

Historic Bethel German Colony
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Dear Potential Camper,

The new year is here and it is time to plan for the 2018 Bethel Youth Fiddle Camp, June 17-22. This camp is a wonderful opportunity for you to study with the best Master Fiddlers in the nation. These artists have a wealth of talent, long repertoire of tunes, and teaching skills that you will experience in no other setting.

Some of you may know that Bethel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places which might not mean anything to you at this time. However, I share this with you because you will take home a bit of history that is unique to the Midwest and if you are not interested at this point in your life, I think there will be a time that the lessons learned will be of interest. Bethel was settled in 1844 as a German Communal Society. You will be housed in Colony homes and will take meals in the Bethel Fest Hall Restaurant, another colony building.

The camp is pretty intense and there is not a lot of time for extracurricular activities other than music and dance. Breakfast is served at 7:00 and lessons begin at 8:00, lunch at noon, lessons continue until 5:00, dinner at 6:00, and dance until 9:30. Back to the dorms and lights out at 10:30pm. Cell service is limited and we prefer no electronic devices other than something with which to record the tunes during your lessons.

The camp concludes on Friday with a performance in the barn where campers play and dance for their parents, friends, and community. There is a community church service on Sunday where the fiddlers provide the music that is well attended by the entire community. You are welcome to stay through the week-end and participate in activities, However, I need to know if you plan to stay because of rooming situation.

Again this year, there will be a contest for the design of the t-shirt. You can e-mail your design to me. The deadline for submission of design is April 1, 2018

I truly hope you will consider coming to Bethel this year. I believe there is not another camp that compares to this one. Thirteen Masters and assistants are available to teach for five days and they give their undivided attention to only you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 660-278-4221 (H0 573-822-9498 (C) or by e-mail at wendyinbethel@gmail.com

See you in Bethel in June

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