

Hilsen Bjørnetann Campers,

It's hard to believe, but we're into our 16th camp year! We all owe many thanks to instructors and campers alike for making it happen at the Bjørnetann Camp!

We're looking forward to seeing you at camp, the highlight of our summer, from **July 5th through the 9th**! We'll be exploring some of Norway's traditions & culture this year with the theme, "**Viking Games—Training for Raiding**". Games were used to teach math and strategy, and increase physical skills such as strength and hand-eye coordination. Games include but are not limited to outdoors throwing games like Kubb, Hnefatafl a Viking board game, Nordic card games like Gnav and Mattis, and Bro Bro Brille a children's singing game like London Bridge with a twist.

One activity we have enjoyed in the past that never grows old is discussing where your family migrated from in Norway and why. Also, if you have any treasures handed down from that time bring them for show and tell.

Campers are encouraged to decorate their cabin with the Norwegian theme for the cabin decoration contest.

Dan and Betty Rude also have many fun activities planned for the youngsters. So be sure to bring your imagination and enthusiasm.

We will also have our raffle again this year. If you are a craftsman or have a special skill with which you make objects of art and would like to donate something for our raffle please email bjornetann.l.c.camp@gmail.com and let us know. If you have something smaller that would make a good door prize those would be appreciated as well!

In years past we've had tons of fun learning Norwegian Folk songs, dancing, and broadening our knowledge of Norwegian Heritage. Three square meals are offered during the camp and each meal is an event in and of itself as Norwegian Trivia is now part of the meal time activity. We also have Norsk songs to sing at each meal. Our meals typically include traditional Norwegian dishes and Saturday night a special table is set up with many different Norwegian Desserts.

Come join our Bjørnetann Family, socialize, explore, relax, learn new skills, or sharpen old ones. Weather permitting, we have a bonfire or some special cultural event on Friday night and Saturday Night is our traditional talent show, so if you have a special talent you'd like to share be sure to bring your tools, implements or whatever you may need and share with us what you can do.

Some of the classes we've offered in past years:

- **A Morning Nature Hike** where you can learn more about the beauty of the mountains and Montana
- **Orienteering** where you can learn a bit about how to keep from getting lost by learning map & compass reading skills and follow a trail using the map
- **Folk Dancing** for all ages: Learn some of the traditional folk dances of Norway
- **Language Class** for those wishing to broaden their Norwegian language skills
- **Youngsters have their own special classes** in the morning where they can learn many new skills or hone the ones they've learned at camp in previous years
- **Afternoon classes for youngsters** include many of the same classes offered for adults, only geared for younger fingers and attention spans

- Learn how to make **lefse and krumkake** and enjoy tasting the fruits of your labor
- **Atlatl and Archery**: Ever wonder how to “throw a spear” really far? Come and learn how it was done in the days of old. Or try your hand with a bow and arrow
- **Hardanger and Klostersøm**: both Norwegian needlework techniques, each offering its own unique skill set and brand of beauty
- **Fly Tying and Fly Casting Classes** for those who love to fish or want to begin
- **Chip Carving, Figure Carving and Kolrosing** (carving with a coffee rub) for everyone 10 years old and older
- **Knitting**, an oldie but goodie, offering the opportunity to sit and visit while creating something new
- **Weaving** for all ages to enjoy
- **Quilting** for those interested in doing a small project.

We are always on the lookout for new crafts/activities and instructors. If you know a skill or have a suggestion please let us know.

Please see your lodge leaders for applications and medical forms or go online to <http://www.sofn-district4.com/camps/> to download and fill out all registration paperwork.

Please prepare one for each person in your family or group who will be attending camp and send them back as soon as possible. They can also be scanned and emailed to bjornetann.l.c.camp@gmail.com.

And remember, you are a treasure; YOU are the one who makes each camp so special and unique. Bring your family and enjoy some good wholesome fun.

We all say “Tusen takk!” for joining us in learning Norwegian heritage and skills.

With his sword, Bjørn salutes you!

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