

Frequently Asked Questions

What skill levels are required for each type of band?

Is the idea that we would sign up for one style band in the morning and one in the afternoon? Or is it better to concentrate on one all the way through?

I understand that private lodging is booked. Is semi-private still available, and would we have to share with another person? If so, could we specify the person? Some members of my uke group may be coming, so perhaps we could bunk with them if we can't get private.

Some Answers:

Anyone with 2-years of playing consistently will have no difficulty. They all require that students be able to change between simple chords without hesitation. Say, C, F & G7, and G, C & D7 (I IV V) in a few keys. Each class has material for many different skill levels. The big band swing moves at a good clip but there is something for everyone. James hands out material that has standard notation and tab for non-readers.

The Skiffle band is blusey, raggy sort of material in 5 parts - again, there are easy parts and harder parts - this class has the added dimension that Del Rey focuses on listening to the songs rather than reading off a page.

Old Timey Fiddle Tunes with Jere & Greg Canote - you will want to be able to change easily between the I IV V in the keys of C, G, A.

And Brook Adams is very good at giving everyone something to do that challenges them, but within their reach.

You may sign up for the same band in the a.m. and p.m. - the repertoire will be different. It is entirely up to you. Some folks are just crazy about big band. If you like to make your brain work with different challenges - pick two different bands.

There are some semi-private rooms still available, which means 2-3 people per room (twin or queen beds) and your own bathroom. There are community lodging rooms still available, which means 3-5 people per room, some have private bathrooms some have your bathroom next door or down the hall. These are bunk rooms (no-one will be required to sleep in a top bunk if they don't want to; one "set" per camper so you have a place to store your stuff).

If you have a group you regularly jam with and want to room near each other, in most cases this can be arranged. If you and your spouse/partner both want to attend, you can be placed in a semi-private room together with the other beds blocked out.