

Trillium Twirl

(Sponsored by the Michigan Dance Heritage)

April 8-10, 2011

Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center

This letter contains important information that you need to know before you come to the weekend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Planning Committee is looking forward to welcoming you – both familiar faces and new ones – to Trillium Twirl (a.k.a. MDH Spring Dance Weekend #20). The tentative program highlights include:

- main dances** on Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon, featuring the headliners and many Michigan callers and musicians; Cathy's Lounge – late Saturday night.
- workshops** for dancing, calling dances, and making music.
- hearty meals** breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday; (*If you have special dietary needs, please make your own arrangements for food. Refrigerator space is limited.*)
- do-it-yourself** playing, singing, nature walks, canoeing, etc.

There will be a **potluck** on Friday evening between 5:30 and 7:00. Please bring a dish to share, provide a notation of any unusual ingredients, and put your name on any serving dishes. You are welcome to come on Friday afternoon after **3:30** to help with **camp setup**. We especially appreciate help with **camp takedown** on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00. Even if you come early to help with camp setup or plan to stay and help with takedown, PLEASE remember to sign up for your 20-minute work assignment when you register.

A **bookstore** will be open from Saturday morning until Sunday noon offering merchandise brought by staff members. A **silent auction** will feature music, clothing, crafts, food, services, vintage items, and more to help defray the costs of the weekend and facility improvements. Be sure to bring your money, and, if you can, two (2) worthwhile items for the auction.

WHAT TO BRING

The dormitories have bunks with mattresses, toilets, washbasins, and showers. There is also plenty of room for tent camping, and limited space for RVs, with rest rooms and showers nearby. Sorry, but pets are not permitted.

Items you might want to bring include:

- sleeping bag / bedroll, pillow, **earplugs?**
- soap, washcloth, towel
- clothes hangers, flashlight
- weather-appropriate outdoor gear
- water bottle / beverage mug
- bottled water (if you don't like well water)
- this letter, map, and directions to the BCOEC
- clothing appropriate for canoeing/swimming
- instruments and song books, tape recorder/player
- two (2) tantalizing silent auction items
- money (cash or checks) for the bookstore and auction
- any medicine you may need to take
- yoga mat

Soft-soled shoes to be used only for dancing are required so that we can keep the wood dance floors clean and in good condition. Please also be aware that some people are sensitive to fragrances.

Snacks: If the initial letter of your last name is:

A - D
E - K
L - P
M - T
U - Z

Please bring the following item(s)

to serve 5-6 people at the evening snacks:

Sweet treats / Chocolate / More Chocolate
Salty Snacks/Munchies (chips, pretzels, nuts, etc.)
Fruit (**washed and cut**) and Dip (**optional**)
Cheese / Olives / Pickles
Veggies (**washed and cut**)

During Sunday breakfast and lunch, envelopes will be circulated to allow you to express your appreciation to the BCOEC staff (cooks and maintenance crew) with a monetary gift, if you so desire. This is entirely optional.

———— **HOW TO GET THERE** ————

The Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center (BCOEC) is located at 10160 South M-37 Highway, Dowling, MI 49050. It is on the west side of M-37, between Hastings and Battle Creek, about 1 mile south of Dowling. **Parking is limited, so please try to share a ride.**

———— **WHEN YOU ARRIVE** ————

Parking — Look for signs directing you to the baggage drop-off location near the dormitories, where a friendly greeter will help you unload your vehicle. You must then **immediately park it in a designated parking area.**

Check-in — The check-in counter will open Friday evening at 6:00. **CHECK-IN IS “DO-IT-YOURSELF,”** although planning committee members will be nearby and available to answer questions. Here’s what to do:

- Get your official name tag. (An official name tag is required for entrance to all events.)
- Sign up for a 20-minute work assignment.
- Sign up for a dorm room or indicate you’ll be camping.
- Fill out a silent auction bid slip for each item you brought.
- Leave your silent auction items on the designated table near the front door.
- Bring your snack to the dining hall.

Dormitories and camping — There are two dormitory buildings. Dorm rooms are not pre-assigned. You must sign up for one when you check in, or indicate that you’ll be camping. Each dorm has four bunk rooms of various sizes that will be designated for ‘men,’ ‘women,’ or ‘couples.’ The main bathroom in the South Dorm is for women; the main bathroom in the North Dorm is for men. Each dorm has a small bathroom upstairs for those of the opposite gender. Each bunk room is likely to have at least one snorer, so bring earplugs or come prepared to cope with it. Tent camping is allowed near the lake or in the campground area near the parking.

616/475-5117 Campers and RVs – Please let us know your plans - you must reserve a spot in advance. Questions and reservation requests should be directed to David Strong at dave_strong58@yahoo.com or 616-214-2585. Electricity is not available for RVs, and in consideration of others, generators may not be used.

Please contact David Strong when you arrive.

Regulations — **Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the grounds.** Smoking is not permitted indoors. Audio/video recording of bands, callers, and workshop leaders may not be done without their permission. There are facilities for collecting recyclable materials. The camp does not allow pets.

