

A dark night in a dance camp that knows how to keep its secrets... But on the 2nd floor of the conference center, forty dancers are still trying to find the answers to life's persistent questions.

Gaida Noir, Private Eye.

It was February in Minnesota, the frozen tundra sleeping under the stars. In the distance, lights flashed under the glow of a prairie moon while the wail of an instrument made from a pig's stomach wafted through the frosty air in 13/16 time. They were dancing again. They came every year about this time with their patient teaching and their strange clothing and their infectious rhythms. I'd tried to resist. It was cold. It was late. Their clothing was really, really strange. But then the end of the line of dancers swirled past and someone yelled "Adje! Join the dance!" and it was hopeless to resist. SNOPA! had come to the Wilder Forest again.

Out on the edge of
the prairie, it's

SNOPA! 26

A PRAIRIE ROM COMPANION

International Folkdance Weekend

February 24, 25 & 26, 2012

Wilder Forest



What should I bring?

Bed linens are provided, although you might want to bring an extra blanket or two for the cold. Some other items you might consider bringing:

- dance shoes ♦ general toiletries ♦
- drinking jug or water bottle ♦
- favorite tapes/CDs for the parties ♦ alarm clock
- drums/instruments ♦
- flashlight ♦ pillows and soft things for the nap corner ♦ snacks to share ♦ slip on outdoor shoes for running between the cabins and the dance hall.

The dance party on Saturday night is a costume opportunity. We hope you'll be inspired by our theme. Since the major inspiration for our theme is a radio show, there's no way to get the look "wrong." Or take the opportunity to wear your favorite ethnic garb in a place where everyone will appreciate it. Or come as you are, because you are strong, good-looking **and** above average.

The folkdance weekend that time forgot and the decades cannot improve

- Workshops with favorite local and regional teachers with plenty of time to work on the details of the dances.
- Friday dance party with your favorite recordings.
- Straight from the wilds of Rogaria, a Saturday dance party with **Orkestar Bez Ime**, the Twin Cities' ethnic dance band, with Katrina Munding, Dee Langley, Colleen Bertsch, Scott Keever and Matt Miller.
- Balkan singing, music jamming, socializing, togetherness, and general off-the-wall SNOPA-ness!
- A place where everybody knows your name. No, wait, wrong comfortable nostalgia trip...

Visit <http://www.snopa.org> for more information, contacts, and final logo design. ♦ SNOPA! is a nonprofit effort and is **not** a Tapestry function. ♦ Children are welcome as registered participants. (Parents must supervise their children's behavior. No youth activities are planned.) ♦ Volunteers make it run. Thanks for your help during the weekend

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2012

Sorry, we cannot accept late registrations, as we must submit a head count for the food.

It's expeditious!

The tentative schedule of festivities, subject to either change or general SNOPA!ish silliness, includes:

FRIDAY

6:00 Registration opens
6:30 Dinner and socializing
8:45 Dancing to your favorite recordings

SATURDAY

9:00 Breakfast
9:45 Warm-ups and wakeup dances
10:15 Session 1
noon Lunch
1:00 Session 2
2:30 Session 3
4:00 Open time
4:45 Group singing
5:00 Social hour joins the singing
6:00 Dinner
7:45 Parade to party
8:00 Dance party with Orkestar Bez Ime

SUNDAY

9:00 Breakfast
9:45 Warm-ups and wakeup dances
10:00 Review sessions
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Clean up and head for home

Where can I sleep?

We have 3 cabins a short walk from the dance hall. There's plenty of bottom-bunk room for everyone and plenty of space between the early-to-bed crowd and the giggling-into-the-wee-hours crowd. Please be sure to tell us which you prefer on the registration form.

Questions?

Questions, registration:
Terry McGibbon, 651/639-9346
(hyebar@q.com)

To arrange airport pickup:
Jim Kiehne, 612/741-8882
(jkiehne@epuffin.net)

Please visit

<http://www.snopa.org> for more detailed directions to Wilder Forest as well as a full color look at this year's logo.

Food: Strength to get up and dance

All of our main meals (including Friday night) will be supplied by the wonderful Wilder Forest staff. If you have special food needs, please make sure to indicate them on the registration form. We'll also have a social hour Saturday with just enough munchies to get you to dinner. Other meals (second breakfast, elevenses, tea, afternoon snack, post-dessert snack, pre-bed snack and general filling up the corners) are up to your imagination. If you have a favorite snack to share, please, don't restrain yourself.

