & 2)

**Card Stamping**  
Stamp a birthday card or other greeting card. Stamps, cardstock, and envelopes are provided, or you can bring your own if you like.—Kathy Mueller (ages 10 & older, 2 days, July 1 & 3)

**Knitting**  
Don't you love a little shawl? This easy and satisfying shawl is perfect to knit while catching up with others or listening to speakers. Bring that lone skein of fingering or DK-weight yarn (200-400yd) and size 6 or 7 circular needles (24" or longer). Come ready to "knit till you're happy."—Betty Christiansen & Audrey Anderson (Newer knitters welcome, 3 days)

**Timber Frame Roofing**  
We will finish up the multi-year timber frame structure by adding the roofing and proverbial red cherry shingles.—Ian Karl (3 days, no charge)

**Puzzle Birds**  
Five pieces of cardstock combine to make a little bird, perfect for perching in a tree or hanging from a mobile. Bring sharp scissors for cutting paper, if possible.—Arlene West (ages?, 3 days, no charge)

**Cribbage Tournament**  
Starting July 1. Bring your own board if possible.—Rich Oates

**Carrom Tournament**  
Ongoing, starting July 1.—Pam Petersen

**Crafts & Story Time for Young Children**  
—Colleen Allen (Ages 1-5 with attending adult for each family, 1 day, July 1)—Other days & leader to be announced

# Speakers, continued

10:30 am and 4:00 pm daily in the Hall

**Monday, July 3**

**10:30: Lisa Doerr**

**"Tales from the Trenches: Resisting Colonization by the Corporate Livestock Industry"**

Early in 2019, word spread through Polk and Burnett counties that developers wanted to build large swine factory farms here, producing more than 200,000 pigs per year. Neither the State of Wisconsin or Polk and Burnett counties have a strong ordinance to protect our citizens' health and property values from developments like these. Lisa is playing a central role in organizing a coalition of six townships.

**4:00 p.m.: "Woodland School Update by the Woodland School Advisory Group"**

— Carrie Petersen, Mary Jensen, Liz Dodge, and Terry Speiker

The Advisory Group meets regularly to plan the 2024 opening of the Woodland School on the West Denmark field & forested campus. They will share their progress in developing two pilot programs for summer 2023, securing funding, and making improvements to the lower level of the Church, which will be the main indoor location of the Woodland School.

## Camp Protocol to Prevent COVID-19 Spread

Regrettably, the COVID pandemic is still with us. The 2023 protocol is more moderate than last year's, but still important for preventing infection while at Camp. It increases opportunities for participation, while continuing to protect all participants' health.

**Vaccination:** Not required, but recommended.

**Testing:** All are required to *test negative within 72 hours of attending Camp*. If you are exposed to COVID before or during Camp, or you have symptoms during Camp, you must test again and remain negative in order to continue to participate. **NOTE:** Home antigen test kits will be available during Camp as needed.

**Masking:** If you are *not vaccinated, masks are required indoors*. If you are *fully vaccinated, masks are not required indoors, but recommended*. When outdoors, everyone may decide whether or not to wear a mask.

**Comply:** We will not require proof of testing, vaccination, or boosting, but we respectfully ask that all Campers comply to *protect themselves and others*. You will be asked to check a box on the registration form indicating that you will abide by the COVID Protocol.

**Updates:** Due to the rapidly changing patterns of COVID transmission and disease, we may further modify the COVID Protocol. We will notify Campers before or during Camp if Protocol changes are necessary.

**Free COVID test kits** may still be available online:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/testing/index.html>

Wisconsin and Minnesota: <https://sayyescovidhometest.org>

Medicare program: <https://youretest.com/product/medicare-no-costcovid-19-at-home-test-kit/>