

COUNTRY DANCE & SONG SOCIETY
Community Dance Leaders Course
Pinewoods Camp, Plymouth MA
July 19 - 26, 2008
Andy Davis, Program Director

This one week mini-course will be held in conjunction with Folk Music Week at Pinewoods (Alistair Brown, Program Director). Participants will spend part of the day in the Community Dance Leaders Course and part of the day, and the evenings, as full participants in the classes, dances and other activities of Folk Music Week.

The course is designed for anyone with an interest in leading, organizing, calling for, and playing for community dances. The course will include

- What do we mean by community dance?
- The nuts and bolts of organizing dances... when, where, and for whom.
- Selecting dances from the rich traditions of play parties, singing games, longways, circles, squares, mixers, contras, and folk dances.
- Planning dance programs 'To plan or not to plan...'
- Playing music for community dances. (Bring instruments!)
- Teaching for intergenerational groups, teenagers, beginners, schools, camps, weddings, etc.

At this week you will have the opportunity to...

- Meet other leaders, callers and musicians.
- Share materials and collect new dances.
- Play for dancing, call dances and dance, dance, dance!
- Be restored in a beautiful natural environment.
- Take classes in a variety of vocal, instrumental and dance traditions.

You will return home with...

- Inspiration to promote traditional dance in your community.
- New friends, colleagues and powerful connections in the community dance world.

Pinewoods Camp is a beautiful place, nestled between two ponds, where music and dance have been nurtured for many years. Good food, good friends, fresh air, wooden dance floors and a deep tradition of promoting music and dance make Pinewoods Camp a place of inspiration and magic. For more information contact:

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