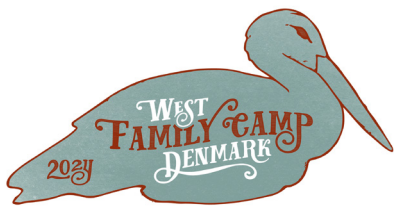


West Denmark Family Camp 2024 ~ join the fun and learning. . .

June 30 and July 1, 2, 3, 2024



Welcome back to West Denmark Family Camp 2024, the 47th year since Family Camp began in 1978.

We are excited to announce another "hybrid" Camp for 2024 with both indoor and outdoor activities.

- **Upstairs in the Hall:** Singing, Speakers, Dancing, and Evening Entertainments
- **Outdoors:** Dining, Crafts, Other Activities, Relaxing in Nature, and Conversations
- Locations for some activities are to be determined and will be announced.

Once again, we will bring you 3 full days of song and dance, thought-provoking discussions, crafts, healthy food, plenty of coffee, and inspiring nature to enjoy all around us.

And remember: the 4th 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 number for dining is 120 persons. 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 meals may become available for late arrivals. Cost per meal is \$10. See Nikki at the Registration Table to ask about the availability of individual meals.

Register with online credit card payments (via PayPal): Go to the WD Family Camp website to fill out and submit the registration form: <http://camp.westdenmark.org>.

Check payments: Print and fill out the registration form and include it with your check, made payable to WD Family Camp. Mail to: Judy Grumstrup, Treasurer, 2497 170th Street, Luck, WI 54853.

Registrations at the door are an additional \$10 per person (\$20 max per family).

SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, July 1, 2, 3

- 8:45 Singing with Harry & Chris (Upstairs)
- 9:30 Morning Coffee (Outside)
- 9:45 Children's Dancing with Gwen (location TBA)
- 10:30 Welcome & Announcements (Upstairs), followed by Morning Speaker & Discussion
- 12:00 Noon Meal: Buffet indoors, seating Outside or Inside. Nisse clues announced.
- 1:30 Crafts, Activities, Special Interest Speakers (various locations)
- 3:30 Afternoon Coffee (Outside)
- 4:00 Afternoon Speaker & Discussion (Upstairs)
- 5:30 Supper: Buffet Indoors, seating Outdoors or Indoors. Nisse clues announced.
- 7:00 Singing with Lisa (Upstairs)
- 7:45 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Evening Entertainments (Upstairs)
- 8:45 Folk Dancing with Shawn (Upstairs)
- 9:00 Evening Coffee (Downstairs)

Speakers

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

Monday, July 1

10:30: Gary Johansen: "The Lindworm"

A storyteller and performer from Des Moines, Iowa, Gary tells a tale that has its origins in Norway and perhaps with the Vikings. A teaser: "A King and a Queen are dutiful rulers, fair in every way, and they are childless after many years of marriage. A mystical visitor offers an incantation for fertility and a warning, which the queen promptly forgets . . ." Come for the rest of the story!

4:00: "Woodland School Update" by the Advisory Group: Carrie Petersen, Mary Jensen, Liz Dodge, Linda Rozumalski & Terry Speiker

The West Denmark Woodland School is based on the Danish Forest School model. Most of the children's days will be in the forest or at the lakeshore, with indoor classroom time in the lower level of the church. The group will share insights gained through piloting the program last summer, securing external funding thus far, and purchasing equipment to launch a year-round program in 2024.

Tuesday, July 2

10:30: Jim Guhl: "Writing Wisconsin Fiction"

A lifelong Wisconsin resident, Jim Guhl worked a long career in engineering before taking the leap to the right side of his brain. His first works of fiction were short stories, and he wrote them by the dozen. Since then, he has written two novels, both published by The University of Wisconsin Press. *Eleven Miles to Oshkosh* is a mystery set in the author's hometown during the 1970s. *South of Luck* is a historical fiction novel set in rural northwest Wisconsin in the summer of 1945.

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2024 Afternoon Crafts & Activities

Don't You Love an Evening Entertainment?

