

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
for the 21st ANNUAL
POURPARLER
NOVEMBER 1-4, 2018
at the International Folk Culture Center
Our Lady of the Lake University
San Antonio, TX

Do you teach folk/traditional/creative dance or music
in schools and/or community events?
Come share with others who do this vital work for an extended weekend
of dancing, singing, playing music, sharing ideas and networking.
(*Pourparler* [poor-par-LAY], Fr., a chat, a parley)

*Our local host will be Lissa Bengtson with a committee including Dorcas Hand,
Kathy Martin, Jan Baker, Linda Mrosko, and Katherine Johns*

*The National Pourparler Steering Committee consists of founder Sanna Longden,
Margaret Bary, Karlene Kjerstin, Jeremy Korr, and Mady Newfield*



*Our erstwhile Founder,
discovered by David Millstone in Prague, October, 2005*

There will be dancing and discussions, games, singing (the *Pourchanter*)
and a community dance party all led by the registrants

We have only full-time registration and we also ask for
FULL-TIME PARTICIPATION
during our brief three days together.
Pourparler is an inspiring and bonding experience and it disrupts the
special ambiance when people come late or leave early.

TO REGISTER [CLICK HERE](#)

SCHEDULE

The 2018 Pourparler officially opens on Thursday Nov. 1 at 4 pm for registration, plus meeting/greeting/eating snacks. At 6:30, we'll have dinner followed by a relaxed, convivial dance party led by your hosts and other long time attendees.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we will share dances and songs, discuss relevant interests and concerns, and network with one another. Everyone contributes—this is not led by experts, but a sharing of materials and resources for teaching dance and music activities to all ages in a variety of settings.

On Saturday evening, we will all participate in a community dance with calling by members of Pourparler (includes longways set dances, play-party dances, squares, mixers, and circle dances).

On Sunday morning, we will continue our sessions, ending officially at noon with lunch.

MEALS

We will eat all meals together (including breakfasts) on campus, except for Saturday supper.

Saturday night will be on your own at area restaurants. (We will provide recommendations).

Please email Lissa Bengtson with food allergy information or questions: lbengtson@ollusa.edu

TRANSPORTATION

We encourage you to arrange arrival and departure times that will be convenient for us to pick you up on Thursday in time to check into your housing and join us at the 6:30 dinner (or sooner) and for you to participate in Sunday's sessions (ending officially at 12pm).

ARRIVALS:

By Air: San Antonio International Airport, 13 miles from campus, about 23 minutes.

Amtrak station: 350 Hoefgen Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 15 minutes from campus.

Greyhound or MegaBus: 15 minutes from campus.

Carpooling: Registrants will receive a roster of participants ahead of time; we encourage you to get together on ride-sharing and car rentals.

RETURN TRIPS: Please try to make return reservations late enough to stay until 12pm on Sunday.

QUESTIONS on transportation? Contact: Lissa Bengtson at lbengtson@ollusa.edu

FOLLOW-UP info on flight times, etc. Contact: Katherine Johns at kjohns@fisd.us

POURPARLER FUNDING

The Pourparler is grateful for the financial support of the National Folk Organization (NFO), New England Dancing Masters (NEDM), Country Dance & Song Society (CDSS) and the International Folk Culture Center (IFCC) for in-kind donation of the ballroom.

DANCE SHARING

Dance sharing is the heart and soul of the Pourparler. All are invited to present a dance or two; you are also welcome to participate but not teach anything. We'll send a follow-up message this fall with directions for how to submit dances, music, games, movement activities, or songs for our program. Everyone is encouraged to contribute ideas, experiences and other useful comments during discussions.

RESOURCES

You are welcome to bring your own professional dance and music resources for others to purchase. There will also be space for participants to display flyers, and other information.

🎵 MUSIC

Live music is encouraged at the Pourparler whenever possible; excellent ethnic music recordings are also respected. We encourage all musicians to bring their instruments for the Pourparler band, and to let us know in advance what instruments they will play.