Personal property — Please protect your valuables (money, jewelry, etc.) and take care of your personal property. Theft is rare but can happen. Neither MDH nor the BCOEC will accept responsibility for stolen or misplaced items. **Please, take home EVERYTHING** you bring to camp, **including your potluck dishes!** If you do happen to forget something, call David Baur at 517/321-3070 as soon as possible. Any item not claimed, and whose owner cannot be identified, will be given away or held for next year’s auction.

<u>Regarding:</u>	<u>Please call:</u>	
Registration, address change		Rita Chapman 517-333-8145 (East Lansing) trillium2010@att.net
food		Ulla Hjelm 616/364-3011 (Grand Rapids) uhjelm@iserv.net
program		David Baur 517/321-3070 (Lansing) dbaur@provide.net
recreational vehicles		David Strong 616-214-2585 (Grand Rapids) dave_strong58@yahoo.com
anything else		Warren Armstrong 517/775-0777 (Okemos) wa@acd.net



The BCOEC phone number is 269-721-8161.



Anyone calling in should plan to leave a message and a number where they can be reached. All outgoing calls are long distance, and will require either a calling card or operator assistance.

SUGGESTED ROUTES FROM MAJOR CITIES TO BATTLE CREEK OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER (BCOEC)

(The approximate total miles from each city are provided to help you plan your travel time.)

- From **Battle Creek**, at exit 95 on I-94 — Take Three Mile Road / Helmer Road north; after passing airport (on your left), jog left and right to continue north on Helmer; this becomes Bedford Road (M-37) after you cross Michigan Avenue (M-89); continue north, about 12 miles past Michigan Avenue; watch for blue sign on right mentioning “Wesley Woods Center” - BCOEC is about ½ mile past on left. Approximately 18 miles.
- From **Grand Rapids** — Take M-37 (East Belt Line / Broadmoor) south through Hastings; BCOEC on right, about 1 mile south of Dowling. Approximately 45 miles.
- From **Holland** — Take 16th Street / Adams / 100th Street east to Caledonia; south (right) on M-37 through Hastings; BCOEC on right, about 1 mile south of Dowling. Approximately 55 miles. **OR** take M-40 south to M-89; M-89 east to M-43; follow M-43 (Gull Road) route from Kalamazoo. Approximately 75 miles.
- From **Jackson and points east** — Take I-94 west towards Battle Creek to exit 95; follow route from Battle Creek. Approximately 65 miles from Jackson.
- From **Kalamazoo** — Take M-43 (Gull Road) northeast to Delton; east (right) on Orchard Road (which takes a couple turns and becomes Pifer Road) about 8-1/4 miles; north (left) on Bedford Road (M-37) about 1/2 mile; BCOEC on left. Approximately 25 miles. **OR** take I-94 east towards Battle Creek to exit 95; follow route from Battle Creek. Approximately 50 miles.
- From **Lansing** — Take I-69 south to exit 61 (Lansing Rd/Charlotte); business I-69 to downtown Charlotte; M-79 (Lawrence Ave.) west to M-66; southwest (left) on M-66 about 3 miles to Dowling Road; west (right) about 6 miles to M-37 (Bedford Road); south (left) about 1 mile; BCOEC on right. Approximately 45 miles.

SILENT AUCTION

The following page has bid sheets for your two auction items. Please fill them before camp so we can get them into our EXCITING and FUN auction as soon as you arrive!

Each camper is asked to donate two or more **quality** items to the auction. The proceeds from the auction help to offset some of the costs of the weekend, including work scholarships. Last year’s *hot* items were books, clothing, artwork, and homemade foods!

Please bring two or more **quality** items for the silent auction, which will be held during the dance weekend. Look around your house, garage, and attic and find interesting, usable, **quality**, items you no longer need.

Bring items you grow or sew, items you make or bake, items for reading, for creating, or for decorating. Homemade foods, books, tapes, CD’s, plants, artwork, specialty clothing, jewelry, and glassware are just some of the possibilities your dancing friends might want. (If you bring more than one book or CD, please consider wrapping them in plastic to package them together. **IMPORTANT!** We are asking you to fill out one of the Bid Sheets, which is included in this mailing, for each item you bring to the auction. Put the bid sheet with your item on the shelf by the door of the lodge, so it can be taken to the auction room. Please make copies of the bid sheet if you bring more than two items.

Also – you can help the bidders by entering a **suggested minimum bid** for each of your items (at least one dollar).

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Silent Auction Bid Sheet
Bid in whole Dollar increments please!

Item: _____
Comments: _____

Donor: _____

Name	Amount (whole \$ please)
1. <i>minimum starting bid</i>	\$ _____
2.	\$ _____
3.	\$ _____
4.	\$ _____
5.	\$ _____
6.	\$ _____
7.	\$ _____
8.	\$ _____
9.	\$ _____
10.	\$ _____
11.	\$ _____
12.	\$ _____

No more lines? It must be a hot item!
Turn over and keep bidding!

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