No long skit lists this year! Instead, anyone interested in creating "Evening Entertainments" can join this activity to put together whatever you think our audience will enjoy. Show us your magic!—Mercy Wetzig & others (3 days, all ages)

For All: Annual Nisse Hunt

Hunt for the hidden Nisse on the West Denmark campus. Clues are read aloud at each meal and also posted.—Henrik Strandkov & Jonathan Wilson (3 days)

Cribbage Tournament

Begins July 1. Bring your own board if possible.—Rich Oates (3 days)

Knitting a Bandana Cowl

This is a great stash-buster. You can learn or practice skills like short-row shaping and color changing. Bring a total of 150 yards of worsted-weight yarn (odds and ends from previous projects can work well for this) and size 9 or 10 circular needles, 16" long.—Betty Christiansen (3 days)

Timber Frame Roofing

Bring a chair to watch or hand materials up to Jeff, where he will be adding the proverbial red shingles. Only Jeff on the ladders, please.—Jeff Wetzig (3 days)

"Hygge" Sign

Make a wooden "Hygge" sign, approx. 5" x 16". Keep it simple, or paint on cozy flairs to your hygge's content! Use a router to create letters. Painting is optional.—Tim Anderson (July 2, Limited to 8, ages 12 & up, younger participants with accompanying adult, at least to start).

Cookie Tin Banjo

Make a simple, functional banjo-like instrument from a cookie tin and other salvaged materials. Please bring your own cookie tin if possible.—Karl Wicklund (kids under 13 w/accompanying adult \$10-\$20, 3 days)

How did West Denmark begin?

Learn about the history of Danish emigration to Polk County, with a focus on the West Denmark colony. Includes the early years, with photos and maps.—Ed Johansen (July 1)

Coffee & Conversation

Learn about coffee and share what you enjoy about this unique drink. Learn simple ways to enjoy your coffee even more.—Paul Johnson (July 2)

Introduction to Meditation

For first-time or experienced meditators. Includes an introduction, a guided meditation for about 30 minutes, and afterward, a discussion.—Dave Johnson (July 3, all ages)

Hike on the Ice Age Trail with Focus on Trees

Carpool with other Campers to a segment of the Ice Age Trail. Christy will share her knowledge of and love for trees.—Christy Wetzig (July 2, all ages, young children with accompanying adult)

Youngest Children's Crafts, ages 5 and under with adult

July 1: Decorate a small picture frame with paint and found nature items. You can bring a 5x7 picture to attach.—Elisebeth Oates & Hannah Horrocks

July 2: Join us for some ocean-themed fun!—Nancy Christiansen Gill

Speakers, continued

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

Tuesday, July 2, continued

4:00: Lauren Thomas: "The Effects of Changing Climate, Drought, and Warm Winters on Migrating Waterfowl, Plants, and Indigenous Species in Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area."

Lauren is a Natural Resources Educator at Crex Meadows, a 30,000-acre property dedicated to restoring and maintaining an endangered natural habitat in nearby Burnett County. Today's presentation will be Lauren's second at Family Camp. In 2023 her topic was "The Spectacular Re-introduction of the Trumpeter Swan to Northwest Wisconsin."

Wednesday, July 3

10:30: Bruce Hanson: "A History of U.S. Presidential Elections through 2000: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly"

Bruce is a retired family physician with a special interest in American history. Among other topics, he will answer these questions: When did various groups get the right to vote? Why donkeys and elephants? Why is the election on a Tuesday in November? Why red states and blue states? and other interesting historical facts.

4:00: Henrik Strandkov: "Practical Uses of Artificial Intelligence"

Henrik will present examples of how AI works. He has been using ChatGPT for an interesting project, which he will demonstrate.



QUESTIONS or CONCERNS?

All Family Camp Committee members wear a large "Stork Logo Button" that says "Committee Member." If you have any questions or concerns, speak to any one of us, and we will direct you to the correct person or help solve your concern.

Staying Healthy at West Denmark Family Camp

Family Camp strives to create a safe and healthy space for all. Please be considerate of others and yourself, and stay home if you have symptoms or have been exposed to any contagious illness. We ask everyone to support themselves and our community with the utmost care. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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