

## FROM THE WORKSHOP CHAIR

It's hard to believe it's already time to be thinking about the class you want to take at the 2010 Kittitas Workshop!! But, here we are once again, preparing for another wonderful week at fiddle camp. Please read this notice completely and carefully because there are some changes you need to be aware of.

First of all, there are some changes to the Enrollment Form. It is important that you answer **ALL** questions and **PRINT LEGIBLY**. Sloppy writing creates errors in data entry. It could cost you your class.

A couple things about selecting your class: Please be sure to write the complete name of the class (abbreviations are ok), as well as the name of the instructor. For example, Int/Adv Fiddle – Vivian Williams. We have worked really hard to sequence classes, and I have asked each instructor to be very specific about what their prerequisites are. For example, if you are not fluent in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> positions, and that is a **prerequisite**, then please do not sign up for that class. You will need to honestly assess your own ability level, and select your class accordingly. Each teacher has the right to tell you if they feel you would be more successful in a different class. When you select a class because you like the instructor, but your ability level is not up to what they are teaching, you potentially prevent someone who *should* be in that class from being where they fit. Every class will be limited to a maximum of 25 participants because of space. No one likes to be crammed into a classroom without breathing/stretching room.

In an attempt to accommodate the age groups for Beginning Fiddle, we have decided to offer a shorter class for young children up to age 8. They will meet from 9 to 10:30 daily. Beginning fiddlers 8 and older will meet from 11 to 3:00 daily. There likely will be a slight adjustment on Monday because of the opening meeting at 9:00.

**To address the tuition issue for all situations: tuition will be the same regardless of the length of your class. That is, \$50 for youth under 18, and \$100 for 18 and older. Consider that your tuition is about more than just your class. It covers the entire Kittitas experience, from free camping, evening activities, jamming with friends, etc.**

**NEW CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY: Refunds will be made for cancellations received in writing within two weeks of the Workshop, minus \$25. No refunds after JULY 19, 2010.**

For those who would like to teach a mini-workshop, notice that there is no provision for that information on the Enrollment Form. Rita Hubbard is going to handle organizing of mini-workshops, and you will need to contact her directly to arrange for that. You can reach her at (360) 385-3978 or [rhubbard@olympen.com](mailto:rhubbard@olympen.com).

Another change you will notice on the Enrollment Form is the opportunity to **PRE-ORDER** Workshop T-shirts and sweatshirts. This year's design was done by WOTFA member Anita Johnston, and is posted on the website at [www.wotfa.org](http://www.wotfa.org) so you can see it

in advance. ***You will need to pre-order if you want a T-shirt or sweatshirt.*** This will help to cut down on trying to estimate how many of what size and having so many left over. T-shirts will be available in a Ladies Cut or Regular Cut. Please be sure to specify which cut you want. T-shirts and sweatshirts will be **white** due to the vivid colors of the design. The design will be printed on the **FRONT** of the T-shirts, and on the **BACK** of the sweatshirts. The prices are as follows: Youth T's - \$12; adults S – XL - \$15; XXL - \$20; sweatshirts – S – XL - \$30; XXL - \$35. Please write a **SEPARATE CHECK** for T-shirt/sweatshirt orders, made out to **WOTFA**, and mark T-shirt on it.

We have worked hard to accommodate as many of the issues you expressed in the way of feedback on the evaluation forms. To that end, we are working on shortening the lunch time to one hour, and ending the classes at 3:00. I am trying to coordinate with the cafeteria staff to stagger the lunch times to help eliminate the long lines, especially at the salad bar. These plans are not finalized yet, but they are in the works. Also, by ending the classes at 3:00, we will have more time for mini-workshops and a staggered dinner hour as well. There will be more on this in the future, but I just wanted to give you a heads up on what will hopefully be some positive changes. We are also looking into keeping the gym open during the lunch time, realizing that it is one of the most opportune times for you to utilize the vendors, etc. We are looking forward to another great Workshop and are eager to see you all in August. This is all coming to you a month earlier than in the past, so please take the extra time to be sure you are signing up for the right class for **you**. Read the Class Descriptions **carefully**, and be mindful of your own abilities as well as goals you have set for yourself as you make your selections.

Best Regards,  
Laura