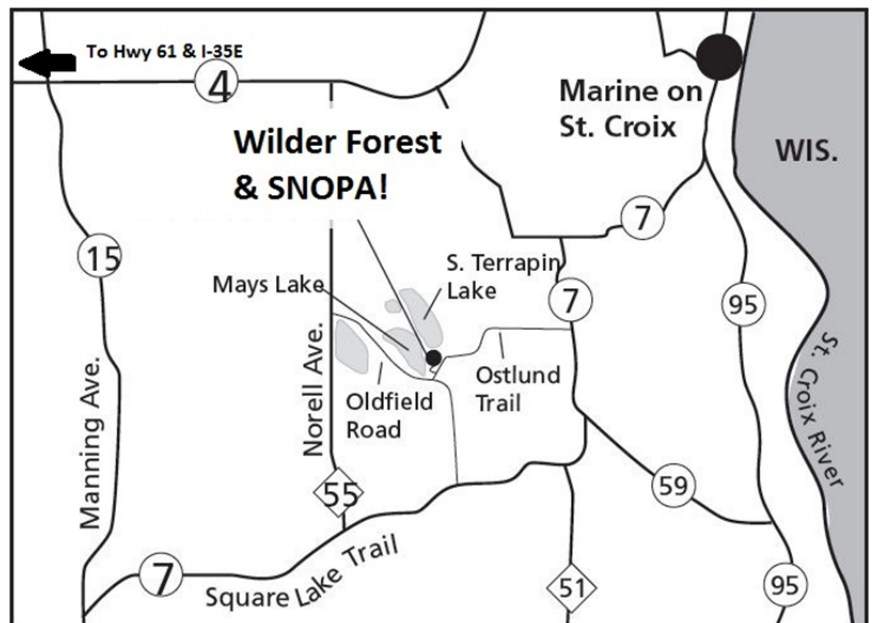
Directions to Wilder Forest

14189 Ostlund Trail North

Marine on St. Croix MN 55047-9750

The above address used with a GPS will bring you to 1/8 mile short of the Wilder driveway.

- Take your favorite route I-35E Northbound, north of Hwy 36
- Exit #123 (Hugo/Centerville) and turn right (east).
- Travel 2 miles to Hwy 61.
- Turn left (north), travel 2 miles to County Road 4 (170th St)
- Turn right (east), travel 7.5 miles to Country Road 55 (Norell Ave)
- Turn right (south), travel 1.5 miles to Oldfield Road (just past Warner Nature Center)
- Turn left (east), travel 1 mile to Ostlund Trail.
- Turn left (NE), travel 0.7 miles to Wilder Forest entrance.
- Turn left and follow the road to the main lodge.



SNOPA! 26 "A PRAIRIE ROM COMPANION" REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov _____ ZIP/Postal code _____ Country _____
 Tel. (H) _____ (W) _____
 E-mail _____

Please tell us if you have special food needs (vegetarian, vegan, etc)?

What are your bunk room preferences?

Please put me in the same room as _____

Single-sex **OR** co-ed (circle one)

Quiet **OR** potential for random late night parties (circle one)

- ___ Ooo, sign me up for **The Whole Weekend**..... \$170 \$ _____
 (food and lodging Fri eve – Sun afternoon, all the dancing you can handle)
- ___ I can come on **Saturday Only**.....\$95 \$ _____
 (lunch, social hour, dinner, Saturday workshops and **The Party!**)
- ___ I can come for **Social Saturday Only**.....\$40 \$ _____
 (social hour @ 5ish, dinner and **The Party!**)
- ___ I can only come to **The Party!** (8:00 Saturday night).....\$25 \$ _____
- ___ Don't stop the dancing!! I need a practice CD..... X \$12 \$ _____
- ___ Sure, print me a FREE syllabus, please. quantity _____

**Please note there is
 no late registration.
 You must register
 by February 10,
 2012!**

T-shirts (full design can be seen at <http://www.snopa.org>)

Unisex (colors, when they're picked, can be found at <http://www.snopa.org>):

- short-sleeve, cotton S M L XL XXL XXXL ___ X \$11 = \$ _____
- short sleeve, 50/50 blend S M L XL XXL ___ X \$11 = \$ _____
- long-sleeve, cotton S M L XL XXL XXXL ___ X \$13 = \$ _____
- Ladies' fit:
- short-sleeve, cotton S M L XL XXL ___ X \$12 = \$ _____

****TOTAL FOR WEEKEND***** = \$ _____

To register:

Make your check out to "SNOPA!" and mail with this registration form to:

Terry McGibbon
1703 Skillman Ave W
Roseville MN 55113

(Sorry, but we cannot accept email registrations)