HOUSING CHOICES *(not included in Pourparler program fee)*

DORMS:

Rooms are available on campus in one of Our Lady of the Lake's (OLLU) dorms (right across the street from the workshop), the rate is \$25 per bed per night, with double occupancy. If you want to be alone in the room, you pay for the other bed, a total of \$50 per night. Each room has two twin beds and shares a bathroom with the room next door. Attendees will share rooms and bathrooms with same-gender attendees. If there are married couples who wish to stay in the dorm, they will share a bathroom with another married couple. Unmarried couples may not share a dorm room and will need to seek lodging elsewhere. The dorms are 3-story and have no elevator, so first-floor rooms are reserved for wheelchair and walker users. Dorm rooms do not include any amenities so bring your own shampoo, soap, towels, bath mat, hair dryer, etc. Linen can be rented from OLLU for \$7 per set. The IFCC has extra blankets, since the dorms tend to be cold. If you are driving to Pourparler, please bring your own linens. The dorm rooms are spartan but you can't beat the price and the commute!

Deadline for registering and paying for a dorm room is October 28th.

Click on this link: <https://pourparler2018.eventbrite.com>

Questions about dorms please contact Lissa Bengtson at lbengtson@ollusa.edu

HOTELS:

San Antonio has many hotels to choose from. These are just a few of the major chains nearby. Google search of "hotels near Our Lady of the Lake University" will give you many options. Check reviews. Rates vary and are usually higher on the weekend. These start at \$90 and up.

Candlewood Suites Hotel - block of 15 rooms is reserved for PP under code "NFO"

6439 US Hwy 90, San Antonio, TX 78227

210-674-1512

5.1 easy miles from OLLU

Hotel is 2 months old. All rooms are "two Queen Studio Suites" with 2 queen-sized beds, full-size kitchen, Wi-Fi, cable TV and a big desk. The rate is \$114.75 per night, plus occupancy taxes around 18%. Make reservations by phone. Group code is "NFO". Reservations **MUST** be made by Monday, October 15.

La Quinta Inn San Antonio Market Square

900 Dolorosa, San Antonio, TX 78207-4540

2.7 miles from Our Lady of the Lake University

Holiday Inn San Antonio Downtown Market Square

318 W Cesar E Chavez Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78204

2.7 miles from Our Lady of the Lake University

La Quinta Inn & Suites San Antonio Downtown

100 W Cesar E Chavez Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78204-1125

2.9 miles from Our Lady of the Lake University

Fairfield Inn & Suites San Antonio Downtown/Market Square

620 S Santa Rosa Ave, San Antonio, TX 78204-3128

2.8 miles from Our Lady of the Lake University

POURPARLER PROGRAM FEE (includes all meals but Sat. dinner)

Send check payable to NFO to Karlene Kjerstin, 74 North 3600 West, Layton, UT 84041 or pay by credit card through the NFO @ <http://nfo-usa.org/product/pourparler-fee/>

\$110	Member of NFO or CDSS	\$120	Non-member
\$125	Member after Oct. 1st	\$135	Non-member after Oct. 1st

A full refund will be given for cancellations received by Oct. 1. Between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, there will be a \$25 cancellation fee. After Oct. 15 we will be unable to make refunds.

Note that program fees are \$30 lower than in past years due to the in-kind contribution of the dance hall by the International Folk Culture Center.

SCHOLARSHIPS (for info, email PPourparler.info@gmail.com)

Scholarships are intended to make Pourparler affordable to those on a limited budget.

The following scholarships will be awarded starting September 1st.

If there is availability, we will continue to award scholarships on a rolling basis after this date.

- **CDSS Scholarships: \$100 off program fee awarded to two deserving members of CDSS**
- **Work Scholarships: \$90 off program fee in exchange for work at Pourparler.**

Indicate your interest on the registration form. Tasks may include meal cleanup, restroom checks and keeping the wooden dance floor clean.

PP18 SAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions for the Planning Committee: PPourparler.info@gmail.com

Please share this registration information with others who might be interested in attending PP18.

Local Coordinator: Lissa Bengtson, lbengtson@ollusa.edu, 210-867-0692

Local Committee:

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Linda Mrosko (Temple) elmerosko@gmail.com
Katherine Johns (near San Antonio in Floresville) kjohns@fisd.us

Registration and Videographer: Karlene Kjerstin KarleneKjerstin@yahoo.com 801-518-4020

Syllabus and Recorded Music: MadyNewfield folkdancenews@gmail.com 630-251-0811

Pourparler info on website NFO-USA.org: Loui Tucker loui@loutucker.com

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